



Dr. Eugene Leroy VandenBoss

July 16, 1941 - January 23, 2026

ADRIAN- Dr. Eugene Leroy VandenBoss, age 84, of Adrian, Michigan passed away on Friday, January 23, 2026, at Promedica Charles and Virginia Hickman Hospital.

Gene was born on July 16, 1941, in Flint, MI, the son of Roy Miller and Edna Kathrine (Pinckney) VandenBoss. Gene enjoyed learning and had an inquisitive nature from a young age. Musically inclined, he played the baritone through high school and kept on going all the way through college. He attended the University of Michigan - Flint for his bachelor's degree; and obtained his master's degree and PhD in Mathematics from Michigan State University.

On June 18, 1966, Gene married Nancy Carol Stokoe in their hometown area of Flint, MI. They made an excellent team raising their children and creating many family memories over the years. Gene had a love for the outdoors and enjoyed spending time out on the water. The family had many boating adventures, including canoeing and water skiing. Many of the lakes and rivers from Lenawee County all the way to Houghton Lake, MI have had the VandenBoss family enjoying the outdoors. Their family camping trips started with everyone helping to set up tents and get the area ready for the campfire. As the years progressed, so did their camping gear, with the Alaskan Wilderness being their favorite trailer in the final years. Gene had a great eye for photography, originally starting out as a hobby and then transitioning this skill into commercial photography while in college. He worked at Hicks Studio

while going to college.

Dr. VandenBoss was a professor of Mathematics at Adrian College for 36 years. During his time at AC, he was involved in setting up the original computer lab with Dr. Bill Craft. Gene encouraged the students to push themselves and supported them in their quest for knowledge. He retired in 2004 and was proud of all the advancements he was a part of while at Adrian College.

In addition to his wife of 59 years, Carol, he is survived by their children, son, Allen Leroy VandenBoss and daughter, Joanne Cay Martz; grandchildren, Andrew L. VandenBoss, Kaylyn R. Tabaka and Carolyn A. Martz; and sister, Maxine H. (Peter) Henning. Gene was preceded in death by his infant son, Vernon Lee VandenBoss.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2026, from 5 to 7 PM at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian; and again, on Friday, January 30, 2026 from 10 to 11 AM. Funeral services will begin at 11 AM on Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be private at Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the John R. Dawson Scholarship at Adrian College.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

East Siena Heights Drive
Adrian, MI 49221

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
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Visitation

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Funeral Service

JAN 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am so saddened to hear of Gene's passing. I will always be grateful for the support he provided to me during my early years at Adrian College. Thank you so much, Gene, for having such a positive impact on my life. Beth Lamprecht

Beth Lamprecht - January 29 at 08:19 PM

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“ Dr. VandenBoss was a game changer for me at Adrian College in the late 70s. I was in a beginning algebra class, and not before had I understood how to solve algebra. His booming voice and large writing on the board were so helpful. I know he probably helped many others at much higher levels, but for me, it was the first time I could say, "I did it!" Thank you. Best wishes to his family, colleagues and friends. - Lisa Neuman

Lisa Neuman - January 28 at 12:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Eugene Leroy VandenBoss.



January 26 at 11:58 AM