

Gene was born on February 13, 1934, on the family farm near Tenney, Minnesota, to Herbert and Florence (Boll) Kutzer. His elementary years were spent at a nearby country school. After the country school closed, he attended Campbell Public School in Campbell, MN. Gene attended the West Central School of Agriculture in Morris, MN, where he graduated in 1952.

He married Helen Elizabeth Lehman on August 29, 1955, at St. Gall's Catholic Church in Tintah, MN. They made their home on the family farm where they raised their three children. Gene and Helen bought the farm, making him the third generation to operate the family farm. He kept up on current farming trends and was a good steward of the land. Gene retired from farming in 1996 and was proud to have played a part in a farming operation that was recognized a Minnesota Century Farm in 2007.

Gene was on the founding board of the Campbell Farmers' Elevator. He also served as a board member for the Peoples State Bank and Fairmount Farmers Union. He was a lifelong member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, where he was active on the parish council, a trustee, the maintenance committee, and usher.

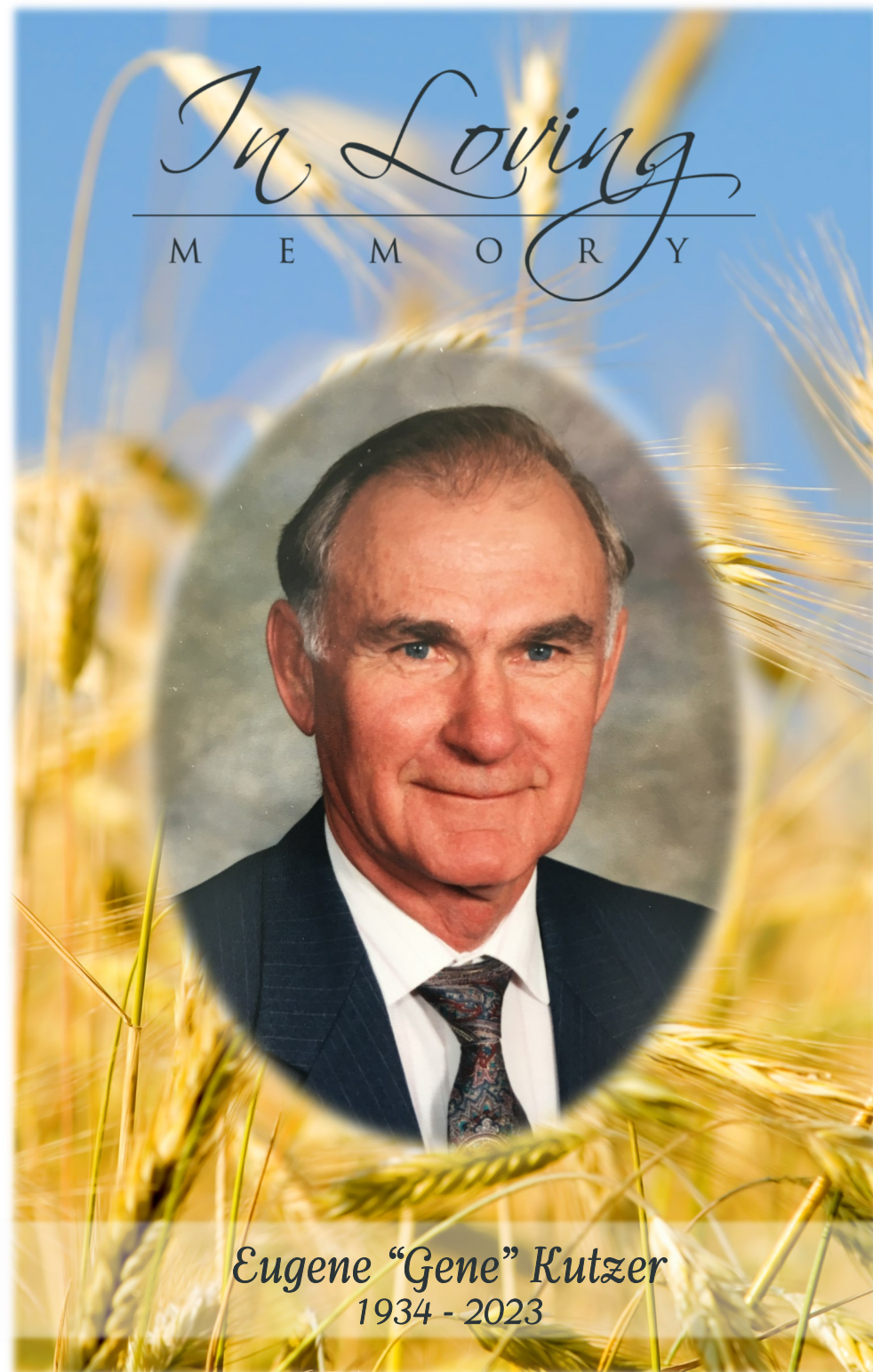
Throughout his life, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, and playing cards, especially Pinochle and Cribbage. One of his favorite pastimes was spending time with his family on Lake Lida near Pelican Rapids, MN. Gene and Helen liked traveling, especially on bus tours, where they made new friendships. He could strike up a conversation with anyone. Gene had a positive outlook on life and was known for his patience and sense of humor.

Gene is survived by his wife of 67 years, Helen; son, Wayne (Linda) Kutzer, Campbell, MN; daughters, Beverly Terhurne, Fergus Falls, MN, and Lori Kutzer (Kim Gutzmer), Mantador, ND; grandchildren, Joseph Harper, Scott (Lois) Vorachek, and Mackenzie Kutzer; great-grandchildren, Aydin Harper and Zachary Harper; sister, DiAnne (Leo) Ennen, Lake Park, MN; sisters-in-law, Janis Kutzer, Marlene Lehman, Janice (Daniel) Keller, Carol (Gene) Neyens, Eileen Hecimovich, Kathy (Kevin) Beckius; many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Herb and Florence; brothers, Jerome Kutzer and Kenneth Kutzer; son-in-law, Timothy Terhurne; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Myrtle and Paul Lehman, Sr.; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Joan Kutzer, Judy (Dan) Savage, Lawrence (Ramona) Lehman, Bernard (Rita) Lehman, Lucy McLemore, Paul Lehman, Jr., and Adelia (Jack) Stumpf.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Richland Wilkin Food Pantry and the Fairmount Fire Department.

Gene's family would like to thank the hard-working staff at St. Catherine's Living Center for their wonderful care.





*There is a time to reap what is ripe,
to bring in what is grown,
to pluck what is fulfilled.
It is time to harvest.
The Father's own Son is reaper.
The Lord is the reaper,
the one who led home the prodigal,
gathered in the lamb, and dined with sinners.
It is harvest time. Time to give thanks
that Jesus is the judge.
He will reap and He will plant;
He will harvest and He will grow;
He will plant and He will raise.
The earth is in His hands.
So are those who till and toil.
It is harvest time. Soon it will be seed time.
Jesus said so. He is in charge of the harvest.*

In Loving Memory

Eugene "Gene" Kutzer

Born

February 13, 1934 | Tenney, Minnesota

Passed Away

March 15, 2023 | Wahpeton, North Dakota

Age

89 Years 1 Month 2 Days

Funeral Service

11:00 AM | Friday, March 24, 2023

St. Anthony's Catholic Church | Fairmount, North Dakota

Officiant | Msgr. Brian Donahue

Organist | Mary Jane Pauly

Soloist

Francis "Pinky" Rubish - "Parable"

Music

"The Goodness of God" by Rhett Walker

Hymn No. 261 - "Amazing Grace"

Hymn No. 282 - "I Am the Bread of Life"

Hymn No. 327 - "How Great Thou Art"

Urnbearers

Wayne Kutzer | Joe Harper | Scott Vorachek

Interment

St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery | Fairmount, North Dakota