

September 23, 2014

The Life of Eugene Luce

Services for Eugene Luce, 92, of Groton will be 11:00am., Tuesday, September 23rd at the United Methodist Church, Groton. Rev. Matt Richards will officiate. Burial with military honors will follow in Union Cemetery.

Gene died September 20, 2014 at his home, surrounded by his family.

Eugene Carl Luce was born on May 2, 1922 to Vern and Jennie (Jorgenson) Luce. He attended school in Putney and enlisted in the US Marines in June of 1942. He served in WWII from 1942-1945 in the Pacific Theater. Gene served as a corporal until his honorable discharge in November of 1945. Gene returned to Minnesota and worked various jobs before returning to the Groton area. He was united in marriage with Ruby Hofer on June 15, 1957 at the United Methodist Church in Groton. They made their home in Groton and were blessed with three daughters. Eugene worked as a mechanic at the Ford Garage and Truck Center. He also did some tree cutting on the side. After retiring, he spent his time helping on many farms in the Groton area.



Gene was a member of the United Methodist Church in Groton and the American Legion Post #39. He was a 57 year member of the post and had served as a commander. Gene enjoyed the outdoors; especially hunting, fishing, and camping. He also liked to tinker on cars. Gene especially enjoyed supporting his grandchildren in all their activities.

Celebrating his life is his wife of 57 years, Ruby, his daughters, Vicki (Bill) Podoll, of Aberdeen; Pauline Luce of Groton; Bonnie (Ron) Gemar of Mobridge and his brother-in-law, Al Tennison of Seattle, Washington. Gene is also survived by his four grandchildren: Chris (Caitlin) Podoll, Jennie Hoyle, Stephen Gemar, and Stephanie Gemar. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, three sisters, and two brothers.

Honorary Casketbearers will be the Dairy Queen coffee group.

Casketbearers will be Vernel Gookin, Terry Belden, Troy Hofer, Jerry Hofer, Chris Podoll, and Stephen Gemar.