



Eugene A. Reich

June 5, 1930 - February 9, 2026

Eugene Anthony Reich, son of Frank and Anna [nee Yesionouska] Reich, was born June 5, 1930, in St. Louis, MO. He was baptized there on June 24, 1930, at St. Hedwig's Roman Catholic church. He initially attended the parochial elementary school and later the St. Louis public schools, graduating from Roosevelt High School in 1948.

Following graduation, he was inducted into the United States Army and then transferred to the U.S. Naval Reserves. While in the Reserves, he became an employee with National Lead Company. He remained there until it closed, and then worked with the Mehlville School District until retirement at age 65 in 1995. Upon retirement, he assisted his wife with her hobby of ceramic crafting and painting, as well as in the care and transportation of their grandchildren.

On November 13, 1976, he married Audrey Fern [nee Parrish] Dudley, with whom he was privileged to enjoy 45 years in the nuptial estate until her passing on December 1, 2021, at 87 years of age.

Following marriage, he and Audrey became communicants at Immanuel Lutheran, Barnhart, MO, later transferring to Good Shepherd Lutheran, Arnold, MO, until finally transferring to Peace Lutheran, Lemay where his membership has remained.

Besides being survived by his three children:

Thomas and Nancy Reich from Poplar Bluff; Lorraine Jones of Hannibal; and Robert [Becky] Reich of Rockaway Beach;

his grandchildren include: China Reich, Molly [Tim] Reich Krakowiak, Tony [Mandie] Smith, Matt Smith, Christina Smith, Michael [Virginia] Hicks; ten great grandchildren;

stepson Keith (Margaret) Dudley and the grandchildren: Nicholas Ryan Dudley and Kate Mackenzie Dudley,

he is remembered by his sister-in-law Rita Washburn,

alongside nieces, one nephew, other relatives, and long-time friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Audrey, and one grandchild, Danielle Reich.

Exceptionally good health was enjoyed by Gene, ever giving the appearance of being almost a generation younger than he chronologically was. He spent his final years at Daugherty-Ferry Assisted Living, St. Louis, MO, following Audrey's passing.

It was there on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:06 pm, that he peacefully departed this life. He attained the age of 95 years, 8 months, and 5 days.

Following this service, he will be interred at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, MO in a private ceremony.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 19. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Peace Lutheran Church
737 Barracksview Road
St Louis, MO 63125

Funeral Service

FEB 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Military Honors

FEB 19. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth McGhee & Archway Memorial Chapel lit a candle in memory of Eugene A. Reich*



Kenneth McGhee & Archway Memorial Chapel - February 13 at 01:10 PM



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Archway Memorial Chapel - February 11 at 03:53 PM