



## Raymond "Gene" Doyle

November 30, 1940 - January 14, 2018

Raymond "Gene" Doyle (1940-2018)

CEDAR FALLS – Raymond "Gene" Doyle, 77, of Cedar Falls died Sunday, January 14, 2018 at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo.

He was born November 30, 1940 in Marshalltown, Iowa, son of Joseph and Gertrude (Duffy) Doyle. He married Sandra Zenor on August 24, 1959 in Toledo, Iowa.

Gene graduated from Toledo High School and Iowa State Teachers College (UNI), where he played football from 1958 to 1962. He taught History and Driver's Education and coached at Keota High School for four years; Dubuque Senior for eight years; and then at Cedar Falls High School from 1974 until retiring from teaching in 2000. While at CFHS he coached track, wrestling and football, retiring from coaching in 2014. His wrestling team won multiple state championships in the 1990's, receiving the Iowa Wrestling Association Coach of the Year award in 1992 and the National Wrestling Association Iowa Coach of the Year in 1996. As an assistant football coach, he helped lead Cedar Falls High School to 25 state playoff appearances including five championship games. He was inducted into both the Iowa High School Wrestling (2012) and National Wrestling (2011) Hall of Fames. The football team he played on at UNI was inducted to the UNI Hall of Fame in 2015.

Survived by: his wife; four sons, Christopher (Jackie) and Patrick (Tami) of Cedar Falls, Michael of Chisago City, MN, and Matthew (Lisa) of Brentwood, TN; three daughters, Shelly (Shawn) Meighan of Des Moines, Laurie (John) Lynch of East Dubuque, IL, and Tracy (Keith) Carman of Cedar Falls; 24 grandchildren; a brother, Mark (Alice) Doyle of Cedar Rapids; and two sisters, Sandy (Dennis) Zmolek of Marshalltown and Mary Doyle of Santa Barbara, CA.

Preceded in death by: his parents; two brothers, Dick and Joe Doyle; and a grandson, Spencer Lynch.

Services: 11:00 a.m. Friday at St. Patrick Catholic Church with burial in Fairview Cemetery, both in Cedar Falls. Visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Richardson Funeral Service and also for one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the church or the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post#49.

He and Sandy loved to travel and visit family and grandchildren. He was a humble man with a strong quiet presence.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Burial

JAN 19 (CT)

Fairview Cemetery  
12th and Division Streets  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 273-8628

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ Gene touched and influenced the lives of so many people, including me. We spent a lot of time together in our college years ... he was a special friend.  
Dave Cox

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**Dave Cox** - March 09, 2018 at 05:02 PM

BG

“ We were very happy to see "Mr. Doyle" at our Keota 50th high school reunion last summer. I took Driver's Ed with him and remember a few choice comments on my driving. Only "B" I got in high school! I had no idea at the time that he was only 8 years older than I. May he rest in peace.

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**Barb G.** - January 22, 2018 at 11:48 AM

ND

“ Sandy & family,,We want to extend our deepest sympathy to all of you of the loss of Gene,husband,dad, & grandpa.....we were very surprised when we herad it.Know that he is free of all pain & home in Heaven with God..We were in Dubuque at the time ,so stopped to see Skip & Mary Lou,,got talking about the old days on Hillcrest & visiting in the yards at nite.I see that one of the girls lives in E. Dub. if your ever up give a call & maybe we could meet in Dbq. we're only about 40 mins. away....Cancer is a hell of a thing to go thru,we lost Jane in March of 2010 to it,so we know what your going thru..We will be keeping all of you in our prayers...Take care...God Bless Nilus & Mary Ann Dalsing 1250 Jack Oak Rd. Cassville, WI. 608-725-5528

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**Nilus&Mary Ann Dalsing** - January 19, 2018 at 01:37 PM

RF

“ I was one of the lucky ones to be coached under coaches Doyle, Engel and Young. Coach Doyle possessed the unique character to foster excellence in other people evident in his wonderful extended family. Gene was always there to tape your “boo boos” both physical and spiritually. All of us that Gene touched are better for it.

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**Randall Fitch** - January 19, 2018 at 10:58 AM

BT

“ Brad Sabol, Michael Lawson and Ameriprise Team purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Raymond "Gene" Doyle.



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**Brad Sabol, Michael Lawson and Ameriprise Team** - January 19, 2018 at 09:57 AM

BH

“ Gene Doyle was an icon. He was a loyal friend and a truly humble man, who will be missed greatly by so many. Deepest sympathies to Sandy and the entire Doyle family. Doyle stories will go on and on!  
Betty Mitchell Haynes

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**Betty Mitchell Haynes** - January 18, 2018 at 09:58 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond "Gene" Doyle.



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January 18, 2018 at 05:49 PM

TK

“ Ty & Lynn Kimble. What a great guy to be around and share stories with. He was gentle , fun , and very loyal to all his students , athletes and friends . I especially enjoyed and am thankful for all he did in the wrestling community. Our sympathies to Sandy , and all the Doyle sons and daughter's , we have always enjoyed being around any of you whenever we meet, may Gene rest in peace!

**Ty & Lynn Kimble** - January 18, 2018 at 04:55 PM

GH

“ Enjoyed talking sports with Gene! Work for Goulden Rule Driving School and enjoyed the get togethers with Gene. Our sympathies! Greg and Linda Hovden Waverly

**Greg Hovden** - January 18, 2018 at 10:08 AM

DM

“ Dave and Cherie Herbsleb, Steve and Cheryl Miller purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Raymond "Gene" Doyle.



**Dave and Cherie Herbsleb, Steve and Cheryl Miller** - January 17, 2018 at 08:06 PM

CP

“ Condolences to the entire Doyle family. A great coach and teacher, and most importantly, a good man.

**Chad Petersen** - January 17, 2018 at 06:27 PM

CW

“ I myself went to Columbus High but Gene and Mitch touched my life in many ways he was a hell of a coach; a hell of a friend and one great person who touched alot of lives. RIP COACH you'll be missed they don't make em like you and Mitch anymore.

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**Craig White** - January 17, 2018 at 04:23 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Raymond "Gene" Doyle.



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January 17, 2018 at 02:44 PM

AD

“ Andrew D. purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Raymond "Gene" Doyle.



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**Andrew D.** - January 17, 2018 at 02:06 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond "Gene" Doyle.



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January 17, 2018 at 01:46 PM

TF

“ *The Farrell Family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Raymond "Gene" Doyle.*



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**The Farrell Family** - January 17, 2018 at 11:03 AM

JJ

“ *Jay and Mindy Johnson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Raymond "Gene" Doyle.*



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**Jay and Mindy Johnson** - January 17, 2018 at 10:43 AM

DH

“ *Laurie and the entire Doyle family - our deepest sympathies to you all. Take comfort in all of your memories of him. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Debbie & Larry Housh*

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**debbie housh** - January 17, 2018 at 10:43 AM

LM

“ *So sorry hear about Gene's passing. I only had a chance to know him for a few years but he always had a good story to tell. I'm sure he will be missed.*

*Larry Miller, former Senior HS teacher and coach*

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**Larry Miller** - January 17, 2018 at 09:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond "Gene" Doyle.*



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January 16, 2018 at 11:00 PM



“ *Sandy & family I am very sorry to hear of Gene's passing. Enjoyed teaching with Gene at Dubuque Senior!*

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**Rick Arrington** - January 16, 2018 at 09:18 PM



“ *Sending my very best to the family of a teammate for whom my dad has only kind words. RIP GENE.*

*Warren J. Reyerson  
St. Louis Park, MN*



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**Collin Reyerson** - January 16, 2018 at 08:31 PM



“ *Pete McKinley & George Litteken Palm Coast, FL purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Raymond "Gene" Doyle.*



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**Pete McKinley & George Litteken Palm Coast, FL** - January 16, 2018 at 07:40 PM

PM

“ A Cedar Falls legend. Gene and Sandy your family is a tremendous legacy and a tribute to what great parents you have been. God bless you and the entire family. Whenever I had the pleasure to be around Gene with Shelly & Shawn he was always a soft spoken gentlemen. Best to you all. Pete McKinley

Pete McKinley - January 16, 2018 at 07:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond "Gene" Doyle.



January 16, 2018 at 06:10 PM

MR

“ Gene was a gentleman in every sense of the word, a good teammate, and he had a coaching and teaching career that touched so many lives in positive ways. He will be greatly missed.

Mace Reyerson - January 16, 2018 at 04:44 PM

TF

“ Gene and Sandy Doyle are two of the most genuine and wonderful people we have ever had the opportunity to meet and get to know - primarily through Laurie and John Lynch. It is very sad to hear of Gene's passing this past Sunday. We send our most sincere and heartfelt condolences to Sandy and the entire Doyle family. Our hope is that all the great memories of Gene will help the Doyle family through the coming weeks of sorrow and loss, and that Gene is enjoying the reunion with his parents, brothers and grandson Spence.

The Schlueter Family - January 16, 2018 at 01:01 PM

ZA

“ Sandy, Laurie, and the entire Doyle family - my deepest sympathies on the loss of Gene. I always picture him with a warm smile and friendly face. He was easy to talk to and enjoyed a good laugh - a great addition to Lynch gatherings. He will be greatly missed, and I hope you find comfort in good memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Zach & Molly Ament

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Zachary Ament - January 16, 2018 at 12:54 PM

DD

“ Sandy and Family, Bonnie and I are saddened to learn of Gene's passing. Our paths have crossed in so many ways, freshman football at UNI, coaching together at Dubuque Senior, competing with each other as wrestling coaches, and Sandy babysitting our boys. During this time I always looked forward to talking with him and seeing that smile on his face. We will miss him! We will keep in touch.

Dan & Bonnie Dunham

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Dan Dunham - January 16, 2018 at 10:50 AM

DP

“ Coach Doyle always met me with a smile and warm greeting. I'll remember him as an honest and trustworthy gentleman, which made him a great coach and mentor. So sorry for your lost.

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Dave Plantan - January 16, 2018 at 09:53 AM

JD

“ Joyce Doyle purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Raymond "Gene" Doyle.



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**Joyce Doyle** - January 16, 2018 at 07:45 AM

RH

“ Sandra; so sorry for your loss but can see that you are left with an awesome Family.  
The years have caught up with Us All- Your Cousin Roxie

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**Roxie Jones Hawkins** - January 15, 2018 at 09:12 PM

BO

“ I met Gene when I worked at CFHS. He was one of the nicest coaches that I dealt with during the football season. He appreciated things that I did and said thanks. He'll be missed by many folks in the Cedar Valley.

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**Barbara Overmann** - January 15, 2018 at 11:25 AM

SF

“ High School. Driver's Education. Wrestling. Cedar Falls. Happy, easy, lifetime memories. Thank You. Eternal peace.....

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**Susanna Frackiewicz** - January 15, 2018 at 12:10 AM