

## Close the Gate

*For this one farmer the worries are over, down and rest your head, Your time has been and struggles enough, put the tractor in the shed.*

*Years were not easy, many downright hard, but your faith in God transcended, Put away your tools and sleep in peace. The fences have all been mended.*

*You raised a fine family, worked the land well under the hot, summer sun, Hang up your shovel inside the barn; your work on earth is done.*

*A faith few possess led your journey thru life, often a jagged and stony way, The sun is setting, the crops are harvested and here now is the end of your day.*

*Your love of God's soil has passed on to your kin, the stories flow like good beer, Wash off your boots in the puddle of rain, for there is nothing more to fear.*

*You always believed that the good Lord would provide and He always had somehow, Take off your gloves and put them away, no more sweat and worry for you now.*

*Your labor is done, your home now is heaven; no more must you wait, You legacy lives on, your love of the Land, and yes Dad ~ we will close the gate...*



## Remembering THE LIFE OF Eugene Buckmiller

July 10, 1930 - November 24, 2022



Gene (Buck) was born on July 10, 1930 to Harry and Mary (Dowse) Buckmiller in Orient, Iowa. He graduated from Orient High School in 1950. After graduating Gene joined the Air Force on Jan. 3 1951 and did his basic in San Antonio, Tx. He was a Korean War Veteran and spent time in Okinawa flying in B-29's as the Flight Engineer and was honorable discharged July 28, 1954. While he was in the service he married his wife Donna of 70 years on June 8<sup>th</sup> 1952. To this marriage they had four daughters.

After coming home from the service Gene went to work on the family farm with his dad. Beside farming he was a jack of all trades and master of none... he was a mail carrier, electrician, plumber, carpenter, water plant operator, city maintenance man, and a scout leader just to name a few. After moving to Des Moines in 1978 Gene worked for ACCO and LeMar Industries.

Gene was a member of the Plymouth Congregational Church in Orient, A life member of the VFW, a member of the American Legion, served as a member on the BNA board in Beavertdale for 6 years and also the beautification committee. He was a volunteer in the community when ever something was happening. He volunteered at the city nursery planting flowers every Spring. And was voted in as Volunteer of the Year for the entire city of Des Moines in 2016. One of his proudest accomplishments.

Eugene is survived by his spouse Donna, his 4 daughters Barbara Mullin of Des Moines, Phyllis (Randy) Sackett of Orient, Terri (Bill) Carman of Des Moines and Kathy (Brian) Kieffer of Des Moines; 3 Grandchildren Christopher (Wendi) Mullin of Brigham City, Utah, Kirk (Debbie) Sackett of Ankeny and Alicia (Nick) Mogren of Des Moines, And Joe (Clarissa) Kieffer of Ankeny; 4 great Grandchildren Sammy Mullin of Brigham City ,Utah, Cameron Sackett of Ankeny, Mikayla Rae Mogren of Des Moines, and Shelby (Max) Valencia of Urbandale and 3 Great Great Grandchildren Aria, Zelda and Luna Valencia of Urbandale .

He is preceded in death by his father Harry and mother Mary, one grandson Jason Sackett and one great grandson Dillion Mullin.

Gene will be solely missed by both his communities of Orient where he grew up and Beavertdale where he spent the last 40 years of his life.

## **FUNERAL SERVICE**

10:30AM

Friday, December 2, 2022

Pearson Family Funeral Service & Cremation Center  
Creston, IA

## **OFFICIATING**

Pastor Phil Price

## **CASKET BEARERS**

Chris Mullin ~ Kirk Sackett ~ Cameron Sackett  
Nick Morgen ~ Joe Kieffer ~ T.J. Ross

## **HONORARY BEARERS**

Ron Ross ~ Wade Ross ~ Darwin Scott  
Dana Rectenbaugh ~ Dale Pals ~ Jason Speck  
All Our Hockey Boy's

## **RECORDED MUSIC SELECTIONS**

"Daddy's Hands" ~ Holly Dunn  
"Grandpa" ~ The Judd's  
"The Old Rugged Cross" ~ Alan Jackson

## **FINAL RESTING PLACE**

Prairie Lawn Cemetery  
Union County, IA

## **MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

To The Family



*In appreciation for your attendance and support the family invites you to join them for a luncheon following the burial at Orient Church of Christ.*