

## Gene Monson, 75 ✓

July 11, 1940 - Oct. 7, 2015

IRWIN — Edwin "Gene"

Eugene Monson, was born on July 11, 1940 to Swen Edwin and Edna Mae (Poynter) Monson. He attended Irwin-Kirkman Community School where he played football, basketball, baseball, ran track and was also active in FFA and 4-H. He graduated with the Class of 1958. In September of 1959, Gene was inducted into the United States Army and served actively for six months at Fort Leonard Wood, MO and Fort Dix, NJ before being released to the Iowa National Guard.



Gene was married to Charlene Kay Elmquist on March 6, 1966 and together they bought a 320-acre farm south and east of Irwin, where Gene spent his life farming. They were blessed with two sons: Jason and Jeffrey. Gene served on various boards involving the church, school, farming, and community organizations, and was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran, serving as president, trustee, deacon, and usher. In 1972, he, along with three others, bought the Crouch Elevator in Irwin, renaming it to Farmers Elevator. Gene enjoyed his morning coffee, hunting, golfing and especially enjoyed attending any sporting event to watch his grandchildren participate. Gene died on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at Elm Crest Assisted Living having attained the age of seventy-five years, two months and twenty-six days.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Charlene. He is survived by his sons, Jason Monson and his wife Michele of Irwin and Jeff Monson and his wife Kristen of Urbandale; five grandchildren: Alana, Eli, Owen, Acacia "Casey", and Reese; brother Cyrus Monson and his wife Marolyn of Irwin; special friend Myrna Havick; other family members and friends.

The 10:30 a.m. funeral service was officiated by Pastor Ron Rasmussen on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin. Music was provided by musician Nancy Larson and vocalist Richard Van Gundy. Honorary casket bearers were Keith Jensen, Richard Sorenson, John Villegas, Mike Fara, Bob Burton, and Ted Sieck. Serving as casket bearers were Cy Monson, Eric Monson, Dave Monson, Lonnie Benson, Lynn Benson, and Toni Elmquist. Burial was held in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin.

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