



Laurin Eugene Hedrick, Jr.

December 28, 1933 - November 10, 2016

Laurin Eugene Hedrick, Jr. "Gene" was born December 28, 1933 in Kansas City, MO to Laurin Sr. and LaVerne Lea. He died on November 10, 2016 in Vancouver, WA. He was preceded in death by his daughter Lori in 1976. He is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Judie. His children Mike (Julie), Lisa (Pete), Linda (Mike) and Lynn (Scott). Grandsons Jered, Neil and Alex; Granddaughters Amy (Bryan), Robyn (Greg), Renee, Lindsey (Alex), Violet, Mia, Summer and Shaye, and great Granddaughters Caydence and Paisley. Gene graduated from Grant High School in 1952 and joined the Army, serving in the Korean War. He graduated from Portland State University in 1961 where he ran track and played football. Gene went onto teach and coach at The Dalles High School from 1961-1963, Wasco County Union High School from 1963-1971, and ended his career at Centennial High School until his retirement in 1991. Over his coaching career he coached football, wrestling and baseball and positively impacted the lives of many young people. Throughout their retirement, he and Judie enjoyed many cruises and trips around the United States, a favorite being a tour of Washington DC and Gettysburg where he finally got to visit the historical places he taught about in his high school classes. He and Judie moved to Vancouver in 2008 where he enjoyed playing golf as much as possible. He finally attained a hole in one in 2015 and enjoyed serving on the board of the men's golf club. Gene's most treasured roles were that of husband, father and grandfather. He was the most proud dad and grandpa in the world. Nothing made him happier than

spending time with his family, whom he fiercely loved and doted on. We will miss him forever. In lieu of flowers, remembrances can be made to the ARC of Southwest Washingto

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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 08:17 PM



“ To the Hedrick Family, When I think back over the years of the different gatherings with our families (from playdates to wrestling matches) I honestly can't remember a time that Gene was not smiling and laughing. The first thing that comes into my memory is his smile and laugh. At the memorial service today while overwhelmingly sad, your beautiful family, Gene's legacy, shined so brightly. I am blessed to have been a part of your lives and will cherish those memories forever. With love, Tonya

Tonya Russo Hamilton - November 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss, prayers and hugs to you Lynn and your Mom and whole family â ¸¸,

Steve & Diane Parnell - November 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ RIP coach and my condolences to the Hedrick family.

David Magallanes - November 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I will miss my old friend and teaching companion at Centennial.

Bob Black - November 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Gene was my wrestling coach 1971 to 1974. He not only coached but wrestled us. He was my weight class (skinny) and wrestled with me all the time. I saw him about five years ago at Glendoveer and golf with him. At that time he said that he still enjoyed running and looked to be in great shape. I also remember having surgery on my knee in 1973 with Mike Hedrick in the same room having knee surgery too. Many memories, rest in peace coach. The world will miss you.

John Ballard - November 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Gene was an amazing man and wonderful teacher...truly one of a kind. I am lucky to have had the opportunity to spend so much time with him over the years...he and Judie have always felt like family. I will miss his smile, endless energy and ability to tell a good (and sometimes colorful) story. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Karen Amato - November 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ thanks for all the help in high school

CarlWatts - November 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Thank you for every thing you did for me you taught a lot of life lessons had helped me through some hard times you will never know how much I respected you will be missed LOVE YOU Mr.Hedrick God bless you and you family

Kevin Benson - November 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Gene always was upbeat and purposeful. We enjoyed many conversations with him as he played his typical on-target rounds of golf. He always looked forward to activities with his family. We enjoyed his wave and cheerful hello each time he came by.. be it once, twice, or three times in a day! We will miss you Gene and send heartfelt condolences to the family

Kevin & Kathy Burton - November 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ Gene and I go way back,he was one of my favorite teacher's @CHS such a great person.We reconnected at FVW where he and I played golf together in the hit and giggle events I will miss seeing his bright smile.I'm going to miss you my friend we always had fun reminiscing about the good old days.Bob and I send our condolences to the family .R.I.P. Geneâ't,

Vickie Ray - November 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Very saddened to lose Gene! I played many rounds of golf with him here at Fairway Village and really feel I could call Gene at friend..Generous, caring guy and a true wizard with a golf club.Really thought his "chipper club" was attached to his arm. Never seen a guy that accurate and could handle it like him...Along with everyone here in the Men 's Club at FV I truly will miss him... His memory and fun stories about Gene will be here forever. My sincere felt condolences Respectfully....Leonard Bleth

Leonard Bleth - November 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM