

Henry "Gene or Sonny" Eugene Secord

Henry "Gene or Sonny" Eugene Secord, 82, of Grand Forks, ND went to be with Jesus Tuesday, May 13, 2003 in the presence of his loving family at Valley Elder care, Grand Forks.



Secord

Henry Eugene Secord was born March 31, 1921 in Grand Forks, ND the son of Herbert "Gene" and Ester "Nana" (Mordt) Secord. Gene attended

school at Wilder and Roosevelt Elementary, attended South Junior High School, and graduated from Central High school; Class of 1939. Went on to University of North Dakota for 1- 1/2 years.

In 1942 he enlisted in the Army single corps (3-1/2 years) Tech 4, Radar Repairman Airborne Equipment spec No. 955 of the 580 Single Aircraft warning BN. Gene loved his country and was honored to serve in the armed forces.

Gene married Marjorie June (Holte) Secord on June 5th 1943. Together they had three daughters and made their home in Grand Forks. Marjorie Secord passed away August of 1961.

When Gene returned from the Army, he built a sports shop "Secord's Sporting Goods" (hunting and fishing equipment and clothing), and was in business for nine years. He was in the North Dakota National Guard for one year as a Supply Sergeant (SFG).

Gene married Barbara Jean Cote on June 1st 1963 in Grand Forks. Barbara's daughter and son and Gene's three daughters became a family, they went on to have a daughter and a son together and continued to live in Grand Forks.

Gene was apprenticed by his father, both as a Locksmith (ALOA Member) and a Gunsmith (recommended and certified by Winchester, Remington, and Browning Arms). He continued these trades through out his life (Secord Sporting Goods 9 yrs. and Sportsman Headquarters 6 yrs.) He also worked in the architecture trades as a Draftsman and Estimator (Secord Enterprises 20 yrs.). Gene was a very dedicated and hard worker and held many of these professions at the same time.

Gene's passion in life was as an avid sportsman, both hunting and fishing, with his two great hunting pal's Mike and Jon and others close to him. Leather crafts became his hobby in the 1980's and became a signature of who he was and a legacy left to those who knew him.

Gene had a great love for his family and friends. He was a wonderful provider to his loving wife and seven children. Gene was a true gentleman, and all who knew him experienced his friendship, grace and love.

Gene was a Godly man who walked out his faith daily and that walk can only be described as one of honor, grace, humility, and kindness. Gene loved the Lord, honored his parents, cherished his wife, loved his children and served his family. He is loved and will be missed.

He is survived by: Wife Barbara Secord - Grand Forks; Sons: Michael (Connie) Bate-man - Grand Forks, Jon (Melissa) Secord - Manvel; Daughters Penny (Marco) Holter - Grand Forks, Debby (Jesse) Conner - Salt Lake City, Utah, Cyndi (Terry) Arnold - Port Angeles, Washington, Stacey (Robin) Purcell - Grand Forks, Jewel (Greg) Mattison - Round Rock, Texas; Grandchildren; Kristopher Dallmann, Brittany Secord, Kailey Secord, Tammy Oas, Marco Holter, Jr., Nickolas Holter, Joshua Lee Conner, Jaime Lynn Conner, Juli Ann Conner, Jennifer Marie Conner, Jill Michelle Conner, December Tangwall, Brannon Tangwall, Rylan Purcell, Jennifer Purcell, Kristen Purcell, Ashton Purcell, Jake Mattison, and Karlie Mattison; Great Grandchildren: Michael Holter, Ryan Oas, Nicole Oas, and Taylor Adair Chine.

He was preceded in death by parents Herbert E. Secord, Ester C. Secord, and first wife Marjorie J. (Holte) Secord.

Services will be Friday at 1:30 PM in Amundson Funeral Home.

Visitation will be Thursday from 4:30 to 6:30 with a prayer service at 6:30 PM in Amundson Funeral Home.

Interment will be Memorial Park Cemetery.

Reception will follow Interment at 3:30 at Hilton Garden Inn of Grand Forks.

Military Honors with East Grand Forks American Legion Post # 157 and the Veterans of foreign Wars # 3817