

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Gene Weldon Brady

Age 90 formerly of New Hope, Minnesota went home to be with his Lord early Monday morning, March 1, 2010 at Waverly Gardens Assisted Living in North Oaks, Minnesota. He was born September, 23, 1919 in Granite Falls, Minnesota. A special thank you to the employees of Waverly Gardens, North Oaks and Health Partners Hospice for their loving care to our father.

PRECEDED IN DEATH BY

Wife, Joan Catherine Brady

Parents, George and Inez (Gregerson) Brady

Brother, Donald Brady

Sisters, Margarie Thomas and Elizabeth Brady

SURVIVED BY

Children – David Brady (Joan), Sherrie Powers (Harold Martin)

Pam Davis (Bob) and Nancy Amundsen (Kevin)

9 grandchildren – Catherine Sherman

Mark Brady (Krista), Jennifer Sides (Mark)

Patty Torkelson, Michael Powers (Michelle)

Robyn Willard (Steve), Carmella Dunnick (Tony)

Laura Schmidt (Jason), Sarah Womack (James)

19 – great-grandchildren, Tina Valsler (Sam); Cory Sherman;

Anders & Axel Olson-Brady; Emily, Madison,

Andrew & Jonathan Sides; Nicholas & Heather Torkelson;

Brandyn Powers; Kylie, Faith & Madison Willard; Eric,

Timothy, Alyssa & David Dunnick and Nicholas Womack

2 – great-great grandchildren, Sophia and Jack Valsler

Sisters, Dorothy Emeott, Colleen Smith and Sheila Crosswhite



SERVICE: Thursday, March 4, 2010, 11:00 AM

South Suburban Evangelical Free Church, www.ssefc.org
12600 Johnny Cake Ridge Road, Apple Valley, Minnesota 55124

VISITATION : Wednesday, March 3, 2010, 5:00 – 7:00 PM
Albin Chapel, 6855 Rowland Road, Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55344
and 1 hour prior to the service at church

INTERMENT: Thursday, March 4, 2010 2:00 PM
Lebanon Cemetery, Apple Valley, Minnesota

MEMORIALS PREFERRED TO
Alzheimer's Research, www.alz.org
or The Salvation Army, www.salvationarmyusa.org

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Gene was born on September 23, 1919 to George and Inez Brady at their farmhouse in Granite Falls, MN. He was the 4th child with 1 older brother and 5 sisters. He attended a one room schoolhouse until 7th grade and graduated from Granite Falls High School in 1937. He attended Dunwoody in 1938 to become a machinist. Gene worked briefly at the Ford Plant, Minneapolis Moline and in 1944, he started working for Honeywell. They offered him the opportunity to become a Tool and Die Maker working nights and attending Dunwoody days for the 18 month program. He worked for Honeywell until he retired in 1981.

In 1940, Gene met the love of his life, Joan Catherine Burke on a blind date set up by their friend. Gene said when Joan came through the door he fell in love with her before she got all the way in the door. They were married on October 16, 1941 and were married 63 ½ years before Joan passed in 2005. Their greatest pride was their family of 4 Children, 9 Grandchildren, 19 Great Grandchildren and 2 Great Great Grandchildren.

Gene came to know Christ as his personal Savior at age 16 when his family attended a revival at the Baptist church in Granite Falls. His Faith was very important to him and it showed in the way he loved, cared for and treated everyone he came in contact with.

In 1944, they purchased land in Bloomington and built their home block by block. It was a very small 2 bedroom house as Gene planned to have this as his machine shop and build another home on the lot next door. They hand pumped water until 1947 when Gene drilled a well. They purchased a cabin on Partridge Lake outside Garrison, Minnesota in 1965. A lot of hard work went into adding onto the cabin but also many special family memories were enjoyed by all.

They attended Hillcrest Methodist Church where they helped start the Methodist Youth Fellowship. They picked up kids and were known as the Brady Bus. In 1966 the family attended Oxboro Free Church. In 1969, they moved to New Hope and started attending the Crystal Evangelical Free Church. Both Gene & Joan helped with Pioneer Girls & Air Cadet youth programs. They helped start the Maple Grove Evangelical Free Church, but eventually returned to Crystal Free until health prevented their attendance. They enjoyed Bible Study with four other couples and were part of the Church Prayer Chain.

Gene loved to help his kids. He helped with Homework, Science Fair projects, put a gasoline engine & lawn mower wheels on the back of a bike, parts for a Cushman scooter, rebuilt an engine for Dave's 1953 Ford and later helped Kids with home projects like painting and wallpapering. He loved to do woodworking projects for Joan and the kids. He built shelves, rocking horses, cradles, a dollhouse and birdhouses. Gene also built a telescope and learned to make many lovely stained glass pictures. Gene was best known for 2 things, his sense of humor and his love of hats.

Shortly after Joan passed, Gene moved to Presbyterian Homes North Oaks, Waverly Gardens Assisted Living. He loved and was loved by many of the residence and all the staff.