



## Gene C. Luce

December 18, 1937 - July 16, 2023

BLISSFIELD – Gene C. Luce, 85 of Blissfield, died Sunday, July 16, 2023, at Ebeid Hospice in Sylvania.

Born December 18, 1937, in Blissfield, he was the oldest son of the late Elwood and Beatrice (Birchfield) Luce. He was a graduate of Blissfield High School and played basketball as one of the Sugar Boys. A proud veteran, Gene served in the United States Navy for 8 years during the Vietnam War. On December 28, 1984, Gene married his high school sweetheart, Barbara Hammons, and she survives.

Gene retired from the Adrian Water Plant after 35 years of service. He was a life member of the Adrian VFW as well as a faithful member of Elem3nt Church. Most rewarding to Gene were the 20 years he ministered to countless families as a chaplain at Bixby Hospital.

In addition to Barbara, his wife of over 38 years, he is survived by their children: Steve (Sandy) Grodi, Doug Grodi, Sandy Knierim, Mary Beth (Denny Rayoum) Schwamm, Derrick Luce, Kevin Luce, and Hope (Jason) Hecht, 14 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren with 2 more on the way, and a nephew, Kim (Deb) Luce.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Jan Luce, and a daughter Debbie Grodi.

Funeral services will take place Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the Elem3nt Church in Blissfield with Pastors Gayle Ruble and Ned Newlin officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery with military honors by

American Legion Post #325. Visitation will take place at Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel in Blissfield on Wednesday, from 3 to 8 p.m., and again Thursday at the church from 10 a.m. until the service at 11 a.m. Donations in memory of Gene may be made to Ebeid Hospice. Online condolences and memories are welcome at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant View Cemetery

9175 E. US 223  
Blissfield, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **19**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel (Blissfield)  
301 S. Lane St.  
Blissfield, MI 49228  
(517) 486-2133  
[info@wagleyfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@wagleyfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

## Visitation

JUL **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Elem3nt Church  
220 East Jefferson Street  
Blissfield, MI

## Funeral Service

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JUL **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Elem3nt Church  
220 East Jefferson Street  
Blissfield, MI

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to learn of this. He was a great man.

Frank & Donna Riley - July 19, 2023 at 06:02 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gene C. Luce.



July 18, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gene C. Luce.



July 18, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gene C. Luce.



July 18, 2023 at 05:47 AM