



## Wiley E. "Gene" Bost

November 2, 1929 - August 8, 2022

IN MEMORY OF:

Wiley E. "Gene" Bost

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

Wiley E. "Gene" Bost, 92 years young, of Murphysboro, went home to be with Jesus, at 12:41 p.m. August 8, 2022. Gene was born November 2, 1929, in St. Louis, MO to Wiley J. "W.J." and Hallie B. (Nausley) Bost. His family moved back to Murphysboro in 1935, where Gene lived out the balance of his life. Graduating from Murphysboro Township High School in 3 ½ years where he did with his life what he had always wanted to do, drive a truck and work for W.J. Bost & Sons. He married Peggy Darlene Craig, of Pinckneyville, July 12, 1949, at his parent's home, had a family and built a successful business all in his home town of Murphysboro. Peggy went home to Heaven in June, 2019, after 69 years and 11 months of marriage to wait for him there.

Gene is survived by four children, Milton Eugene "Snooks" Bost (Marcia) of Chatham, Illinois, Deborah K. Pittman (Mike), Michael J. "Mike" Bost (Tracy) and Daniel C. Bost (Judy) all of Murphysboro. Grandchildren, Dafney Bost, Dirk Bost (Jennifer), Michael Pittman (Sara), Braden Bost (Dona), Steven Bost

(Betsy), W.J. Pittman (Megan), Kasey Fred (Travis), Gavin Bost, Nathan Bost, Zachary Pittman, Kaitlin Rose (Chad), Danielle Kamerud (Andrew), Craig Bost, and Caleb Bost (Jarissel). There are twenty-one great-grandchildren with two more making their arrival in September and October. Gene is also survived by his sister, Mary Lou Roberts (Jim) of Murphysboro; sisters-in-law, Jacquie Bost, Rose Bost, Sherry Margenthaler, and Dana Epplin; and brother-in-law, Doug Lueker (Bet), along with a whole gang of nephews, nieces and cousins.

Gene served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Other than his time in the military, he spent his life dedicated to his God, his family, his business and his community. Upon his return to civilian life, Gene took over management of W.J. Bost & Sons, partnering with his parents. In the early 1960's he incorporated the business that was started in 1935, into Bost Truck Service, Inc. and Bost Parts and Service, Inc., and his brother, Bob, joined him as a business partner. That business still operates today under the ownership and management of Gene's son and nephew, keeping the family tradition going for a third generation. Gene was saved at Beaucoup Baptist Church in Pinckneyville in 1949 and joined Elm Street Baptist Church in Murphysboro shortly after, where he served as a Deacon and taught Sunday School for 65 years. In his lifetime, Gene served as a member and leader of many community organizations. He is a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Murphysboro Masonic Lodge.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Bill, Bob and J.R. Bost (infant); daughter-in-law, Debra Whan Bost; twin great-granddaughters, Hallie and Ellianna Fred; and brother-in-law, Don Margenthaler.

Visitation will be held at Elm Street Baptist Church in Murphysboro on Friday, August 12, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and again on Saturday, August

13, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Masonic rites will be held on Friday evening at 4:30 p.m. at the church for anyone wishing to attend.

A celebration of life will be held at the church on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Charles Allen and Reverend Milton Bost officiating. Interment will follow in Murdale Gardens of Memory with military rites by Murphysboro American Legion Post #127 and the United States Army.

For those who prefer, memorial contributions may be made to Elm Street Baptist Church.

Crain Funeral Home in Murphysboro has been entrusted with the arrangements.

“I’ve had a wonderful and blessed life for over 92 years. I was married to a wonderful wife for nearly 70 years and we have four successful and independent children. I’ve seen my grandchildren and many great grandchildren. It’s time to put this in the Lord’s hands.”

-Gene Bost, June 15, 2022

# Cemetery Details

## Murdale Gardens of Memory

137 Murdale Gardens Rd  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-1145  
crain@crainsonline.com

# Previous Events

## Masonic Rites

AUG 12. 4:30 PM (CT)

Elm Street Baptist Church  
1907 Elm St.  
Murphysboro, IL

## Visitation

AUG 12. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Visitation

AUG 13. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Elm Street Baptist Church  
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Murphysboro, IL

## Funeral Service

AUG 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

Elm Street Baptist Church  
1907 Elm St.  
Murphysboro, IL

## Interment

AUG 13. 11:30 AM (CT)

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[crain@crainsonline.com](mailto:crain@crainsonline.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wiley E. "Gene" Bost*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wiley E. "Gene" Bost.*



August 18, 2022 at 12:26 PM



“ *Large Heart - 'Death leaves a heartache' was purchased for the family of Wiley E. "Gene" Bost.*



August 12, 2022 at 07:51 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Wiley E. "Gene" Bost.*



August 11, 2022 at 03:24 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Wiley E. "Gene" Bost.



August 11, 2022 at 10:23 AM



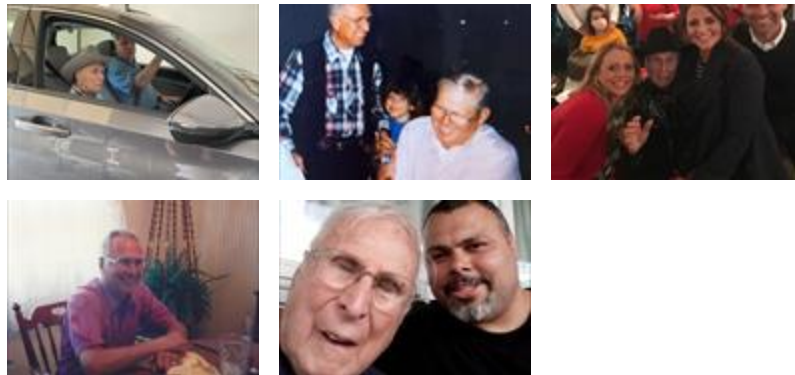
“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wiley E. "Gene" Bost.



August 11, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Milton Bost - August 11, 2022 at 08:31 AM

DP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Deb Pitman - August 10, 2022 at 10:36 PM

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“ The Belkin Logistics Team purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Wiley E. "Gene" Bost.



The Belkin Logistics Team - August 10, 2022 at 06:35 PM

RM

“ Russ and LeAnn Margenthaler purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Wiley E. "Gene" Bost.



Russ and LeAnn Margenthaler - August 10, 2022 at 05:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wiley E. "Gene" Bost.



August 10, 2022 at 05:32 PM

LP

“ Dear Mike, Tracy and the of the Bost families, sending our love, hugs, prayers and condolences for all of your great family during this time of grief over the loss of your father. We know how great this loss will be to all if you. May God be covering all of you with His Hands of loving care.

Larry & Sandy Phipps - August 10, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Wiley E. "Gene" Bost.



August 10, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wiley E. "Gene" Bost.



August 10, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wiley E. "Gene" Bost.



August 10, 2022 at 11:11 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Wiley E. "Gene" Bost.



August 10, 2022 at 09:28 AM



“ Sorry for your loss, sending prayers to the family, Clarence and Sandra Sherman,

Sandra I Sherman - August 09, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ Delbert, Barbara, Doug & Debbie Penrod purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wiley E. "Gene" Bost.



Delbert, Barbara, Doug & Debbie Penrod - August 09, 2022 at 07:35 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wiley E. "Gene" Bost.



August 09, 2022 at 05:44 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wiley E. "Gene" Bost.



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August 09, 2022 at 05:06 PM



“ Rene N Davis lit a candle in memory of Wiley E. "Gene" Bost



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Rene N Davis - August 09, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Wiley E. "Gene" Bost.



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August 09, 2022 at 03:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wiley E. "Gene" Bost.

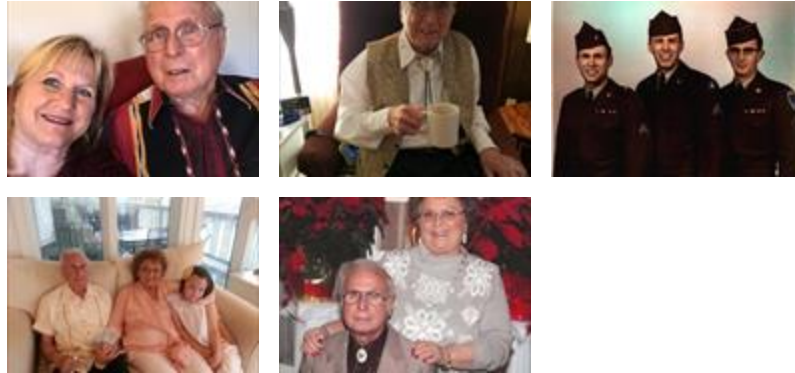


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August 09, 2022 at 03:30 PM

DP

“ 13 files added to the album Gene Tribute



Deborah K Pittman - August 09, 2022 at 03:27 PM

RK

*Prayers for the Bost Family*

*Richard and Sharon Kearney*

Richard Kearney - August 10, 2022 at 11:05 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Wiley E. "Gene" Bost.*



August 09, 2022 at 03:17 PM