



Eugene "Gene" Colward

October 11, 1929 - April 15, 2026

Eugene "Gene" Colward, 96, of Fond du Lac passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at the Hospice Home of Hope, Fond du Lac.

Gene was born on October 11, 1929, in Fond du Lac, a son to the late Gary and Elsie (Vandervort) Colward. In 1994, Gene married Marilyn Knutson. Marilyn preceded Gene in death in 2013.

Gene was employed by Mercury Marine for 44 years, retiring in 1992. He enjoyed motorcycling, snowmobiling, trapshooting, sharpshooting, photography and videography. Gene was a proud, lifetime member of the NRA.

Gene is survived by his three nieces, Kelly (Mark) Wischnefski, Vicki Ford and Jodie (Rick) Schneider, many great-nieces and nephews and friends.

In addition to his wife and parents, Gene was preceded in death by an infant brother, Donald Colward in 1928 and his brother, Ronald "Bink" Colward in 2021.

SERVICE: A Mass of Resurrection will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at St. Paul's Cathedral, 51 W. Division Street, Fond du Lac. A luncheon will follow the Mass. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be held in Rienzi Cemetery at a later date.

If desired, memorials can be directed to the Forest Sportsmen's Club in memory of Gene.

See you later, Alligator!

Upcoming Events

Graveside Service

MAY 8. 1:30 PM (CT)

Rienzi Cemetery
N6101 Co Rd K
Fond du Lac, WI 54937
(920) 922-4543

Previous Events

Mass of Resurrection

APR 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul's Cathedral
51 W. Division Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Tribute Wall

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“ I have so many fond memories of Gene. He loved sharing interesting stories and locations. He was so kind to my kids and me. I loved watching him at his shooting club and meeting his team. He showed us Circus World, Kettle Moraine, the House on the Rock, and of course, no visit was complete without a drive through Lakeside Park. He was my father-in-law for 27 years, and I was proud to call him Dad

Willena Hugg - April 20 at 06:52 AM

JC

“ Condolences to the family. RIP

Jarrold Canham - April 19 at 09:07 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory - April 16 at 12:33 PM

GB

Gene was a good guy and a good friend. Worked in plt4 together.

Gary Baker - April 19 at 11:24 PM