



Eugene J. "Gene" Dondlinger

March 6, 1940 - April 19, 2026

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Gene on Friday, April 24, 2026, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Mary Catholic Church in Shickley, Nebraska, with Father Harlan Waskowiak presiding.

Praying of the Rosary will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2026, before the funeral mass.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with family present from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, Nebraska.

Graveside Services with Military Honors will be held following the funeral mass at the St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in rural Shickley, Nebraska.

Memorials are to be directed to the Shickley Community Foundation.

The Funeral Mass will be livestreamed on Farmer & Son Funeral Home's YouTube Page. Click this link or copy and paste in your web browser: <https://www.youtube.com/@FarmerSonFuneralHome>

Eugene John "Gene" Dondlinger was born on March 6, 1940, to Harry and Marie (Kamler) Dondlinger on a farm near Shickley, Nebraska, where he

continued to live his whole life, farming with his father and then on his own. He was the youngest of three children in the family. He passed away on April 19, 2026, at Legacy Square Nursing Home in Henderson, Nebraska, at the age of 86 years, after two years of struggling with dementia.

Eugene was baptized, received first communion, and was confirmed at the Turkey Creek St Mary Catholic Church near Shickley, Nebraska.

Gene attended rural school in District #92 and #48 until fourth grade and then attended Shickley Public School, graduating with the class of 1956. Math was his favorite subject in school. Sports were his favorite activity, participating in baseball, basketball, football, and track.

Gene joined the Army Reserve with training in ammunition. His reserve unit was activated during the Vietnam War, and his six-year commitment to the reserves was fulfilled before his 295th unit was deployed to Vietnam. He was a member of the Shickley American Legion Post #164 in Shickley.

He met Judy Lance from Hardy, Nebraska, when she came to Shickley to teach school. They were married at St Joseph Catholic Church in Superior, Nebraska, on August 3, 1964. They welcomed three children into their lives through adoption: Ted in 1968, Sam in 1970, and Micki in 1974.

Farming and sports were Gene's passions. He especially liked track and softball. He helped design and build a track and field training facility at Shickley Public School. He coached girls' softball and played fast-pitch softball as a pitcher for many years.

He began his running career when he was 38 years old, participating in two marathons, 14 half-marathons, and 100 ten-kilometer runs, setting goals for himself until he was 75 years old.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Marie Dondlinger; sister, Dora Jane Watmore, in 2017; and brother, Jerome Dondlinger, in 1998.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Dondlinger; children, Ted (Kara) Dondlinger of Omaha, Nebraska, Sam Dondlinger of Valentine, Nebraska, and Micki (Randy) McKibbin of Bayard, Nebraska; 8 grandchildren, Nolan, Evan, and Avery Dondlinger, Cameron Jarosik and Thorn Dondlinger, Mitchell, Carlie, and Shelbie McKibbin.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Rural Shickley, NE

Previous Events

Family Present for Visitation

APR 23. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home
242 N 10th Street
Geneva, NE 68361
(402) 759-3617
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

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Farmer & Son Funeral Home YouTube Livestream

APR 24. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Rosary

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Mass Of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

CR

“ *Caleb Rippe lit a candle in memory of Eugene Dondlinger*



Caleb Rippe - April 29 at 07:48 PM

PR

“ *Pam Rose lit a candle in memory of Eugene Dondlinger*



Pam Rose - April 25 at 12:00 PM



“ *50 files added to the album Flower Arrangements*



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - April 24 at 03:05 PM

KE

“ Kamler Family (Mike, Kim, Stacy, Eric) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eugene J. "Gene" Dondlinger.

Kamler Family (Mike, Kim, Stacy, Eric) - April 23 at 03:49 AM

KE

“ Kamler Family (Mike, Kim, Stacy, Eric) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eugene J. "Gene" Dondlinger.



Kamler Family (Mike, Kim, Stacy, Eric) - April 23 at 03:49 AM

PF

“ Paul & Shelly Baunert and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Eugene J. "Gene" Dondlinger.



Paul & Shelly Baunert and family - April 22 at 07:47 PM

PF

“ Paul & Shelly Baunert and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eugene J. "Gene" Dondlinger.

Paul & Shelly Baunert and family - April 22 at 07:47 PM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Eugene J. "Gene" Dondlinger.



April 22 at 05:15 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Eugene J. "Gene" Dondlinger.



April 22 at 12:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eugene J. "Gene" Dondlinger.

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eugene J. "Gene" Dondlinger.

April 22 at 11:48 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Eugene J. "Gene" Dondlinger.



April 22 at 11:48 AM

DE

“ Donna E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eugene J. "Gene" Dondlinger.

Donna E. - April 21 at 05:40 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Eugene J. "Gene" Dondlinger.



April 21 at 04:12 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eugene J. "Gene" Dondlinger.



April 21 at 03:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eugene J. "Gene" Dondlinger.

April 21 at 03:20 PM

AF

“ AL, Becky & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eugene J. "Gene" Dondlinger.

AL, Becky & Family - April 21 at 02:56 PM

AF

“ AL, Becky & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Eugene J. "Gene" Dondlinger.



AL, Becky & Family - April 21 at 02:56 PM

TD

“ The Westside High Counseling Department purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eugene J. "Gene" Dondlinger.



The Westside High Counseling Department - April 21 at 02:53 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Eugene J. "Gene" Dondlinger.



April 21 at 11:18 AM

LM

“ Dear Family, I am so sorry for your loss. When I was in the county assessor's office Gene would often stop in to see how I was doing or just to say hi. Often times our conversations would be about farming! He truly was a great person, and I so looked forward to those "drop-ins."
Anyway, I just wanted to share that with you....Lynn Mussman

Lynn Mussman - April 21 at 09:26 AM

DW

“ Dave and Lois Wegner we had many good and funny experiences with Gene and Judy especially in softball and them enjoying how Dave Coached he helped us in our teaching careers as a faithful Shickley fan and school board member sorry for your loss and ours

David Wegner - April 21 at 09:24 AM

SF

“ I am sorry for the loss of Gene. He was a kind caring loving man. My condolences to his three kids, his wife Judy and all of his grandchildren. The town of Shickley will miss him also.

Susan Foster - April 20 at 05:08 PM

AF

“ Judy and family, we are so saddened by the death of Gene. When I spoke to you on Saturday I wished later that I had given you a big hug and to tell you that you are in our prayers.

Arlyce Friesen - April 20 at 02:49 PM