



# Eugene "Gene" L. Ackerman

JUN 9, 1937 - SEP 21, 2015



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## Eugene "Gene" L. Ackerman

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**M**r. Eugene L. "Gene" Ackerman, age 78, died Monday, September 21, 2015. He was born on June 9, 1937 in Muskegon to David and Dorothy (Hasenbank) Ackerman, and resided in the area all of his life. Gene served his country in the U.S. Army. He was an automotive and small engine mechanic for over 60 years. Gene was a lifetime sponsor of Duck's Unlimited and lifetime member of the Muskegon Heights Eagles. He loved hunting and fishing, camping with family and friends, and thoroughly enjoyed spending time on his farm up north. On August 21, 1999, he married Joy (Walker) Opalek-Ackerman, and she survives Gene along with his three children, Kevin (Deb) Ackerman, Craig (Lori) Ackerman and Gayle Fielding all of Muskegon; 5 step-children, Gail Houghteling of Norton Shores, Susan (Mike) Reagan of Fremont, Patsy (Steve) Lamb of Norton Shores, Carol Opalek of Norton Shores and Tammy Opalek of Florida; 14 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Allen (Peggy) Ackerman of Suttons Bay, and Marshall Ackerman of Muskegon; sister, Doris Runk of Grand Haven; and many nieces and nephews. Gene was preceded in death by his first wife, Millicent in 1990; his parents, David and Dorothy; and brother-in-law, Ken Runk. The FUNERAL SERVICE will be 11AM Friday, September 25 at The Lee Chapel, 6291 S. Harvey St. (231) 798-1100. Visitation with the family will be 2-4 & 6-8 PM Thursday at The Lee Chapel, and 1 hour prior to the service from 10-11AM Friday. Burial will take place in Sunrise Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Wounded Warriors Project or Charity of Choice will be appreciated. Share memories with the family online at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com).



## Events

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### Visitation

 **Thursday**, September 24, 2015

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



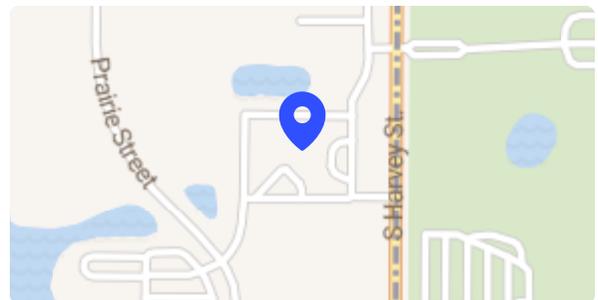
### Visitation

 **Thursday**, September 24, 2015

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

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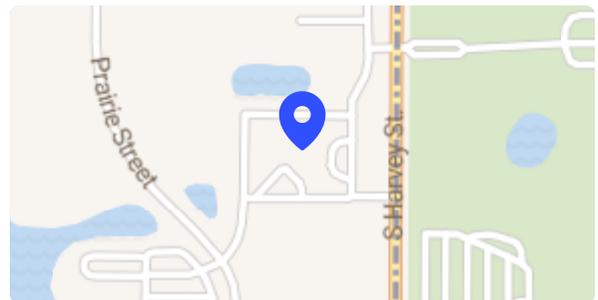
### Visitation

 **Friday**, September 25, 2015

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

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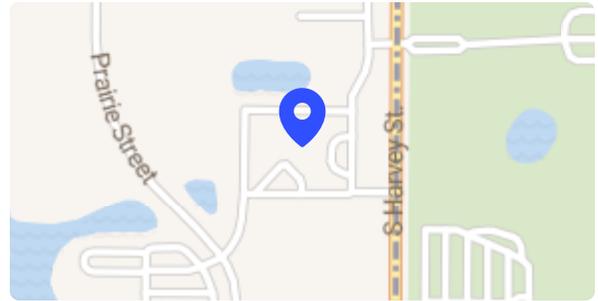
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## Cemetery Details

 **Sunrise Memorial Gardens**

2188 Remembrance Dr., Muskegon MI 49442





## Tribute Wall

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**Larry Vanderstelt** posted:

Our family has many happy memories of spending time with Gene and the family at his parent's farm and at family activities. I remember many happy hours spent with Gene in the woods, hunting and fishing and shooting the breeze, including one memorable week when we were stuck in a blizzard and had to shovel our way out inch by inch! He will be missed! I wish I could be there to help celebrate his life, but I just had major surgery and am unable to travel at this time. Blessings on you all, Larry Vanderstelt

September 24 at 2:30 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Eugene "Gene" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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