

Eugene W. Sluke



Eugene Willis Sluke was born March 2, 1929, the son of Hugo & Tracey (Weide) Sluke in Detroit, Michigan.

Several months later his parents placed him into the arms of Jesus through the sacrament of Holy Baptism at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Detroit. He was nurtured in his faith as a child as he attended Lutheran Day School at Holy Cross. He confirmed his faith before his Lord and the congregation of believers on April 18, 1943 at the age of 14, also at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

After graduation from High School, Eugene entered the armed forces proudly serving in the United States Marines Corps. On February 2nd of 1950 he was on active duty during the Korean conflict for a period of 13 months. After his honorable discharge from the Marines, Gene served in the department of military affairs in the National Guard Air Defense Program in Detroit. In 1974 he was transferred to Lansing, Michigan, finishing out his service as an Armament Supervisor. He retired Chief Warrant Officer (CW4) in 1984.

The Lord blessed Eugene with a Christian wife when he and Patricia Stahl were united in marriage on July 23, 1960 at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church in Pigeon. They raised a Christian family being blessed with two children. Eugene is the loving and dear father to his son Gregory and his daughter Andrea. In 1990 Gene & Pat relocated to their home on Sand Point. They became members of St. John's, Pigeon, where Gene heard the Word of God for the strengthening of his faith.

The Lord gave Gene a great love of the outdoors. Whether he was fishing, hunting, or exploring, he truly appreciated the wonderful blessing of God's creation. He expressed this love in his wood carvings and oil paintings. He was a talented carpenter and artisan.

The Lord blessed Gene with a servant's heart. Throughout his adult life he held a variety of positions within his church, serving at times as Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee, and in other capacities. He was also a member of the American Legion Jean Post #543 of Caseville, and the Caseville Kiwanis Club.

Left to cherish his memory and follow the path of faith in Christ he proclaimed include his beloved wife of 50 years, Patricia; two children and their spouses, Rev. Gregory & Christine Sluke of Redgranite, Wisconsin and Douglas & Andrea Williams of St. Joseph, Michigan; four grandchildren, Joseph, Lindsey, Jacob, and Kelli; his mother-in-law, Alma Stahl of Bay Port; his brother-in-law, James (Sharon) Stahl of Caseville; his sister-in-law, Cathy (Chuck) Esch of Elkton; many nieces and nephews; and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister-in-law, Diane McGee.

When the time of his journey among us was completed, the Lord called him home to heaven above at the age of 81 years, 5 months, and 17 days.

The Funeral Service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 24 at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Pigeon, with Rev. James A. Gorsegner, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church.

VISITATION AT MEYERSIECK-BUSSEMA FUNERAL HOME, PIGEON:

Monday, August 23 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

AND AT ST. JOHN'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, PIGEON:

Tuesday, August 24 10:00 a.m. until the time of service