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Eugene Leroy McKee, age 89 of Newark, Ohio, passed away June 15, 2017. He was born in Newark on February 8, 1928 to Grace and Clarence McKee.

An oil man most of his working life, Gene was a former employee of the Pure Oil Company in Heath, OH until transferred to a new Union Oil facility near Chicago. With the opening of a Quaker State refinery in Newell, WV in 1971, Gene joined the management team as Superintendent of Operations and remained there until early retirement in 1987 at which time he returned to Newark. He joined the staff of Longaberger Golf Club in Nashport, Ohio as a starter upon its opening in 1999. He loved working there and greeting all of the golfers until retiring in 2010.

Gene was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Newark for 67 years. He was also a member of Newark Lodge #97 F&AM for over 50 years; and a long-standing member of Elks Lodge 391, where he spent many mornings playing euchre with his friends.

Mr. McKee is survived by his wife of 66 years, Betty Lavelle McKee. He was the father of twin daughters, Jeanne Elliott (James T. Jr) of Basking Ridge, NJ and Jayne Hire (W. Jeffrey) of Dublin, OH. He was very proud of his five grandchildren, Katherine Elliott Adams (Dr. Jacob) of Sausalito, CA, James T. Elliott III (Jenna) of New York, NY, Patrick M. Elliott of San Francisco, CA, W. Andrew Hire (Katie) of Columbus, OH and Allison Hire Riebe (Andrew) of Chicago, IL. He was also very fond of his five great grandchildren, Ellie and Tyler Adams, Eliza and McKee Hire and Charles Riebe. He leaves a sister, Mrs. Thomas (Olive Ann) Gordon; a brother-in-law, William Lavelle (Virginia); and several nieces and nephews.

Those to precede him were his brother and sister-in-law, Donald W. and Barbara McKee; brother-in-law, Thomas Gordon; and a niece, Laurie McKee Hughes.

Calling hours will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 19 at Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, 1850 West Main Street, Newark.



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Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 20 at First United Methodist Church, 88 N. Fifth St., Newark with Rev. Steve Rath officiating. Burial will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Friends are invited to attend a celebration of life at 1:00 p.m. in the Grill Room of Elks Lodge 391, 73 N. Third St., Newark.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the First United Methodist Church of Newark, OH or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).



Tribute Wall

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MS

Mike Shrider posted:

To: Jeanne and Jayne I have so many fond memories of working with your Dad, starting at Pure Oil and then at Quaker State. Thanks to your Dad he made it possible for twelve Pure Oilers to join him at Quaker State. For many years we enjoyed getting together twice a year as the Pure Oil Retirees, what great fellowship we had remembering the past stories of the refinery days. I remember the two of you going with Doug LeMasters and myself to see Elvis in Pittsburgh and again to see the Pittsburgh Steelers, I remember how cold it was! Im so sorry that Daryl and I were out of town when Gene passed away. I also have fond memories of your Mom Betty. If you are ever back in Newark we would like to meet up with you both. Take care! Mike

June 11 at 1:26 PM

DS

Daryl & Mike Shrider posted:

Daryl and I were so sad to hear of Gene's passing. We were out of town and regret we were unable to attend the funeral. I have many memories working with Gene both at Pure Oil and Quaker State. Our prayers go out to Betty, Jeanne, Jayne and family.

July 1 at 5:44 AM

LG

Lucinda Garven posted:

Sorry i was unable to attend the funeral for Gene. I really miss all the family reunions and Saturday nights at grandmas house. Betty, Jeannie and Jayne sending prayers to all. Please stay in touch as there is not much family left. Wish i could of seen you all. I will miss Gene alot. Lucinda Huston-Garven poohsaphilifan@yahoo.com

June 24 at 7:24 PM

GW

Greg Wince posted:

Such a kind, wonderful gentleman. He graciously helped me in the orientation of our duties at the Longaberger Golf Club. Gene was so well-liked and respected by the staff.

June 21 at 10:56 AM

DC

Debbie & Dave Coventry posted:

Jayne, We are very saddened to hear about the loss of your father. Please extend our sympathy to your mom and the rest of your family.

June 19 at 2:27 PM



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MC

Marty Chaney posted:

Jeanne, I'm so sorry to hear of your father's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

June 18 at 4:34 PM

NK

Nancy & Phil Kreager posted:

Olive Ann & Family, We are so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. May God's love make your grief bearable.

June 18 at 12:51 PM

MS

Marsha Stagers posted:

May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.

June 17 at 5:39 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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