



Eugene "Nuge" Sellmeyer

January 16, 1929 - June 4, 2022

Eugene Edward Sellmeyer, an exceptionally Great Man, died on June 4, 2022. Gene died on his Collinsville Ranch in the Washington County home he built with his own hands over a seven-year period. Born on January 16, 1929, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, he was the last of nine children of Martha (Eckelkamp) and Frank C. Sellmeyer. At the age of 10, his father died, and Gene would grow up a boy in a man's world. He would become a pillar of the community and a leader wherever he was involved. Gene would serve years as a Captain on the Tulsa Fire Department from 1957 – 1983 at Stations 5, 2, 3 and 31; Board Member of the Firefighters Pension Board; President & Board Member of the Collinsville School Board, and Chairman & Board Member of Rural Water District #3. His love for aviation as a commercially licensed pilot, led him to envision and develop Skyhaven Airpark in his mid-sixties. Skyhaven, which has the longest grass runway in the state of Oklahoma, would be the largest of his Real Estate Developments.

He graduated from East Central High School in the small Class of 1947. Gene honorably served our nation as a Marine in the Koren War. In 1958 he would say that he married "the pick of the litter" in his wife of almost 64 years, Helena. They were a noticeable handsome pair with undying love, shared values, and beliefs.

Gene was a defender of the marginalized and defenseless and was always

ready to give a hand up. His family is filled with immense gratitude for his life lived out in service to others. Strong, Sacrificial, Humble, Humorous ... Legendary. His word was his bond. His handshake, unforgettable and meaningfully strong. His heart was the only thing bigger than his hands. His wisdom was prophetic. No one ever worked harder than this man... and he did it to provide for so many over the years – beyond his family and beyond anything financial. He lived his life by an example to be followed. The sirens have stilled, and the bell has tolled. Well done good and faithful servant.

Gene is survived by his sweet wife, Helena Luisa (Rojas) Sellmeyer of the home; his 4 daughters that adored him: Mary E. “Lisa” Campbell of Chino, California; Donna Weinkauf (Kirk) of Tulsa Oklahoma; Kathy Thomas (John) of North Richland Hills, Texas and Jeanna Sellmeyer (Gina Mix) of Collinsville, Oklahoma; his most loved 8 Grandchildren: Amy Campbell of Chino, California; Megan Martinez (Joey) of Murrieta, California; Derek Weinkauf (Megan) of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Kent Weinkauf (Madison) of Houston, Texas; Danielle Eidam (Al) of Houston, Texas; Whitney Bentley (Eric) of Fort Worth, Texas; Trevor Thomas (Rachel) of North Richland Hills, Texas; and Martha Stevens (Terry) of Collinsville, Oklahoma; and his precious 11+ Great-Grandchildren: Zachary and Xavier Martinez; David Weinkauf; Annabelle Weinkauf; Mary Eidam; Sean, Alyssa and Helena Bentley; and Evelyn, Joanna and Amelia Stevens. No doubt, Gene left an indelible mark on his family, friends, and communities where his legacy will live well beyond the 93 years that God ordained for him on this earth.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Martha (Eckelkamp) and Frank C. Sellmeyer of Tulsa, Oklahoma; all his siblings: Arville Sellmeyer of Oologah, Oklahoma; Malvin Sellmeyer of Scurry, Texas; Augusta Sellmeyer of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Alfred Sellmeyer of Denton, Texas; Rosalee Izett of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Romaine Sellmeyer of Claremore, Oklahoma, Frank Sellmeyer of Bixby, Oklahoma and Raymond Sellmeyer of Vinita, Oklahoma and 2

Grandchildren: Matthew Campbell of Chino, California and Barry Absec of Chino, California.

Please join us in prayer and honor him and our family at the following funeral services that are being planned:

Funeral Mass of Christian Burial: Monday, June 20th – 10:00am at Holy Family Cathedral (820 South Boulder Avenue – Tulsa, Oklahoma)

*Internment & Hwy 169 Procession to Immediately Follow – St. Therese Catholic Church Cemetery – Collinsville, Oklahoma

Rosary: Sunday, June 19th – 3:00pm at St. Therese Catholic Church (1007 North 19th Street – Collinsville, OK)

In lieu of flowers ... please consider donations In Memory of Gene Sellmeyer to John 3:16 Mission www.John316Mission.org or to St. Therese Cemetery (1007 19th Street, Collinsville, OK 74021)

Previous Events

Funeral Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Family Cathedral
820 South Boulder Avenue
Tulsa, OK 74119

Memorial Fund

JUN 20 (CT)

John 3:16 Mission
575 North 39th West Avenue
Tulsa, OK 74127

Memorial Fund

JUN 20 (CT)

St. Therese Cemetery
1007 North 19th Street
Collinsville, OK 74021

Tribute Wall

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“ I grew up in the 40's and 50's by the Sellmeyer farm in Tulsa and worked with Gene and his brother Ray on their farm. Earned a little much-needed money, and they taught me to work hard and to love the farm. I had a strong sense they appreciated my efforts. Bob Rinner, 1958 graduate of East Central High School

Robert Rinner - July 04, 2022 at 11:01 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Eugene "Nuge" Sellmeyer.



June 18, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eugene "Nuge" Sellmeyer.



June 15, 2022 at 01:59 PM



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June 15, 2022 at 10:17 AM

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“ A great father and a wonderful grandfather. Dad also enjoyed watching his great grandchildren play. We have been so incredibly blessed. To God I am grateful!

Kathy #3 - June 15, 2022 at 01:01 AM

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“ Mrs. Sellmeyer..Lisa.. all your girls and family I am sorry for your loss. I think of Mr. Sellmeyer as a strong hard working man. You all were Blessed to have him..as he was Blessed to have all of you. May God bless his family and comfort them in their grief journey until you all are with him again. Sending Love and Hugs...Anita Lovell Walker



Anita Lovell Walker - June 14, 2022 at 11:01 AM