



Harold Eugene Carroll

September 21, 1932 - June 28, 2016

Harold E. "Gene" Carroll, age 83, of Shorewood, IL passed away peacefully at Joliet Area Community Hospice Home on June 28, 2016 surrounded by his loving family.

Gene was the oldest of three children born in Amboy, IL to Harold and Georgia (Longman) Carroll on September 21, 1932. He was married to Frances Morrissey on September 3, 1956 at St. Patrick Church in Amboy, IL. Gene was a graduate of Amboy High School and attended Marquette University in Wisconsin before he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Sergeant First Class Carroll received the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Korea. After returning home from the service, Gene went to work with his father and uncle at Friendly Motors in Amboy. He also attended General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan. Soon after, he began a distinguished career at State Farm and held numerous auto claims positions that spanned nearly 40 years.

Gene was a member of Holy Family Parish in Shorewood. Prior to this, he was an active member of St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Romeoville where he served as school board president for several years as well as being a member of various organizations in the church. Additionally, he served on the Romeoville Recreation and the Mosquito Abatement Boards. Gene was especially proud of his 60 year membership in the American Legion. Gene and Frances continued their involvement in their nine children's Catholic education through St. Andrew's School, Joliet Catholic, St. Francis Academy and Joliet Catholic Academy with Jubilation being one of their

favorite fundraising events.

The most important things in Gene's life were love of God, love of his wife and family, and love of his country. He instilled in all of his family the beautiful legacy of holiday traditions such as cooking and baking which he so dearly loved. Gene enjoyed many family gatherings at Dry Gulch, a cabin in the family for over 45 years in Amboy. He was a die-hard Cub fan and eternally hopeful that his favorite baseball team would make it to the World Series. Gene was an avid fisherman and enjoyed traveling to Leech Lake, MN with his wife and family. He took great pride in his garden and beautification of his home. During his retirement years, he loved spending time with his wife and enjoying the activities and achievements of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Up to his final moments, his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grand children were at his side.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Georgia and Harold Carroll; niece, Tracy Mihm; son-in-law, Steven Prehn and numerous beloved relatives. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Frances and nine children, Stephanie (Mark) Mastrogiovanni of Naperville; Kathleen Carroll of Shorewood; Ann (Steven/deceased) Prehn of Shorewood; Susan (John) Harrison of Shorewood; Michael (Gayle) Carroll of Bakersfield, CA; Mary (Brett) Dyche of Ottawa, IL; Patrick (Valarie) Carroll of Minooka; Jennifer (Michael) Jones of Joliet; Mark (Andrea) Carroll of North Aurora; Special foster child, Renee Ravenot. In addition, Gene is survived by 24 grandchildren: Adam (Joanna) Mastrogiovanni, Melissa (Zach) Dyrda; Kelly (Thomas) White, Patrick and Christopher Prehn; Grant and Meghan Harrison; Allison (Matt) Butin, Eric and Sean Carroll; Justin, Elizabeth, Katherine, Zachary and Natalie Dyche; Jake Pesevento, Collin Fleming, Ella and Mia Carroll; Ryan and Geena Jones; Jack, Samuel and William Carroll. Also survived by six great-grandchildren: Mikayla Pamal, Katie Mastrogiovanni, Lucas Dyrda; Kiersten, Charlotte and Maura White. Gene is also survived by his loving brother, Donald (Lee) Carroll of Genoa, IL and beloved sister, Nancy (Dr.Martin) Mihm of Sarasota, FL. He will be fondly remembered by his many Carroll/Dickinson/Morrissey relatives

and numerous friends.

Special acknowledgements are noted for Gene's devoted caregivers and compassionate staff from Presence St. Joseph Hospital in Joliet, Alden Estates of Naperville, Advantage Home Health, and Joliet Area Community Hospice Home.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, July 6, 2016 from 3-8 p.m. with rosary at 7:30 p.m., at Mihm-Jones Funeral Home, 303 E. Main Street, Amboy, Illinois. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2016 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 32 N. Jones Avenue, Amboy, Illinois, with the Rev. Timothy Draper officiating. Visitation will also be in the church from 9-11 a.m. prior to the Mass. Burial will follow at St. Patrick Cemetery with full military honors by the Amboy American Legion in Amboy.

Gene was a very proud husband, father and grandfather. His presence and love of life left a profound impact on those who knew and loved him. He will be dearly missed but will live forever in all of our hearts.

Memorials in Gene's memory will be established by the family.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy

816 Rockyford Rd
Amboy, IL 61310

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mihm-Jones Funeral Home, Amboy
303 East Main Street
Amboy, IL 61310
(815) 857-2611
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Service

JUL 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy
32 N. Jones
Amboy, IL 61310
mail@stpatrickamboy.org
<http://www.stpatrickamboy.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Harold Eugene Carroll*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Harold Eugene Carroll*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss! With Love to you and your family! Barb Kregg*

Barb - July 25, 2016 at 07:52 PM



“ *My condolences on Gene's passing. I had the privilege of beginning my State Farm career working for Gene in the 1980's at the Riverview office. His knowledge and caring helped provide the foundation for my career. Those of us that worked with him often share stories and remembrances of those times. Gene, clearly left a positive mark on the world. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

*Mike Carroll
P&C Claims - Director
State Farm*

Mike Carroll - July 07, 2016 at 10:40 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harold Eugene Carroll.



July 06, 2016 at 02:57 PM



“ My condolences go out to Frances and all the family, and extended family, after hearing about the loss of Gene. I had some good times there in Romeoville visiting, and know you will miss him! May God bless you all.
Chris Harrison, Dixon IL

Chris Harrison - July 06, 2016 at 12:39 PM



“ Ron And Carol Biester lit a candle in memory of Harold Eugene Carroll



Ron and Carol Biester - July 05, 2016 at 09:52 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Harold Eugene Carroll.



July 05, 2016 at 01:52 PM

SC

“ Stephanie Collom purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Harold Eugene Carroll.



Stephanie Collom - July 05, 2016 at 01:13 PM

LM

“ Love-Jill and Matthew Murphy purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Harold Eugene Carroll.



Love-Jill and Matthew Murphy - July 05, 2016 at 11:05 AM

Janet Shaw-Binns

“ Our hearts go out to the entire Carroll family...we will keep you in our prayers and Heaven got 2 angels in the past weeks...love, Janet and Keith xo



Janet Shaw-Binns - July 05, 2016 at 11:03 AM

LB

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you all during this difficult time.

Lin Barr - July 05, 2016 at 09:39 AM

ML

“ Gene was an amazing person. I worked for him for many years and he was always a very caring person and made you feel like you were part of his family. He would cook these large meals for us during Thanksgiving and Christmas. He would have meetings in Amboy and cook out on the grill. Knowing how much he cared about those of us at work, I can only imagine that he cared that much more about his real family. We are truly blessed to have had him in our lives.

Please accept my condolences on the passing of Gene. It was an honor to have known such a great person and I will truly miss him. May God embrace you in comfort during this difficult time.

Mark Leverenz

Mark Leverenz - July 04, 2016 at 04:18 PM

JB

“ Jim And Marilyn Braida lit a candle in memory of Harold Eugene Carroll



Jim and Marilyn Braida - July 03, 2016 at 01:18 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold Eugene Carroll.



July 03, 2016 at 11:30 AM

DF

“ Mary & family: My name is Darlene Elberts Fagan (widow of former State Farm Agent James Elberts from Joliet. I remember Mary from being in claims. I just wanted to extend my sympathies to you and your family on the loss of your Dad. I never knew him but fell the connection.

I am also a Volunteer at Joliet Hospice and I hope you found the services to be of comfort and help.

Know that you are in my prayers.

Sincerely, Darlene Elberts Fagan

Darlene Elberts Fagan - July 02, 2016 at 01:54 PM

RF

“ Sorry for your loss. I'm Robin Coley Fabek. I lived by you on Concord Street in Romeoville. The girls and I played all the time. I am the Wednesday night volunteer greeter at the Hospice Home. I was very sad to have missed all of you to express my condolences in person. Thoughts and prayers.

Robin Coley Fabek - July 02, 2016 at 11:31 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold Eugene Carroll.



July 01, 2016 at 09:49 PM

BF

“ Sincere Condolences to each of you, know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

*Bill & Bonnie Fry
Utica, Ill.*

Bill & Bonnie Fry - July 01, 2016 at 01:27 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear the news of Gene's passing. I have so many fond memories of working for him, a fellow Amboyman, at State Farm's Riverview office in Chicago. Unknown to me at the time, when I first interviewed for a job at State Farm, that interview was in his office. I was a small town girl in a big city, so my mom came with me to the interview (unheard of, I know). While we were sitting in the lobby, she said, "I think I just saw Gene Carroll walk by." Well, I got the job and then got to work in Gene's office. He was one of the best bosses I ever had -- high standards and a big heart. I'm so glad I got to know him and several of his family members. You're all in my thoughts and prayers.

Cathy Schwamberger - June 30, 2016 at 04:25 PM

JM

“ My deepest condolences to the entire Carroll family. I have too many memories of Gene to list. I still remember my State Farm interview with him, Angelo Mazza, John Schneider and Ed Weidmann. He gave me a tour of Riverview after the interview. That was August 18, 1983. I was so excited when I left him, I drove my sister all the way to Peoria, IL for lunch to celebrate her birthday. The memory is still as vivid as the smell of him popping popcorn for the office and the heavenly aroma that filled our parking lot when he'd come in at 5 am to start cooking our holiday lunch. By the time we arrived at 8am, the odor of the parking lot was heavenly. I enjoyed every trip to your cabin for our all management staff meetings. We had a ball. I even remember sitting in his room at a claim conference and him having Mrs. Carroll sing Danny Boy for the group. I never knew how he kept driving into the north side of the city every day all the way from Romeoville and then Shorewood. But, it was because he loved what he did and enjoyed the people he worked with every day. Thanks for sharing him with us. I know he will be deeply missed. God bless and strengthen you all during your time of bereavement.

- Jewel Martin-Smith

Jewel Martin-Smith - June 30, 2016 at 11:51 AM