



Donald Gene Potterton

July 12, 1935 - January 26, 2026

Mineral Point / Dodgeville - Donald "Gene" Potterton, age 90, of Dodgeville, formerly of Mineral Point, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 26, 2026 at Lafayette Manor in Darlington.

Gene was born July 12, 1935 in Dodgeville to Glen and Myrtle (Jewell) Potterton and grew up on the family farm in rural Mineral Point. Farming was his life right until the very end. He loved a good conversation about farming and we all enjoyed every single one of his farming stories and experiences. Gene graduated from Mineral Point High School in 1953. On May 1, 1954 he married his high school sweetheart, Patricia Kinsman. They were blessed with four children. Pat was taken from him much too soon and he was left to raise his young children, with the help of his mother and mother-in-law, Edith Kinsman. On September 24, 1965, Gene married Betty Hagenston and they enjoyed nine loving years before her passing in November of 1973.

On his birthday in 1974, he married Carol Huxtable Trace and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends on July 14, 2024. This was a big milestone that Gene was so happy to achieve. His next mission was to see his 90th birthday. He met that one too and was surrounded with love of his family this past July.

Gene was an avid hunter, having taken many trips out west with his best

friend and brother, Glenn, Jr. Gene was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Mineral Point and also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He also bowled for many years, and my, did he like to have fun!

Gene is survived by his wife, Carol of Dodgeville; his children Debbie (Steve) Douglas of Grant, FL, Mick (Lucy) and Dan (Kris), Penny (Tim) Coogan, all of Mineral Point, and stepdaughter, Brenda (Bryon) Gander, of Boscobel. He is further survived by his grandchildren and their families, Troy, Travis, Tricia, Jamie, Mike, Matt, Justin, Morgan, Brady, Carly, Kelsey, Quinn, Ross, Samantha and Kaylla, along with 35 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Murphy, Monona, WI, sisters-in-law, Marilyn Trevorrow, Mineral Point, Edith Hunter, Dodgeville, Miriam Hagenston, Muscoda, Karen Wolf, Madison and Joan Huxtable, Dodgeville, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, his former wives, Patricia and Betty, his brother, Glenn, Jr., sister, Thelma Symons, granddaughters, Tracie Kahl and Tiffany Orth-Waterman, three stepsons, Brian, Brad and Bruce Trace, and great grandsons, Huxton and Brixx Potterton, as well as many in-laws.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. at the FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH in Mineral Point. Pastor Lorri McGranahan will officiate. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery. A visitation will be held on Monday from 9:00 until 11:20 a.m. at the FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

The family would like to thank Debbie James Rideout and the staffs of Agrace, Upland Hills hospital and Lafayette Manor for their exceptional care of our dad. Your kindness won't be forgotten.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the First United Methodist Church would be appreciated.

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

800 Fair Street
Mineral Point, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 9:00 AM - 11:20 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
400 Doty Street
Mineral Point, WI 53565

Service

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Tribute Wall

JA

“ To all family members, It was pleasure to be Gene’s nurse over the years, he was always very respectful to me. I’m only smile when I think of him and the memories in the clinic, as I’m sure you guys will also, take care. Jackie Austin his nurse from Family Practice Associates

Jackie Austin - February 11 at 12:53 PM

LC

“ Love Debbie & Tommy Carlysle purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Gene Potterton.



Love Debbie & Tommy Carlysle - January 31 at 09:00 PM

LC

“ Love Debbie & Tommy Carlysle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Gene Potterton.

Love Debbie & Tommy Carlysle - January 31 at 09:00 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald Gene Potterton.



January 30 at 07:53 PM

TJ

“ *Tari, Wanda and Joan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Gene Potterton.*

Tari, Wanda and Joan - January 30 at 07:53 PM

LE

“ *Love. JD, Tricia, Kellen and Eva purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Gene Potterton.*



Love. JD, Tricia, Kellen and Eva - January 30 at 06:36 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald Gene Potterton.*



January 30 at 10:15 AM

MH

“ *Mary F. Henningfield planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Gene Potterton.*

Mary F. Henningfield - January 30 at 10:15 AM

MJ

“ *My condolences to the members of Gene’s family, I may not know all of you, but I was fortunate to be able to share a small moment in time in his company.*



When I became friends with Gene's daughter Brenda in the 80's he and his wife Carol welcomed me into their home and their lives. It was a comfort for me to have a home away from home and to be able to share that with my best friend; they were extremely generous and treated me as though I was just another member of the family, and on (almost!) every Friday night they would order take-out for us from the bowling alley; those meals were the best!

Gene always had a smile and a hug for me at the ready, and his laughter warmed my heart.

I will never be able to pay back the gift of love and acceptance afforded me by him but will be forever grateful for it.

Rest in peace Mr. Gene.

Mara S. Jensen (nee Barrette)

Mara Jensen - January 28 at 06:36 PM