



Eugene "Gene" Lybbert

January 9, 1930 - June 1, 2019

Eugene "Gene" Lybbert (1930-2019)

CEDAR FALLS – Eugene "Gene" Lybbert, 89, of Cedar Falls died Saturday, June 1, 2019 at the Western Home Communities – Thalman Square.

He was born January 9, 1930 in rural Cresco, Iowa, son of Edward and Genevieve (Bacon) Lybbert. He married Katherine "Kak" Nordly on May 12, 1951 in Cedar Falls. She preceded him in death on October 18, 2008.

Gene graduated from Cresco High School and Iowa State Teachers College (UNI) , where he placed First in the 1952 NCAA wrestling tournament. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War; then was a teacher and wrestling coach for four years, in Blue Earth, MN. He then was an insurance agent and agency manager for State Farm Insurance.

Survived by: three daughters, Sue (Greg) Garvin of Muscatine, Lynn Welden of Murrells Inlet, SC, and Tracy (Joby) Javellana of Cedar Falls; two sons, Brad (Beth) Lybbert of Davenport, and J.J. Lybbert of Madison; fourteen grandchildren: Jill (Drew) Smith, Jon (Megan) Garvin, Matt (Danielle) Garvin, Caroline and Kaitlyn Welden, Payten (Kyle) Gerjerts, Anna (Lucas Hartleben) Javellana, Austin Javellana, Lauren, Nic and McKenna Lybbert, Sierra, Calib and Abby Lybbert; eleven great grandchildren; and special friend, Sue

DeBower of Cedar Falls.

Preceded in death by: four brothers, Elton, Edward, Donald and Leonard Lybbert; three sisters, Marion Wright, Josephine Tyrell and Helen Seargent.

Mass of Christian Burial: 10:00 a.m. Friday, June 7th at St. Patrick Catholic Church with burial in Greenwood Cemetery, both in Cedar Falls. Military Honors will be conducted by the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post 49 Honor Guard. Visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Richardson Funeral Service where there will be a 4 p.m. Rosary and 7 p.m. Vigil service. Visitation also for one hour prior to Mass at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the church, UNI Wrestling, or the Hon Nordly & Gene Lybbert Athletic Training Scholarship at UNI.

Condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralsaervice.com.

Gene enjoyed a successful wrestling career, both as wrestler and coach. He was inducted into the University of Northern Iowa Hall of Fame, Dan Gable Hall of Fame, Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame and Minnesota Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

the end of College St, north of First Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Previous Events

Rosary

JUN 6. 4:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

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Vigil

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Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
705 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3523
<http://saintpatrickcf.org>

Tribute Wall



“ Lynn, you and I grew up together and I will always remember math class Our fathers were the best of the best friends. They hunted together with their dogs that were their best friends. They had so much fun together. I remember him coming over to the house and kissing my mom for cookies! LOL Then he would go outside with me to have a quick smoke with him! Taking care of both my parents I always wondered who would go first, He will be remembered in our hearts forever!

Lori Young - June 08, 2019 at 01:47 AM



“ Thanks Gene for all you did and who you are. It has been my pleasure having you as a friend, golfing partner and an truly a great person.

UNI Panther

National Wrestling Champ

Good Friend

We will miss our friend...

Keith Poolman

Keith W Poolman - June 06, 2019 at 03:43 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Keith W Poolman - June 06, 2019 at 02:39 PM

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“ Steve Erickson purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Eugene "Gene" Lybbert.



Steve Erickson - June 06, 2019 at 02:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" Lybbert.



June 06, 2019 at 11:11 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" Lybbert.*



June 05, 2019 at 09:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" Lybbert.*



June 05, 2019 at 01:38 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" Lybbert.*



June 05, 2019 at 09:11 AM



“ *Walcott Elementary School Staff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eugene "Gene" Lybbert.*



Walcott Elementary School Staff - June 04, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" Lybbert.*



June 04, 2019 at 01:57 PM



“ *Pat Lybbert lit a candle in memory of Eugene "Gene" Lybbert*



Pat Lybbert - June 03, 2019 at 08:48 PM



“ *Sandi Lybbert lit a candle in memory of Eugene "Gene" Lybbert*



Sandi Lybbert - June 03, 2019 at 04:43 PM