



## Eugene "Gene" Westhoven

June 11, 1940 - February 14, 2015

Eugene (Gene) Richard Westhoven, 74, of Napoleon passed away Saturday Feb. 14, 2015 at Defiance Mercy Hospital. He was born June 11, 1940, in Liberty Center, Ohio to Francis and Alta (Faeth) Westhoven. Gene is survived by his wife Janet (Wagner) Westhoven, four children, Brad Westhoven (Karen), Brian Westhoven (Jackie), Michelle Drewes (Brian), all of Napoleon, and Cheryl Kirk (John) of Avon Lake, OH, eight grandchildren, Morgan Westhoven, Max Westhoven, Jessica Westhoven, Greg Westhoven, Caroline Drewes, Will Drewes, Abigail Kirk, and Aubrey Kirk. He is also survived by his brothers, Donald (Katie), William, Gerald (Alma), Paul (Joanne), Anthony, and sisters, Mary Ann Widdowson (Richard), Virginia Fetter (Don), Catherine Thompson, twin sister, Norrine Hoeffel, and sister-in-law, Jean Westhoven. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother James, sister-in-law, Ann, brothers-in-law, Joe Schuster, James Thompson, and David Skilling.

Gene was a member of the Rotary Club, Elks Lodge, Knights of Columbus, and St. Augustine Catholic Church. He graduated from Liberty Center High School in 1958. He attended International Business School of Fort Wayne and Bowling Green State University. During his career, he was deputy engineer in Henry County and Paulding County. He owned and operated Okolona Lumber Company, Defiance Building Center, and Midwest Wood Trim. He loved golfing, taking care of his family's lawns, and spending time with his family. Visitation will be held from 2-8 pm Tuesday, February 17 at Rodenberger

Funeral Home in Napoleon, with a Rosary being recited at 7:30 p.m.. A mass of celebration will be held at 11:00 am Wednesday, February 18 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Napoleon, celebrant Fr. Doug Garand. Interment will follow at St. Augustine Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Augustine Catholic Church and School. Online condolences may be made at [www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

BF

“ Aunt Janet and family -- warmest sympathies to all. May Uncle Gene rest in God's peace, and may that same peace enfold you during this time.

*You all remain in the prayers of the monks here.*

*Br. Francis (Craig) Wagner, O.S.B.  
Saint Meinrad Archabbey*



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**Br. Francis** - February 17, 2015 at 05:56 PM

BA

“ Dear Jan and family , WE WILL MISS THAT SMILE . Our deepest sympathy to you and family. He was a true friend with a loving personality. BOB & FRAN ARVAY

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**BOB ARVAY** - February 17, 2015 at 05:17 PM



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



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February 17, 2015 at 10:49 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" Westhoven.*



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February 17, 2015 at 10:38 AM



“ *Had lots of good times at Liberty Center High School and I enjoyed working with you on one of our class reunions. My deepest sympathy to Janet, May God see you thru this.*

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**Connie Favorite** - February 17, 2015 at 10:12 AM



“ *We send our sincere sympathy in the passing of Gene. May fond memories help you thru the days ahead. Our love, Tom and Susie Snyder*

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**Tom & Susie Snyder** - February 17, 2015 at 10:04 AM



“ *The Luttrell Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Eugene "Gene" Westhoven.*



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**The Luttrell Family** - February 17, 2015 at 09:54 AM



“ Janet and family...miles away and hearing the news about Gene saddens us. Remembering all the fun times at Wayne Park and so happy we have those memories. Sending big hugs...Rog & Cathy Hefflinger

Cathy Hefflinger - February 17, 2015 at 07:36 AM



“ With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" Westhoven.



February 17, 2015 at 02:57 AM



“ SANDRA WAGNER purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Eugene "Gene" Westhoven.



SANDRA WAGNER - February 16, 2015 at 09:57 PM



“ My sweet Westhovens - we are sending you all so much love! I am certain he and my Dad are having a cold one together! When I think of how much time we all spent together growing up in Napoleon, I can still hear your Dad's laughter! He loved being a part of the action! God bless all of you! Love from the Lenhart's and the Carey's! xoxoxoxoxo

Regina Carey - February 16, 2015 at 04:30 PM

DB

“ *My deepest sympathy to Jan and the rest of the family. I have the fondest memories of all the good times we all shared with Gene.*

Debra Bernath - February 16, 2015 at 04:14 PM

TF

“ *The Gary Bechstein Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eugene "Gene" Westhoven.*



The Gary Bechstein Families - February 16, 2015 at 02:33 PM

JR

“ *Dear Jan and Family,  
My sincere sympathy for your loss. I had the pleasure of knowing Gene for many years and always held him in high regard. Needless to say countless waves and nods were exchanged over the years as I traveled Wayne Park Drive en route to County Road M1! He will be missed.*

*Sincerely,  
John B. "Ben" Reese*

John B. Reese - February 16, 2015 at 12:56 PM



“ *Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" Westhoven.*



February 16, 2015 at 11:04 AM

AG

“ Our sympathy to Jan and family. I have so many sweet memories of Gene. He will be missed!

Amy Grooms - February 16, 2015 at 10:58 AM

NT

“ NAD Adhesive Team purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Eugene "Gene" Westhoven.



NAD Adhesive Team - February 16, 2015 at 09:49 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" Westhoven.



February 16, 2015 at 09:17 AM

NH

“ My deepest sympathy to Jan and family;prayers are with you...Gene was a most loving,kind,gentle.and funny twin brother. I loved being around him for he always made me smile;even broke out in laughter many times. He had a wonderful sense of humor.getting together with Gene and Jan always meant for a good time. I will miss you Gene.....I may have come into this world a little before you,but you made it to heaven before me.!!Please put a good word in for me and I will meet you in paradise. I know our Heavenly Father will say to you....A job well done my good and faithful servant.

norrine hoeffel - February 15, 2015 at 08:47 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" Westhoven.



February 15, 2015 at 07:14 PM



“ Mark Yarnell purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Eugene "Gene" Westhoven.



Mark Yarnell - February 15, 2015 at 05:45 PM



“ RIP to my Godfather....I am glad you got to come see my father one last time a month before Dad died.....my condolences to my Godmother Janet and family.....

Mark Yarnell - February 15, 2015 at 05:30 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" Westhoven.



February 15, 2015 at 04:19 PM

JC

“ *My deepest sympathy.*

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**judi cotter** - February 15, 2015 at 09:12 AM