



Eugene G. Huegerich

May 31, 1937 - February 12, 2018

Eugene G. Huegerich, age 80, of Fonda, Iowa died Monday, February 12, 2018 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Varina. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will take place Friday, February 16, 2018 from 5-7:00 p.m. with a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. at St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Varina. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Eugene George Huegerich was born May 31, 1937 in Carroll, Iowa, the son of Edward and Clara (Freking) Huegerich.

As an infant, he was baptized in Auburn, Iowa. His family moved to the Varina area when he was a young boy. Eugene attended school in Varina, graduating from St. Columbkille Catholic High School in 1955.

After graduation, Eugene spent a few years working road construction and at the feed mill in Varina. Eugene was drafted into the United States Army in July of 1960. He spent nineteen months serving his country in Germany before his honorable discharge in July of 1962. Eugene began farming after his return home from the service.

On April 5, 1975, Eugene was united in marriage to Rita (Nieland) Lillig at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church. Together, they were blessed with two daughters, Sara and Janet.

Eugene was a member of St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Varina, and often attended Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Fonda. He also was a member of the Varina American Legion.

He enjoyed farming, gardening, morning coffee at Ag Partners, and in his younger years, attending machinery auctions throughout the area. Most of all, Eugene loved spending time with his family. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Rita Huegerich of Fonda, Iowa; children: Sara (Phil) and their children: Mikala, Maci, and Dilan; Janet Huegerich of Carroll, Iowa; sisters: Sister Marilyn Huegerich of Clinton, Iowa; Lois Newman of Altoona, Iowa; Waunita (Bill) Schultz of North Oaks, Minnesota; sister-in-law, Joy Huegerich of Sioux Rapids, Iowa; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Eugene was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Clara Huegerich; parents-in-law, Walter and Teresa Nieland; brothers: Irwin (Mary) Huegerich, Ronald Huegerich, and Allan Huegerich; and niece, Melissa Schultz.

Cemetery Details

St. Columbkille Catholic Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Columbkille Catholic Church
First Street
Varina, IA 50593
<http://home.catholicweb.com/stcolumbkille/>

Vigil Service

FEB 16. 7:00 PM - 7:15 PM (CT)

St. Columbkille Catholic Church
First Street
Varina, IA 50593
<http://home.catholicweb.com/stcolumbkille/>

Funeral Mass

FEB 17. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Columbkille Catholic Church
First Street
Varina, IA 50593
<http://home.catholicweb.com/stcolumbkille/>

Interment

FEB 17. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Columbkille Catholic Cemetery

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Jolene Berger lit a candle in memory of Eugene G. Huegerich*



jolene berger - February 23, 2018 at 08:39 PM

KH

“ *We loved to bring our boys (now 20, 18, and 16) up to the farm to see uncle Gene and Aunt Rita. They were all under 5 and they loved riding in the tractors and looking through the barns. They will hold good memories from those times.*

Karen and Jeff Hart - February 16, 2018 at 11:24 PM

FH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Funeral Home - February 16, 2018 at 10:54 AM

MH

“ When I think of Gene (Eugene) and his earthly life, my thoughts go to how he loved God’s world. His family, his faith, and his farming were his passions and his focus. I do believe he loved every minute of his life and generosity is the one word that comes to my mind when reflecting on Gene’s life.

When I was fourteen, he noticed I was trying desperately to learn how to drive a stick-shift car. Of course, he patiently took time with me as we practice frequently in the pasture. After many days, I drove to Pocahontas to get my license; I passed the written and the driving test.

Gene loved snow storms. With the snow blower on his tractor, he went from neighbor to neighbor plowing out their driveways. Leathel Archer and the other widows wanted to pay, but Gene would have none of it.

Rita and Gene were the main caregivers for many years for my mom. I was so grateful they were her wonderful neighborhoods who were ready to get groceries, do house repairs, and attend to her every need. Mom never had a day on the farm that she did not have a visit from her son.

Gene’s generosity flowed outward to many people. This singular quality of concrete caring and service transforms the world. His love for God’s earth and creation developed a generosity of spirit and action. Lives matter. I am grateful for being of his life.

Sister Marilyn Huegerich

Marilyn Huegerich - February 16, 2018 at 09:52 AM

RH

“ Rita and family we are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. You all have our deepest sympathy! Bob and Rose Hogrefe

Rose Hogrefe - February 16, 2018 at 09:30 AM

PK

“ I have many fond memories of my 12 yrs with Eugene at St Columbkille's in Varina. I had a way of getting into trouble; he was always there to get me out. He was a calming influence, strong and quiet. He was a great classmate -- the only other boy in our class. After I moved away, I seldom saw him. But I kept up through my sister, Shannon.

The last time I saw him, I visited he and Rita's farm; he insisted I take some sweet corn with me.

I was aware, as well, of his recent health issues. Hell to get old!!

My condolences to Rita and family.

Eternal rest old friend.

Pat Kapsch

pat kapsch - February 15, 2018 at 07:30 PM

WS

“ I can't compliment enough how wonderful a brother Eugene was! He was such a giving, helpful brother. When I was little, he made doll buggies, from wooden crates in which groceries were brought home, for my sisters and me.

He enjoyed farming and was quite successful at it. Marketing people interviewed him to

determine how he knew to sell at peak price.

What stands out is his fine character. He lived his faith.

I will miss him.

Nina Huegerich Schultz

Waunita R. Schultz - February 15, 2018 at 05:24 PM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Eugene G. Huegerich.*



February 15, 2018 at 11:51 AM



“ *Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Eugene G. Huegerich*



Pegi Cavanaugh - February 15, 2018 at 11:13 AM



“ *-Nate, Kim, Walter, and Elizabeth purchased the Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Pastel Mixed Flowers for the family of Eugene G. Huegerich.*



-Nate, Kim, Walter, and Elizabeth - February 15, 2018 at 10:18 AM



“ *Mike And Marla lit a candle in memory of Eugene G. Huegerich*



Mike and Marla - February 14, 2018 at 11:49 PM

MM

sorry Rita and family prayers for you

Mike and Marla - February 14, 2018 at 11:51 PM

RB

“ *Sorry to hear. We were neighbors and friends for years. What a great guy.*

Rick Bierstedt - February 14, 2018 at 09:10 PM

PK

“ *Paul J Kelly lit a candle in memory of Eugene G. Huegerich*



Paul J Kelly - February 14, 2018 at 05:54 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Eugene G. Huegerich.*



February 14, 2018 at 04:10 PM

JS

“ *My condolences to the family of Eugene. I have fun memories of our growing up years in Varina & school days @ St. Columbkille's including his achievement of being a great basketball player. Jim Schnetter*

Jim Schnetter - February 14, 2018 at 12:17 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Eugene G. Huegerich.*



February 14, 2018 at 08:55 AM



“ *My Sympathy to the family of Eugene. May he rest in Eternal Peace.*
Carleen (Nieland) Schwieso



Carleen Schwieso - February 14, 2018 at 08:25 AM



“ *Sympathies to Rita and her family.*



Leigh Schultz - February 14, 2018 at 08:20 AM



“ *Craig And Mary Farrell lit a candle in memory of Eugene G. Huegerich*



Craig and Mary Farrell - February 13, 2018 at 11:19 PM

ML

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. So sorry for your loss. May God wrap his arms around you and give you peace.*



Mary Lange - February 13, 2018 at 08:24 PM



“ *Rita and family-- We are so very sorry about Gene's passing. R.I.P. Great Uncle Gene. Kev and Kris*



Kris Pollman - February 13, 2018 at 07:16 PM