



## Eugene Gene Weisbeck

August 17, 1922 - May 4, 2014

Eugene Weisbeck, 91, Bismarck, passed away peacefully on May 4, 2014, in the comfort of his home with his loving wife, Lillian, and family by his side. Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 8, at the Church of Ascension, 1911 S 3rd Street, Bismarck, with the Rev. Msgr. Jim Braaten as celebrant. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday evening at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, with a rosary and vigil at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue at the church one hour prior to the Mass on Thursday. Gene was born August 17, 1922, on the family farm six miles northeast of Hague, ND. He was the youngest son of John and Katherine Geffre Weisbeck. On April 8, 1947, Gene married Lillian Schmaltz at St. Aloysius Catholic Church near Hague. They farmed in the Hague area until his retirement in 1978, at which time they moved to Bismarck. For over 60 years, Gene's love of music has brought joy and entertainment to thousands of people, from barn and house dances, to wedding dances and anniversary celebrations. In 1975, he was selected to represent the Germans from Russia at the National Folkfest at the Smithsonian Institute Music Festival in Washington, D.C. In 1978, he represented the United States at the International Polkafest in Kilzbuhele, Austria. In 1999, Gene was inducted into the Dakota Musicians Association Hall of Fame.

Gene also enjoyed watching baseball, playing cards, bowling and playing horseshoes. In 2000, he participated in the World Horseshoe Tournament in

Bismarck. He was a lifetime member 66 years of the Hague Knights of Columbus, and the North Dakota Musicians Union and a 33-year member of the Bismarck Eagles. Gene is survived by his wife, Lillian; six children, Dan, Jamestown, Terry Della, Sun Lakes, AZ, Tim Deborah, Sacramento, CA, Chuck, Oakland, IA, Julie Larry Schindler, Mandan and Allen Nancy, Bismarck; one sister Gertie Johnson, Seattle, WA; eight grandchildren, Taylor, Omaha, NE, Macy, Fargo, Laine Mallory, Omaha, NE, Daniel, Jamestown, Waylen, Santa Cruz, CA, Michael fiancée Brianna, Bismarck, Adam, Syracuse, NY, Benjamin, Bismarck; and six great-grandchildren. Gene was preceded in death by his parents; his three brothers, Matt, Sebastian, and Peter; four sisters, Sr. Benigna Helen, Sr. Armella Margaret, Loretta Turner and Mary Kocher; and one daughter-in-law, Inez Weisbeck.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Terry & Della and all the Weisbeck family. We send our deepest sympathy and are keeping you in our thoughts as you say your good-byes to your beloved husband, father, and grandfather. May your hearts heal and know he is in a special place, hugs!

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**Floyd & Laurella Weninger** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Weisbeck Family, Please accept our deepest sympathies at the death of your husband/father/grandfather. We have many special memories of your family, as all of you were my students in my first year of teaching. I easily visualize your country home near the school where I taught. We also loved to attend the dances and hear the music played by your dad. How fun it will be to hear polka music in heaven! May God Watch over all of you in the days ahead. Your teacher, Loretta Welk-Jung and Ollie Jung

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**Loretta Welk-Jung** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Al, Nancy, and complete Weisbeck family, Our prayers and blessings are with you in this time of loss. It is my opinion that somewhere in God's vast heavenly domain there must have been the need for some polka music and fun. Eugene will answer that call. As a friend, and college roommate of Al's, I was able to enjoy Eugene and the Bubbling Quintet on several occasions. Great memories! Please hold those great memories close. With sincere condolences, Kent Judy Greff

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**Kent Greff** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM