



## Eugene Mandernach

June 18, 1943 - November 17, 2023

Eugene "Gene" Mandernach, age 80, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, formerly of Lakeside, Iowa, died Friday, November 17, 2023 at his home in Spirit Lake.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be held Tuesday, November 21, 2023 from 4-8:00 p.m. at the CHURCH and will commence Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. prior to the service at the CHURCH. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

On June 18, 1943, Raymond and Irene (Mahler) Mandernach were blessed with a son, Eugene Richard Mandernach in Cherokee, Iowa. Gene grew up north of Storm Lake, Iowa and graduated from Albert City High School in 1961. He was baptized as an infant and confirmed at Grace Lutheran Church in Storm Lake where he was an usher, elder, and played on the dart ball team. Most recently, Gene was an active member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Storm Lake where he served as an elder.

He joined the National Guard in 1963 and went to South Carolina for basic training. He was honorably discharged in 1969.

Gene married the love of his life, Gladys Kies on December 31, 1964 at the St. Peter Lutheran Church in Newell, Iowa. They were blessed with six children: Brenda, Michael, Douglas, Ricky, Julie, and Angela.

Gene began farming with his father and brother raising crops, cattle and hogs. He broke many horses. His special horse was Tulsa. In 1972, Gene and Gladys moved to Newell, Iowa where he raised cattle until 1978 when they moved to Lakeside, Iowa where he was mayor for 17 years. He worked for the Buena Vista County Road Department as a sign foreman for 24 years. In his free time, Gene enjoyed visiting over coffee and attending auctions. He loved the outdoors and could be found hunting, fishing, and gardening. Gene was a true grill master and was skilled in woodworking and winemaking. They also enjoyed a couples card club for over 55 years. He was president of the Storm Lake Lions Club for many years. Gene and Gladys escaped the Iowa winters for more than ten years to enjoy the Arizona sunshine. Gene's greatest joy was time spent with his family. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Gene is survived by his wife of 58 years: Gladys Mandernach of Spirit Lake, Iowa; children: Brenda (Lance) McFadden of Ankeny, Iowa; Doug (Linda) Mandernach of Adel, Iowa; Ricky (Carole) Mandernach of Fort Dodge, Iowa; Angela (Joseph) Russell of Helena, Montana; grandchildren: Allison, Megan, and Lauren McFadden; Jordan (Steph) Mandernach; Jaycee Mandernach; Hunter Mandernach; Preston Mandernach; Becca Mandernach; Jacob, Evan and Abram Russell; step grandchildren: Doug (Allison) White and Tami (Greg) Marsh; great-grandchildren; Paisley and Oaklyn Mandernach; step grandchildren: Brock, McKinley, and Brennan White; Charles, Henry and Walter Marsh; brother: Darrel (Linda) Mandernach; sisters-in-law: Eileen Mandernach, Millie Mandernach, Violet Thraen, Sandy Kies; brothers-in-law: Francis (Carolyn) Kies, Alan (Allison) Kies, Ken (Carol) Kies, Russ (Donna) Kies; special friends, Bob and Karen, for bringing food and spending time with

Gene; extended family and friends.

Welcoming Gene into heaven include his parents: Raymond and Irene Mandernach; son, Michael Mandernach; infant daughter, Julie Mandernach; daughter-in-law, Lisa Mandernach; brothers: Bruce Mandernach and John Mandernach; sister, Jeannine Johnson; parents-in-law: Harold and Arlene Kies; brothers-in-law: Harlan Kies and Jack Thraen; and sister-in-law, Dana Kies.

# Cemetery Details

## Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery

875 IA-7  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **21**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church -- Storm Lake  
402 Lake Ave.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

## Visitation

NOV **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church -- Storm Lake  
402 Lake Ave.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

## Funeral Service

NOV **22**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church -- Storm Lake  
402 Lake Ave.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588



# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eugene Mandernach*



**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - November 21, 2023 at 02:21 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - November 21, 2023 at 01:44 PM



“ *Bev Reis lit a candle in memory of Eugene Mandernach*



**Bev Reis** - November 21, 2023 at 01:34 PM

BM

“ *My sincere condolences to the Mandernach famiy. May Eugene R I P and God bless your family..  
PEACE TO YOUR FAMILY.*

*Sincerely,  
Bonnie Mester*

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**Bonnie Mester** - November 21, 2023 at 01:07 PM

DD

“ *I remember Eugene working at the Lutheran Hour Booth at the State Fair. God's Love shined on others through his Words and Actions*

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**David Dose** - November 21, 2023 at 07:37 AM

CR

“ *Charlie Rasch lit a candle in memory of Eugene Mandernach*



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**Charlie Rasch** - November 21, 2023 at 12:34 AM

DH

“ *Duane Eldona Hornor lit a candle in memory of Eugene Mandernach*



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**Duane & Eldona Hornor** - November 20, 2023 at 10:02 PM

SB

“ *Sharon Buchholz lit a candle in memory of Eugene Mandernach*



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**Sharon Buchholz** - November 20, 2023 at 09:14 PM

CD

“ *Cheryl DeMan lit a candle in memory of Eugene Mandernach*



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**Cheryl DeMan** - November 20, 2023 at 04:55 PM

JM

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*



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**Jim & Marlys Martin** - November 20, 2023 at 04:26 PM

DJ

“ *I am very sorry to hear this, I always thought highly of Eugene, what a kind man.*

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**Diane Johnson** - November 20, 2023 at 02:29 PM

SM

“ *Steph&Sharon Mickelson lit a candle in memory of Eugene Mandernach*



Steph&Sharon Mickelson - November 20, 2023 at 01:23 PM

BW

“ *Becky White lit a candle in memory of Eugene Mandernach*



Becky White - November 20, 2023 at 12:21 PM

BM

“ *Ben & Judy Malcom lit a candle in memory of Eugene Mandernach*



Ben & Judy Malcom - November 20, 2023 at 12:04 PM

SR

“ *Susan Rohan lit a candle in memory of Eugene Mandernach*



Susan Rohan - November 20, 2023 at 11:08 AM

RM

“ Randy Mona Mason lit a candle in memory of Eugene Mandernach



Randy & Mona Mason - November 20, 2023 at 01:07 AM



“ Mona Mason lit a candle in memory of Eugene Mandernach



Mona Mason - November 20, 2023 at 01:05 AM

DK

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to the Mandernach family. I've had the pleasure of knowing you're daughter Brenda so sending special prayers for her and family. PTL God is good

Donnaloy Kuhn - November 19, 2023 at 09:43 PM

JC

“ Jeff/Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Eugene Mandernach



Jeff/Jean Chindlund - November 19, 2023 at 08:47 PM

KP

“ *Karla Pickhinke lit a candle in memory of Eugene Mandernach*



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**Karla Pickhinke** - November 19, 2023 at 05:05 PM

RB

“ *Renee Buddenhagen lit a candle in memory of Eugene Mandernach*



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**Renee Buddenhagen** - November 19, 2023 at 01:51 PM

NH

“ *So sorry for your loss.*



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**Nicki J Harrington** - November 19, 2023 at 01:46 PM