



Eugene C. "Gene" Horn

December 30, 2019

Eugene "Gene" C. Horn was born on January 17, 1929 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and was born to Edward Horn and Helen Busch of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and passed away on December 30, 2019. He was 90 years old. Gene attended St. Frederick Grade School in Cudahy, WI. He graduated from St. Francis Minor Seminary in 1947. After high school he was employed by Gimbel's department store and Doerman Shoe company, until he was drafted into the Army in January, 1951. He was assigned as a truck driver, mostly transporting prisoners in the Korean War. Upon his return in the summer of 1953, he attended Marquette University College of Journalism and graduated in 1957.

Gene became a part time reporter for the Milwaukee Sentinel during his time at Marquette. Some of the highlights of his time being a reporter include: interviewing celebrities such as Robert Mitchum, Jimmy Stewart, and June Allyson. He even had the opportunity to fly with the Blue Angels during a demonstration flight.

Gene met the love of his life, Mildred Schneider, in May 1958. On Christmas day that year they were engaged and were married that following August of 1959. He worked briefly as a public relations assistant at International Harvester Company.

Gene and Mildred welcomed their first and only child, Peggy, in August of 1960. Shortly thereafter Gene became the Associate Editor at the Catholic Herald. He retired from his career as an Editor after 38 years, in 1998. Unfortunately, that same year, he lost his dear wife, Mildred.

During his retirement, he enjoyed writing a monthly column for the Catholic Herald. He was an avid reader and crossword puzzle enthusiast, as well as an active member of his church, St. Roman Parish. He especially cherished his time with his four grandchildren, Pamela, Devin, Thomas, and Michaelle, and his three great grandchildren, Kalysta, Marshall, and Mason.

Gene will be remembered for his zest for life, his passion for journalism, and his devout Catholic faith, but it will be his unending love for his family that will be his lasting legacy.

Visitation Monday, January 6, 2020 at ST. ROMAN CHURCH (1810 W. Bolivar Ave) from 4:00 – 6:00 PM followed by a Celebration of Mass of Christian Burial at 6:00 PM. Entombment Tuesday, January 7 at St. Adalbert Cemetery at 12:30 PM. Please meet at the office.

Cemetery Details

St. Adalbert Cemetery

3801 S. 6th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53221

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St Roman Church
1810 West Bolivar Ave
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53221

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 6. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Entombment

JAN 7. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

“ I met Gene Horn when I was a student intern at the Catholic Herald newspaper in Milwaukee. I was hired right out of college and had the pleasure of working with Gene for over 6 years. Gene was one of my favorite coworkers. He was smart and sharp. He taught me a lot about newspaper production and journalism which made me a better graphic designer and communicator.

Gene was always smiling. His funny sense of humor was really something else. Gene's laugh was more of a giggle, as if he were up to something. He had signature “Geno-isms” like: “What an operation!” and “Zip it!” and calling Ethel Gintoft, “Mother”. I don't recall Gene ever losing his cool.

Outside of the “Liquid Lunch” at Butch's tavern with the Print Shop boys, one of my fondest memories of Gene was the time he “saved my hide”.

I had gone into Ethel's office to retrieve her “boom box” to play a music cassette tape while we worked. She was not in, but I figured I'd put the player back at the end of the day. I touched the extended radio antenna with my finger and “TINK!” The top segment of the antenna fell clean off! I was mortified! With wide eyes, I bee-lined to Gene's desk. Seeing the look on my face, he asked, “What's wrong?”

In a panicked whisper, I told Gene what happened. He laughed and laughed! Mournfully, I went back to my desk, sure I was going to be fired from my first professional job.

15 minutes later, with a great big smile, Gene placed Ethel's radio on my desk, antenna intact! Unbeknownst to me, he had taken the radio down to maintenance. There they slid the top segment into the third segment and secured it with a touch of solder. It looked good as new!

I was so grateful for Gene. He had a way to made everything okay

again. He was a good guy.

Over the years, I would catch a glimpse of Gene walking his dog through the neighborhood. I would see him at St. Roman's Parish during their festival or serving at a funeral. I loved chatting to catch up with him.

I am so sorry for the family's loss. Gene loved each of you so very much. May you all be comforted knowing we will all laugh again with Gene in the Lord's Kingdom one day.



Cheryl Michalek - February 14, 2020 at 03:34 PM

PN

“ *I will never forget your laugh and your willingness to be silly with us, you always told the best stories and had the kindest heart. You will forever be missed, I love you Grandpa* ❤️



Pamela Nourse - January 06, 2020 at 12:42 AM

DN

“ GRANDPA

If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane, Id walk right up to heaven and bring you home again.



Devin Nourse - January 05, 2020 at 09:40 PM

DM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dorothy Molling - January 05, 2020 at 05:21 PM

DM

Gene was really a special member of St. Roman's. He was there every day preparing for Mass and always could be relied on to assist anyone .He participated in numerous parish activities and was very generous with his time and talents. He will be sorely missed.

Dorothy Molling - January 05, 2020 at 05:30 PM

FJ

“ *From your friends of almost 60 yrs. Alice & Joyce purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Eugene C. "Gene" Horn.*



From your friends of almost 60 yrs. Alice & Joyce - January 05, 2020 at 10:35 AM

DR

“ Uncle Gene, you old goat you! Enjoyed getting together every year at Spring Garden for breakfast and a lively conversation during my annual trip to see the WI family. Was always a good time and good for several laughs. Wonder what he said about me in his book? Said he devoted a full chapter to me!

dave reichl - January 04, 2020 at 10:23 PM

DR

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



dave reichl - January 04, 2020 at 10:19 PM

JR

“ Uncle Gene was such a good writer. When I was in a High School writing class, I had a poem rejected twice by the teacher. Then Uncle Gene helped me write it (he basically rewrote it for me) and it was not only accepted but published in the school's book of student writings. I will always remember Uncle Gene as a very giving and caring man.

Janet Reichl - January 04, 2020 at 09:24 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugene C. "Gene" Horn.



January 02, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugene C. "Gene" Horn.*



January 02, 2020 at 02:27 PM