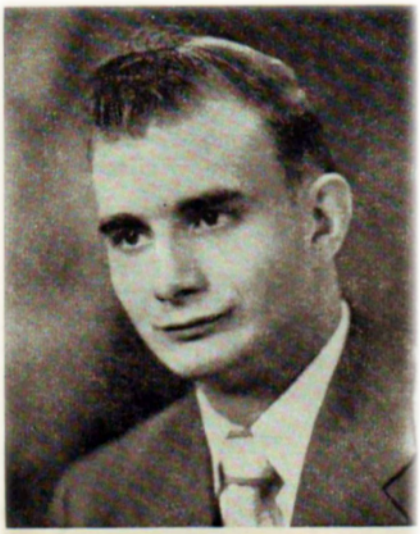
Eugene “Gene” Moss

October 13, 1935 – December 29, 2007



Eugene “Gene” Moss, a 1955 graduate of the South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD), died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007 in Minneapolis, MN. Gene, formerly of Rapid City, was 72 at the time of his death. He lived courageously with non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma Leukemia for several years.

Gene was born in Wall, SD. At the age of seven, he was enrolled at St. John’s School for the Deaf in Milwaukee, Wis. Where he received his elementary and junior high education. It was at St. John’s where he first learned sign language and lip reading. When Gene was a student at St. Johns he was able to spend every holiday break and summer in Rapid City with family



Gene Moss
Rapid City

It was at SDSD where Gene received his high school education, graduating in 1955. He was known to be a quiet and good student at SDSD. He went on to vocational training after graduation, and then returned to Rapid City where he worked as cabinet-maker and carpenter until he joined Landstrom’s Jewelry where he remained until his retirement in 2000.

On Sept. 27, 1961 Gene married Mary McKenna. They had one son, Joe. Mary died in 1994. Gene was a wonderful father, father-in law and a proud grandfather of two grandsons. Gene moved to Hopkins, a suburbof Minneapolis, after he retired to be close to his son and family. He was able to spend lots of time with his grandsons, loving every minute of it.



In the front row, left to right are Larry Pibal, Nick Penning, Reggie Weerman, Norman Wilson, Harry Hofwolt, Dean Keefe and Bob Dillman. In the middle row are Clifford Johnson, Howard Young Archie Hawkins, Gary Benoist, Larry Strain and Gene Moss. In the back row are Wayne Hespe, Dohn Jones, Jim Mitchell, Jim Schell, Edwin Krueger and Wally Jensen. Photo: Courtesy of S. F. Daily Argus Leader

A mass of Christian burial was held on Thursday, Jan 3, 2009 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City. Interment followed at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Rapid City.

Gene had been a loyal SDAD member for some 32-plus years. Contributions in Gene’s memory may be made to Communication Services for the Deaf in Rapid City.