

Eugene R. Gans, 86
Sauk Rapids, MN
July 30, 1929 - March 4, 2016



Mass of Christian Burial was on Monday, March 7, 2016, at St. Augustine Catholic Church, St. Cloud for Eugene R. Gans, age 86, who passed away Friday at his home surrounded by his family. Rev. Tony Oelrich will officiate and burial will be at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery near Little Falls.

Eugene Roman Gans was born July 30, 1929, in rural Benton County to Joseph & Marie (Brauch) Gans. He served his country in the Korean War from 1951-1953 and earned a Purple Heart. Gene married Ellen Knettel on Feb. 18, 1956 at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud. He worked as an independent sales representative for Delegard Tools and Malco Products

for 38 years, retiring in 2004. Gene was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church and was a lifetime member of St. Cloud VFW Post #428. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting, traveling, and the outdoors. He loved being on a tractor. Gene had a great sense of humor and always had a smile on his face. Some of his favorite phrases were "Just a minute," "Just do what I say," and "Later."

Survivors include his wife, Ellen of Sauk Rapids; sons and daughter, Mark (Darlene) of Eden Prairie, Kevin (Janice) of Sauk Rapids, Gary (Deb) of St. Cloud, Lori (Jeff) Nystrom of Blaine, Danny (Kelly) of Minneapolis, and Bob of Excelsior; grandchildren, Amanda, Alex, Abigail, Stacy, Brett, Mack, Jacob, and Katie; and great grandchild, Brantley. Gene was preceded in death by his parents; infant daughter, Judith; brothers, Harry, Howie, John, Rich, and Tommy; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Henry & Stella Knettel.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Poor Clares Monastery in Sauk Rapids.

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A SOLDIER DIED TODAY!**