



Eugene H. "Gene" McComsey

June 24, 1949 - March 28, 2022

Surrounded by his loving family, Eugene H. "Gene" McComsey, 72, of Mount Joy, passed away on Monday, March 28, 2022, at his home. Known as "dad", "pap", "coach" or just "McComsey" - - Gene has inspired all of us to simply "do our best" - - on and off the softball field.

Gene showed his "best" to his immediate family when he was diagnosed with stage-4 lung cancer in 2018. When many may crumble or fall apart with such an unforgiving diagnosis, Gene was practical, stoic and brave. He embraced the facts and made a clear, conscious decision that he would quietly fight and live out his days with as much buoyancy for life, humor and normalcy as he always had. During this private journey, he continued; to play basketball with his friends, whom he was so fond of, gardening, working on tasks at the cabin with his brother, Richard, (beloved Uncle Pie), helping his granddaughter with afterschool activities and math homework, walking and talking in the mountains with his daughters and Ruby (grand-puppy), and riding around in the VW, and acting like a young kid with the love of his life, Diane (Dolly). His passion to coach softball and mentor hundreds of young women throughout his career, was second to none. Inspired by his daughter Gwendolyn, Gene stepped onto the field 35-years ago...and never looked back. His coaching career included a variety of Mount Joy Athletic Association teams: The Fillies (pee wee), pre-teen and Mount Joy Blue (teeners). Additionally, he coached Hempfield Black Knights (teener), Mosby's Pub (women's league), Lancaster Catholic Crusaders (varsity), and most recently, the varsity team for the

Donegal Indians.

Gene was a graduate of Hempfield High School, class of 1967. He retired from Alcoa in 2009.

Born in Columbia, he was the son of the late Ludwig M. and Ada (Reikard) McComsey. Gene was the husband of Diane L. (Kryder) McComsey with whom he celebrated 52 years of marriage.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Diane, are two daughters; Cynthia L. McComsey of Maytown and Gwendolyn L. McComsey of Lancaster; a granddaughter, Soul L. McComsey of Lancaster; and a brother, Richard C. McComsey of Columbia. He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert E. McComsey.

A memorial service honoring the life of Eugene H. McComsey will be held at the Donegal Varsity Softball Field, 915 Anderson Ferry Road, Mount Joy on Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 3 PM. Family and friends will be received at the field before the service from 2 PM to 3 PM. Fellowship will follow the service at the Marietta Community House, 264 West Market Street, Marietta. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Gene McComsey Memorial Scholarship Fund. The annual scholarship will benefit a DHS softball player with continuing education. Checks should be payable to the Gene McComsey Memorial Scholarship and mailed to The Donegal Foundation, PO Box 495 Mount Joy, PA 17552.

Tribute Wall

FL

“ I regret I could not be there on Sunday to celebrate Gene's life with family and many good friends. I grew to know Gene along my career path at the mill. He truly did inspire all of us to "do the best" not just at work but in this life. It was a privilege to know him as a friend.

God bless and give you Peace!

Frank Lynn - May 26, 2022 at 02:32 PM

MA

“ My Uncle Gene was a hero to me when I was a kid. I have such great memories of him and his friends, Al, Reggie and Paul hanging around the house. Saturday morning was a ritual where I would help him clean his car and he would take me to McDonald's. I loved listening to his music the group Creedence Clearwater Revival. I felt like I was one of the gang. When he brought Diane around for the family to meet I knew I was in trouble. He always asked me what I thought of the girlfriends that he brought around. This time he didn't so I knew she was special. They then went on to marry and have two beautiful daughters. I know those girls were the apple of his eye. Over the years I married moved away from Lancaster then out the state and then out the country, but whenever I came back to the US and would catch up with Gene and his family it was like no distance between us. He has left behind a beautiful legacy in all the lives of the young ladies who's life he touched while coaching them in softball. He will be greatly missed by me and many others who had the privilege to have known him.

Mary Beth Atkins - May 11, 2022 at 12:16 AM

RJ

“ worked at the mill with Gene for 40 years. He was always energetic and upbeat! I enjoyed it when I would see him from time to time at the plant always with a positive personality! I played basketball and softball with him as well as several guys nights out. Praying for the family at this time as he will be remembered as a good guy and will be missed by many.

Ron Jones - April 19, 2022 at 03:41 PM

JM

“ So sad to hear the news of Gene's passing. Gene coached me for over 12 years with Mosby's Pub. He was the heart and soul of those teams. I'm sure he enjoyed our antics on the bench as our team always enjoyed "waking up the bats". He helped keep us together even after many of our players started to move onto the next phases of their lives (families, careers etc). His competitive spirit was always in full force. He very much hated to lose and so did we we were the team to beat for many years because of Gene :) I hope to continue on his great coaching legacy as I continue coaching my daughters. Thanks Coach Gene for all the wonderful memories. It was an honor!

Jamie (Russell) Middleton #20

Jamie Middleton - April 06, 2022 at 05:15 PM

MH

“ Gene, was one of the truly good guys in the LL League. He cared deeply about the kids he coached, but also the ones he coached against. It was an honor to take the field with him, and our hearts will miss him when we play this year.

*Mark Hough
Head Coach Warwick High School*

Mark Hough - April 05, 2022 at 08:17 PM

VH

“ I remember being on a softball team as a kid with Gene as the coach. He was always very kind and encouraging (even though I was pretty bad at sports) and a great coach! I'm sure he'll be very missed by his family and friends. Valerie (Ressler) Hise

Valerie Hise - April 05, 2022 at 09:24 AM

GR

“ My condolences to the McComsey family in the loss of your loved one. Gene and I go back many years from the Howmet days to our retirement in 2009 from Alcoa. Then we got to spend time together on the softball field - Gene coaching the girls and me doing my umpiring duties. Both of us loving every minute with the girls. God's blessings old friend.

Glen Rottmund - April 04, 2022 at 09:55 PM

DS

“ I've known Gene for a short time while living in Mt. Joy , Marietta area. He will be missed, the nicest gentleman a person wanted to know. Darrell Stotz

DARRELL G STOTZ - April 03, 2022 at 05:07 PM

SP

“ Sal Pantano lit a candle in memory of Eugene H. "Gene" McComsey



Sal Pantano - April 03, 2022 at 03:01 PM

SH

“ Gene was a great neighbor and an awesome person. He will surely be missed. May he Rest In Peace. Stan and Karen Haines.

Stan and Karen Haines - April 02, 2022 at 04:06 PM

BW

So sorry for your loss thinking of you and your family in this difficult time all my love

Bonnie Whalen - April 03, 2022 at 03:15 PM

AU

So sorry to the sad news of Gene's passing! I was honored to play basketball with him, admired how he handled his cancer!

We will sure miss him on the basketball court! Blessings,

Richard Rohrer

Audrey - April 03, 2022 at 07:43 PM

KB

So very sorry for your loss. Prayers to you and your family. Karen Frey blevins

karen blevins - April 04, 2022 at 09:35 AM

BM

So sorry for you and your family on your loss. Gene was truly a very special person to a great number of people. He will always live on in the many lives he has touched. Bob & Ruth Ann Myers

Bob Myers - April 04, 2022 at 09:06 PM

RJ

I worked at the mill for forty years with Gene and would see Gene from time to time. He would always have a smile and very pleasant to be around. I played basketball and softball with Gene as well as a few guys nights out. Great guy and he will be missed. Prayers to the family at this time. Ron Jones

Ron Jones - April 05, 2022 at 07:51 PM

BM

Dearest McComsey family.... I just head today about your loss of Gene, an absolutely wonderful man. I did not know Gene was sick, and we've seen you plenty of times since 2018 when he was diagnosed. But that would be just like Gene to want to keep his sickness quiet and not want that attention. I only remember of good times with Gene as we coached Mount Joy Blue for years. We had such fun coaching together. I could go on, but just wanted share how much we enjoyed your family. God's blessings to you, Pat and Barry Mowrer

Barry Mowrer - April 06, 2022 at 01:15 PM

SC

Diane my sincere condolences to you and your family. I only heard of Genes passing today. I have so many fond memories of him at Howmet/Alcoa and also when I used to go out with you two, the Kratz's and Stan Haines. Take care and God Bless❤️❤️

Stadel Cynthia - May 22, 2022 at 05:14 PM