



## Gene W. Bauer

December 24, 1927 - January 5, 2018

Sutton resident, Gene Bauer, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend passed away January 5, 2018, at the Sutton Community Home at the age of 90.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at the Federated Church in Sutton with Rev. Mary Scott officiating. Interment will follow at the Sutton Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday, from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m., with the family present from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family to be designated later.

Gene was born in Sutton and was a life-long resident of Sutton, a community he truly loved. He was born on December 24, 1927, to Leslie and Freida (Wahl) Bauer. He received his education in Sutton and graduated from Sutton High School in 1946. He enlisted in the US Army in September 1946 and served in the Far East Occupational Forces in Okinawa, Japan. He was honorably discharged in February 1948. On returning to Sutton he was employed by his father and worked with his brother Roger in the family hardware store, Bauer Hardware.

On June 18, 1950, he was united in marriage to Donna Lee Sundberg in Polk,

NE. To this union three children were born, Glenn, Leanne, and Gary.

In 1951, Gene began his career at the Sutton Post Office as a substitute rural carrier. He rose through the ranks and became Sutton's 15th Postmaster in 1971. Gene retired on January 1, 1988, after 16 ½ years as Postmaster and had a total of 39 ½ years of Civil Service and Military Service.

Gene was a member of the Federated Church in Sutton serving on several boards and singing in the choir. He was a member of the Odd Fellow Lodge, the Masonic Lodge, and Sutton American Legion. As a member of Boy Scout Troop 164, he attained the rank of Life Scout where he also was an assistant Scout Master. He was also Cub Master for the Sutton Cub Scout Pack. He served as City Clerk, hunting safety instructor, and 25 years as a Volunteer Fireman. He was a charter member of the Germans From Russia Chapter in Sutton. Gene was one of the organizers of Sutton's Horse Shoe Bend Golf Course and he was very active in fundraising for the Fox Hollow Golf Course. Along with Roger Sheridan, Dr. Larry Barbee, and Beth Bartell, Gene was instrumental in raising funds for the Civil War Memorial statue that stands in the Sutton City Park.

He is survived by his wife, Donna of Sutton; children, Glenn and wife Sheila of Omaha, NE; Leanne and husband Howard of Arvada, CO; Gary and wife Jenni of Hastings, NE; grandchildren, Tyler and Emily Alton of Arvada, CO; Crystal, Allie, and Tanner Bauer all of Hastings, NE; brother, Roger Bauer of Lincoln, NE; sister-in-law, Lurette Sundberg of Chocktaw, OK; and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, infant brother John Leslie, infant sister Donna Mae, and brother Gerold.

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ *When I visited Sutton over the holidays, I asked a friend about Gene. Since I left, he has remained one of those people I often think about and whose health I wished for. Gene and Donna were two of the sweetest people I knew in Sutton. As a stranger, new to town, they invited me into their home and made me lunch. They always made me feel welcome and loved. Gene: I thank you for the lasting impression you created that will continue to stick with me. Donna: My sincerest sympathies for you. Sending my love to you and your family during this time.*

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**Kris Moody** - January 11, 2018 at 06:02 AM

VK

“ *So sorry to hear about Gene's passing. Wonderful, caring person - a blessing to those around him. Prayers to the Bauer family at this time and in the days ahead.*

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**Vicki Kraai** - January 10, 2018 at 09:52 AM

MF

“ *Gene should be an inspiration to all. He was a good friend to Dad (Charlie) and was there with me in the last hours before dad had past. My daughter looked up to him as her 2nd (Grandpa) when dad was gone. You should all be proud to of had him as a husband and father. Gene my friend, "We Will See You When We See You" God Bless You !!!!*

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**Mike Finley** - January 09, 2018 at 06:52 PM

JW

“ Donna, Glenn, Leanne, Gary & families,  
Mere words do not do justice to honor Gene's life and his memory.  
Only Gene ever called me "sunshine" with sincerity so I felt I was a  
bright light. I believe that was one of his many gifts... making  
everyone feel they were special. Please know Casey, Emilie, Tristan  
and I send our love and prayers. Love Jill (Sundberg) & Casey  
Warren

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**Jill & Casey Warren** - January 09, 2018 at 05:08 PM

RA

“ Your Dad did many things for your community. A great example for  
all of us. So sorry for your loss. Prayers sent to your family.

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**Renee Asche** - January 09, 2018 at 10:38 AM

JR

“ Donna, Glenn, Leanne, Gary and families:  
So sorry to hear of Gene's passing. Heartfelt condolences and  
prayers go out to your family from mine.

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**John Roemmich** - January 09, 2018 at 10:16 AM

AR

“ So sorry to hear Gene passed away. I will never forget when my  
wife Ruth and I were married I went to the post office to get the mail  
and I was approached by Gene and coworker Dick Merrick asking  
where are the cigars. A few days later I walked back in the post  
office with 2 foot long cigars for them. I can still hear them laughing.

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**Arthur Roemmich** - January 09, 2018 at 10:12 AM

KJ

“ Condolences and prayers to Donna and family.

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**Kathy Johnson** - January 09, 2018 at 08:19 AM

TF

“ We are so sorry to hear about Genes passing. Gene was such a great friend of Charlies, and very dear to Jordane , Whenever he would see Jordane he lit up, always had the best hugs and smile on his face. Gene was very special , and will be greatly missed . Thinking of all family . Love Finley Family

The Finleyfamily - January 08, 2018 at 08:37 PM

KP

“ Sorry Bauer family to hear of your loss of a very special man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Kirk and Marie Pope - January 08, 2018 at 02:13 PM

KM

“ I was so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. What a genuine man he was. He always had a smile on his face and kind words for everyone. He was a faithful friend to Mom and Dad. Much love to you all.

Kathy Syring Marr - January 08, 2018 at 12:48 PM

TW

“ So sorry to hear of Gene's passing. He will truly be missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Tom & Chris Wiard - January 08, 2018 at 08:30 AM

BA

“ Glenn and Leanne, My deepest condolences for both of you at this hard time. Although I never met your father I know he must have been a great man to turn out fine children like you. May God be with you during this difficult time. Bob Amsberry

Bob Amsberry - January 08, 2018 at 05:59 AM

BC

“ Gene was such a great person. He always had a way of making people smile. Heaven will be an even better place now.

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**Becky Johnson Cary** - January 07, 2018 at 09:12 PM

SS

“ *Bauer Family. I am so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. When I think of him , it's always a smile and makes me smile. So many wonderful memories. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers for comfort during this difficult time.*

*Love,  
Suzanne Gemar Sapp*

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**Suzanne Gemar Sapp** - January 07, 2018 at 08:43 PM

MT

“ *Dear Donna and family,  
I am heartbroken to hear of Gene's passing. He was always so welcoming and sweet to our whole family. A true gentleman and kind soul with a great (wicked!) sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by so many. I am glad I knew him. Love and hugs to the whole family. Melissa and Michael Todora*

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**Melissa Todora** - January 07, 2018 at 08:21 PM

MN

“ *Donna, Glenn, Leanne, Gary and families,  
My deepest sympathy to your family during Gene's passing. He Truly was a great guy and I always enjoyed my visits with him and Donna. His laugh and genuine caring for everyone he came into Contact with, was made him such a special person. He truly will Be missed.*

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**Mel Nuss** - January 07, 2018 at 05:27 PM

OS

“ Sorry for your loss. A real family man. We are honored to have met him. Such a blessing in his family's life.

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**Orville and Makayla Seger** - January 07, 2018 at 05:26 PM

MN

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**Mel Nuss** - January 07, 2018 at 05:25 PM

DL

“ Glenn, Keanna and I are so sorry for your loss.

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**Dennis Leonard** - January 07, 2018 at 04:31 PM

DH

“ Glenn & Sheila,  
We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. Or thought and prayers are with you in this difficult time.

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**Dan & Cristi Hagedorn** - January 07, 2018 at 03:43 PM

JL

“ We are so sorry to learn of Gene's passing. He always had a smile and a good story to tell. He will be missed by all.

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**Jean and Marilyn Laffitte** - January 07, 2018 at 02:55 PM

MB

“ *Our deepest sympathy to you and your family Glenn!*

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**Mark and JoAnn Brown** - January 07, 2018 at 02:29 PM

PS

“ *Oh the memories of coming over to your house and playing. And he would always get a laugh when I would call mom, asking for mom, at the post office. Prayers to all the family. What a special friend of mom and dad's. God's peace and comfort to you.*

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**Paul Syring** - January 07, 2018 at 02:06 PM

SF

“ *Glenn and Sheila'*  
*So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. We know he will be missed by both of you and by the community. May God be with you during this time.*

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**Steve and Susan Frack** - January 07, 2018 at 01:33 PM

SR

“ *Dear Glenn, Sheila & Family,*  
*What a wonderful memorial story on your Dad, Glenn.*  
*We certainly understand what a fine man that he was, as he raised such fine children. You're all in our thoughts & prayers and we'll be thinking of you as you celebrate Gene's life.*  
*Love, Sue & Rod*

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**Sue & Rod Rowland** - January 07, 2018 at 01:16 PM

GS

“ We're so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. He was like a 2nd father to me growing up. We always loved his jokes and stories. He was a great person who didn't have anything bad to say of anyone. He will truly be missed.

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**George Syring** - January 07, 2018 at 01:12 PM