



## Eugene C. Eldredge

September 9, 1926 - September 30, 2021

ADRIAN – On Thursday, September 30, 2021 Eugene C. Eldredge, age 95, of Adrian passed peacefully after a brief illness.

Eugene was born on September 9, 1926 in Adrian to Gertrude H. (Hibbs) & Ormond K. Eldredge. He attended Adrian HS, graduating in 1944. After graduation he enlisted in the US Navy and served aboard the Battleship USS North Carolina. He was present in Tokyo Bay for the surrender of Japan. Upon returning home he attended Michigan State University, graduating in 1951 with a BA.

Gene was employed at Tecumseh Products for most of his professional career, retiring in 1987. He was an avid antique car collector and enthusiast, belonging to several local clubs. His greatest pride and joy was the acquisition of The Dynamic Kernal Grist Mill at Macon, Henry Ford's last hobby project. It took years to restore it to Henry Ford's original design. – "What a beautiful place to live."

Gene was preceded in death by his wife Cecelia Sneyd Gauss. They were married in 1987 and he often said that "she was the best thing that ever happened to him". They enjoyed traveling, visiting over 28 countries together. Additionally preceding him are his mother and father, and three brothers, David, James, and Edward.

He is survived by members of his stepfamily, Gordon & JoAnn Gauss; Gordon Gauss II and Gillian Roddan, his grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Eugene was a regular attendee of The First Church of Christ, Scientist. - "To everything there is a season."

Interment will be private at the family plot in Oakwood Cemetery. A memorial gathering and reception for Gene will be held on Friday, October 8, 2021 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian. A time of sharing will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Friday.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in memory of Eugene C. Eldredge to the American Diabetes Association. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

East Siena Heights Drive  
Adrian, MI 49221

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

OCT 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

The Heritage Room at Wagley Funeral Home  
1501 West Maumee Street  
Adrian, MI 49221

## Time of Remembrance

OCT 8. 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Eugene C. Eldredge

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ We are very sorry we will not be able to attend Gene,s memorial service because our daughter Angie will be in surgery most of that day in Toledo and we have to be there. with her We do and will always miss Gene. You could not know him and not be impressed with what a fine gentleman he was. His kind is always missed. Our sympathies Charlene and Bill De Mots

**Charlene and Bill De Mots** - October 07, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Eugene C. Eldredge.



October 06, 2021 at 03:02 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Eugene C. Eldredge.



October 05, 2021 at 04:58 PM

JY

“ You will be so missed. Now my dad (Howard Chaffee) has someone to play with in heaven. Such good memories of us visiting Babe and Celia at the cottage. My children Matt and Sarah loved having rides on the jet ski, and sitting on the merry-go-round lion as well as sliding down that huge slide in the lake! He taught mom how to make bears which I proudly have custody of a number of them. Finally, he is ever present in my house with two of his mothers beautiful paintings hanging in prominent locations. I will so miss his newsy.....perfect penmanship.....Christmas card notes. You were a fun character just like my dad. I will miss you!  
Most Sincerely,  
Janet (Chaffee) Yuknas

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Janet Yuknas - October 05, 2021 at 02:39 PM

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“ R.I.P. Gene buddy, My friend of 60 years.  
Claude Walker

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claude walker - October 04, 2021 at 03:37 PM

CW

“ R I P Gene buddy, my friend of over 60 years.  
Claude Walker

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claude walker - October 04, 2021 at 03:27 PM