



Eugene "Gene" Maycroft

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Mr. Eugene C. "Gene" Maycroft, age 87, passed away late Tuesday evening, May 3, 2011. He was born March 28, 1924 to Harrison and Grace (Ward) Maycroft in Muskegon, and lived most of his life in the Muskegon area. Gene worked at Teledyne Continental Motors for 30 years before retiring, and was a WWII U.S. Army veteran. He was a talented singer and musician, and was a square dance caller for many clubs for over 60 years. He and his wife founded the Maycroft Square Tappers over 55 years ago; which became internationally known allowing the Maycrofts to travel the world and touch multitudes of young lives with their entertaining. He remained active with the group until his death. When he wasn't entertaining he retreated to his Dance-a-lot stomping grounds. Gene was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. On September 6, 1946 he married Alice M. Thornberg, and she survives him along with 5 children, Jerry Maycroft of Muskegon, Randal (Leslie) Maycroft of Minnesota, Debra (Thomas) Bolthouse of Maryland, Nanette (Dave) Gonzales of Muskegon, Kathy (Dan) Kammeraad of Zeeland; 15 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren; 1 brother, Ron (Jeane) Maycroft; 1 sister, Dorothy Frizzel, 2 sisters-in law Betty Maycroft, Donna Schippers. He was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Walt, Glenn, and Don; and 1 sister, Mary Kelly. SERVICES will be 3:00 PM Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3225 Roosevelt Rd., with Rev. Dennis L. Lassanske officiating. Burial will take place at Sunrise Memorial Gardens. VISITATION at The Lee Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. 6291 S. Harvey St. (231) 798-1100 will be from 5:30 – 8:00 PM Friday, and 1 hour prior to the service at the church. You may sign the family's on-line guest book at www.sytsemafh.com Due to Mrs. Maycroft's allergies to flowers, please consider green plants or contributions in Gene's memory to Trinity Lutheran Church, or the Maycroft Square Tappers.



Events

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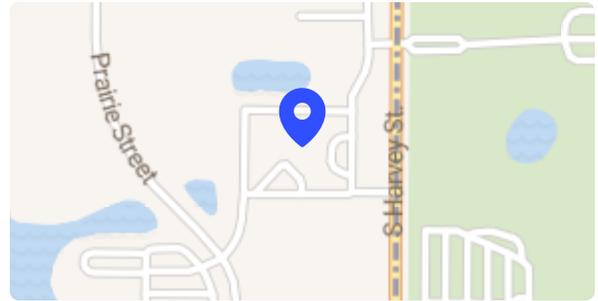
Visitation

 **Friday, May 6, 2011**

 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous posted:

May God comfort you at this time. We have many good memories. Lake harbor Grange, back in our 20`s. Excellent callers, and so much fun!##imported-begin##Bob and Corky Medendorp##imported-end##

May 10 at 3:24 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mr.Eugene "Gene" Maycroft was the best person that I ever meet. I will miss him very much.I rember when the Maycroft Square Tappers came to Grand Rapids and did a show there. My brother Greg Wiseman's family was invloved with the Maycroft family a lot and I was glad that I was able to see him and that I got to meet Gene Maycroft.##imported-begin##John Dietrich Meinhardi##imported-end##

May 10 at 5:09 AM



Anonymous posted:

So sadden by Gene's passing. We are so thankful for all that Gene and Alice shared with us. We met as young children in the Maycroft Square Tappers and have been married now for 25 years with two beautiful children. Gene was a wonderful person with an amazing outlook on life. Rest in peace and love to his family.##imported-begin##Mark & Monica Chartrand##imported-end##

May 9 at 1:32 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Alice & Family,We are saddened to hear of Gene's recent passing. We wish you comfort and peace in this difficult time. We will always remember Gene fondly.With love, Dick & Anita Wheaton##imported-begin##Richard L Wheaton & Anita DeBor-Wheaton##imported-end##

May 7 at 8:23 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Very fond memories of Gene and all the Maycroft Family. My daughter Katie Patterson really enjoyed Square tapping. She Broke her leg and was unable to dance for years. She went on later in High School to Sing and dance with the Allegro's and received a Music scholarship award because of her talent. She also won the National Piano Scholarship Teacher's Award in Piano. She played Flute also. Her love for dance and music I believe was a result from her experience's at a young age with your family and their dedication to the fine art of Square-tapping and Music. Gene will be fondly remembered by all who knew Him and his family. Thank-you all for sharing your family with us.##imported-begin##Karay and Gary Patterson##imported-end##

May 7 at 7:43 AM



Anonymous posted:

Aliceand family,I am sorry that Gene has passed he was a great man and a funny man as well we will miss him and his laughter. My sorro is with you, sorry I can not make it to the wake due to working at 5-12. I will pray for him and you guys.##imported-begin##Bridgette Wolgamott (Flatt)##imported-end##

May 6 at 1:02 PM



Anonymous posted:

My prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##LaNisa Kelly##imported-end##

May 6 at 11:28 AM



Anonymous posted:

Our sympathies to Alice and family. We have nothing but wonderful memories of Gene and all of the Square Tapper Family. Thanks for sharing and making us an awesome part of history. It makes us happy to know that there will be square dancing in Heaven!! We love you all. The Ensign Family##imported-begin##Michelle Ensign-Schultz##imported-end##

May 6 at 6:59 AM



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Anonymous posted:

We will miss the man whose voice launched more than a thousand feet. Gene was a man that loved his family, dancing, music, and children. We can take comfort that he is now at home with our Lord and probably calling a set into motion. We will miss you Gene.##imported-begin##John Gallagher##imported-end##

May 6 at 6:47 AM



Anonymous posted:

Thinking of you.##imported-begin##Martha Ann & Alton Piegols##imported-end##

May 6 at 4:57 AM



Anonymous posted:

I will never forget my time as a Square Tapper. Thank you for wonderful memories.##imported-begin##Tami Ward Strodbeck##imported-end##

May 6 at 4:50 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Alice and family, Please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of Gene. I first met Gene in 1966 when I took square dance lessons with my dad at McGraft Park. In later years my son was a square tapper for a few years and I came to know and admire both of you and your dedication to square dancing and the children you worked with. When I met my husband Tom, one of the first questions I asked him was if he was related to Gene. (He is, but as he explained it, he's from the "Ravenna Maycroft branch of the family.) Tom and I now live in Florida where we still square dance and I have often thought of my first lessons from Gene. At one dance someone asked us if we were related to the group that they had seen dance at one of the national conventions. Our thoughts are with you in your loss. Tom & MaryAnne Maycroft##imported-begin##MaryAnne Hartman Maycroft##imported-end##

May 6 at 1:45 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Aunt Alice and Family, I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Uncle Gene. I remember him as such a nice man and I'll always remember him calling square dances. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of deep loss. May God be with you in a special way at this difficult time. With love, Barb (Glenn's daughter)###imported-begin###Barb Vander Werf###imported-end##

May 5 at 7:59 PM



Anonymous posted:

Alice, Nanette and extended family. Our prayers go out to you for joy and peace during this time. My life will always be filled with the memories that the Maycroft family has given me. thank-you. Gene has surely left a breathtaking heritage to his generation. May that blessing alone lift your spirits. Love and prayers, LeRoy, Sarah, Addy, Brea, Caley, Dayna, & Sam###imported-begin###LeRoy and Sarah Miller###imported-end##

May 5 at 10:01 AM



Anonymous posted:

Gene made all of us smile, laugh, but most of all shine. Muskegon, Michigan, and the whole world was blessed by him and his dedication to the children.###imported-begin###David Miller###imported-end##

May 5 at 9:30 AM



Anonymous posted:

We called him daddy, we called him grandpa, best of all we called him a friend! Gene was one of the greatest men I have ever known. He took a group of kids and turned them into shining stars. Each one was special to him. My fondest memory is the Square Dance Conventions where he would work us all into a sweat, with his "do se do to the left, ala man thar to the right and dont forget to get those knees up!" He was the best and will be greatly missed!###imported-begin###Christine Drzewicki-Terpenning###imported-end##

May 5 at 8:48 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Gene was always so full of life, Always smiling and carefree, Life loved him being a part of it, And we all loved having the honor of him being a part of ours. I am sure he is already calling a square dance up in heaven!!! Much Love, Thoughts and prayers are with you all!!!##imported-begin##Susan Rollenhagen (Mayette)##imported-end##

May 5 at 6:52 AM



Anonymous posted:

My heart goes out to the entire Maycroft family which also includes the Square Tapper family. We have all lost a great man and he will be forever missed. Gene and Alice made a difference in my life as well as so many other lives of the children and families who were honored to be a part of Maycroft Square Tappers. I am proud of the time I spent with that group of wonderful people. I feel lucky to have been able to know Gene. I am sure he is in Heaven with all his old records, even the ones that skip, and is calling for Square Dances up there. Every time it storms I will be thinking of Gene calling those square dances and getting the group to get those knees up high. We all loved you in life and will love and miss you in death. Tears are not shed for you because we know you have gone on to a wonderful place but tears will be shed for our own loss. Love to Gene and Love to his family.##imported-begin##Angel (Thomas) Carr##imported-end##

May 5 at 6:27 AM



Anonymous posted:

Aunt Alice and Family, We love you all. Uncle Gene will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I will forever rememebr Uncle Gene calling the dances for the Square Tappers. Love, Micah And Becki & Kids##imported-begin##Becki Mosher##imported-end##

May 5 at 5:55 AM



Anonymous posted:

more than just a friend!! a father and granddad and great granddad to such a large extended family. you will be sorely missed! there is a little more empty space in our hearts today but we will see you again in Glory!!##imported-begin##randy woiron##imported-end##

May 5 at 4:27 AM



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Anonymous posted:

We are here for you if you need anything. Love and prayers for the whole family.##imported-begin##Nancy Graff##imported-end##

May 5 at 4:26 AM



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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