



Eugene H. Ritter

November 18, 1927 - July 30, 2024

Eugene H. Ritter, 96, husband to Marianne C. Ritter, and patriarch to a family of 80 souls, went home to the Lord on July 30, 2024.

Gene was born on November 18, 1927 in Evansville to the late Joseph J. and Blondina (Effinger) Ritter. He was a veteran of the United States Army and had worked as a tool and process engineer for Whirlpool Corporation for over 30 years prior to retiring in 1984. Gene was a lifetime member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vanderburgh County. He was a member of the Knights of St. John, St. Joe Men's Club and was a founding member of the St. Joe Athletic Club.

He also belonged to Twin Towers, VFW and American Legion.

Gene was a hard worker and a Mr. Fix It for family and friends. Rarely was there a problem that he could not solve.

Gene's lasting legacy is his river camp, which he had for 77 years. The family grew up at the camp, enjoying boating, swimming and fishing. It is the glue that keeps this extended family so close.

In addition to his river camp, he loved hunting ducks and deer. He, his sons and friends built a hunting lodge in Perry County, Indiana. Gene loved the hunting lodge, even after he no longer hunted. He would always say when you

returned from your hunt: "Tell us your story".

Surviving are his wife of 70 years, Marianne (Otte) Ritter; daughters, Janet (Rick) Niehaus, Diane (Mark Eubanks) Miller, Joann (Mark) Johns and Linda Ritter; sons, Steve (Lisa) Ritter, Dan (Mary) Ritter, Tom (Julie St. Clair) Ritter, John (Jennifer) Ritter, David (Stephanie) Ritter and Jim Ritter; twenty one grandchildren, Matthew Ritter, Jamie (Kevin) Horn, Derrick Niehaus, Laura Niehaus, Kevin Niehaus, Lisa (Ben) Boggs, Brian (Abbey) Rickey, Lisa (Jason) Ragle, Eric Miller, Danielle (Gary) Tepool, Andrew (Megan) Ritter, Joe (Peyton) Ritter, Michael (Emily) Ritter, Mark (Paulina) Ritter, Katie (Brett) Cummings, Kris (Katie) Ritter, Kayla Ritter, Kearstyn (Michael) Weber, Myranda (Derek Feld) Ritter, Alex (Chanice) Johns, Blake (Megan) Johns; and twenty-four great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Gene was preceded in death by two sisters, Mildred Gerteisen and Agnes Ritter, by five brothers, Urban, Carl, Lawrence, Oscar and Bob Ritter, by son-in-law Rick Miller and by great-grandson Oliver James Tepool.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vanderburgh County, Rev. Eugene Schroeder officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Joseph Church Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 7:00 PM on Friday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 9:00 AM until service time on Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 6202 W. St. Joseph Road, Evansville, IN 47720.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 6202 W. St. Joseph Road, Evansville, IN 47720.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Church Cemetery

6202 W. St. Joseph Road
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN 47712
(812) 423-6471
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<https://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>

Visitation

AUG 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church (County)
6202 W. St. Joseph Road
Evansville, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church (County)
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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eugene H. Ritter*



Pierre Funeral Home - August 01, 2024 at 10:46 PM

MR

John, Jenny, David, Stephanie and the rest of the family. I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for your family that all your happy memories will give you comfort and peace.

Marla Riggs - August 02, 2024 at 09:30 AM

JE

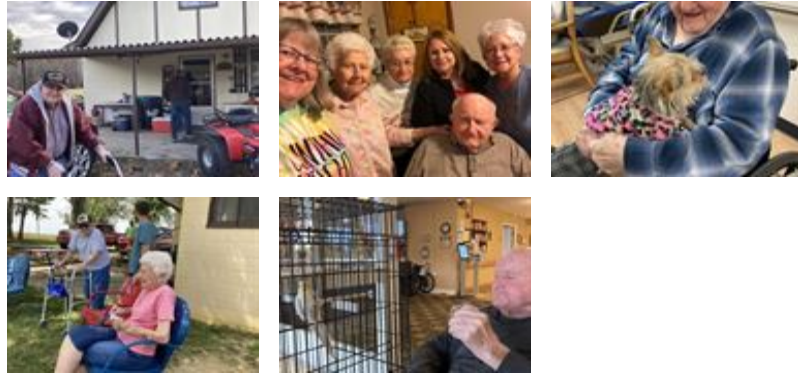
“ *Dear Marianne and Ritter Family,
We are so saddened to learn of Uncle Gene's passing. So many sweet memories of the Ritter Camp days. It was always a good day of laughter and sharing with family. Gene had a personality bigger than life and loved his family and his many friends. He will be so missed, but knowing he has arrived at his final destination surrounded by his loved ones in heaven is comforting.
Grace and Blessings,
Much Love, Bill, Janie and Jill Endress*



Janie Endress - August 14, 2024 at 11:41 AM



“ 56 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - August 02, 2024 at 12:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eugene H. Ritter.



August 02, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ 55 files added to the album *Diane's Photos*



Diane - August 02, 2024 at 10:38 AM



“ 236 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - August 01, 2024 at 06:35 PM



“ *Tom and Julie and the Ritter Family,
We are so sorry for your loss of your Dad and
keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. We
know that River Camp was very special to all
of you. We understand your pain and pray for
peace. Much love and many hugs. Barb Daum, Julie Buse and the
Daum Family*



Barb Daum - August 01, 2024 at 03:01 PM

PW

“ I was shocked to see this in the paper this morning. He was just so full of life, full of energy and love of family and friends, I thought he would live forever. He always had a kind word for everyone, and I know that family (and the river camp) was his life. He used to visit me when I had my business in Evansville, bring me a bottle of homemade wine, and talk about how things are going. He was always more interested in how I was rather than talking about himself. My car broke down in his driveway, he lent me one of his cars, and when we returned, my car was fixed and ready to go. Would not take any payment for fixing it. That was what I remember about him. His heart. I know you all must be hurting right now, and am so sad for the loss of such a good man. To the entire Ritter family, be well and know you are very much loved PW

Patrick Weber - August 01, 2024 at 12:58 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugene H. Ritter.



August 01, 2024 at 11:10 AM

KW

“ Dan,
My sincerest condolences to you and your family.
Kevin Wassmer

kevin wassmer - August 01, 2024 at 08:39 AM

VW

“ Vickie and Mark Williams purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Eugene H. Ritter.



Vickie and Mark Williams - August 01, 2024 at 08:13 AM

DG

“ Dan and family,
Condolences on the loss of your father. May you find peace in your memories. God bless all.

Doris Goodman - August 01, 2024 at 07:40 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Eugene H. Ritter.



August 01, 2024 at 07:18 AM

JM

“ John and Karmen Mueller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eugene H. Ritter.

John and Karmen Mueller - July 31, 2024 at 06:56 PM

JM

“ *John and Karmen Mueller purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Eugene H. Ritter.*



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