



## EUGENE CHARLES DREYER II

December 16, 1935 - April 23, 2017

Eugene Charles Dreyer II, 81, of Prairie Village, Kansas passed away April 23, 2017 at his home.

Born December 16, 1935 in St. Louis, Missouri, to Stanley and Louise Dreyer, Gene moved to Kansas City in 1941. Over the course of his youth and education – starting at Bryant Elementary School, summers at Camp Nebagamon and onto Pembroke Country Day and the University of Illinois – Gene made life-long friendships that he would grow to treasure.

At 16 years of age, Gene contracted polio. Finding inspiration from William Ernest Henley’s poem “Invictus,” Gene survived the virus and spent a year recuperating at various hospitals before moving back to Kansas City and graduating from Pembroke Country Day in 1954 and the University of Illinois in 1958.

On Valentine’s Day in 1959, Gene met his beloved wife Thelma Snyder and they were married on November 8, 1959. Gene enjoyed a loving 57-year marriage and a lifelong career as a stockbroker with H.O. Peet, George K. Baum and ultimately opened the Kansas City office of Robert W. Baird where he spent the last 19 years working.

Gene’s passions were his family, traveling the world and fishing. He loved a good joke, a strong martini, well-crafted obituaries, and poolside Sunday cookouts with his grandchildren who will cherish memories of their “Dindee.”

Survivors include his wife, Thelma Dreyer; daughter, Nancy (Mark) Sachse; son, Tom (Amy) Dreyer; sister, Jerry (Vern) Davidson; sister-in-law, Eleanor Hauff and grandchildren, Kate Sachse, Amy Sachse, Annie Dreyer, Carly Dreyer, Tommy Dreyer, and Stella Dreyer; numerous nieces and nephews; and his beloved dog, Lucy.

The family would like to thank Maria Jennett, Rondy Wright and Dr. Harish Ponnuru for their wonderful care and kindness.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 21 at The New Reform Temple located at 7100 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Contributions can be made to Children’s Mercy Hospital or The New Reform Temple.

# Events

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**MAY** **Memorial service** 03:00PM

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The New Reform Temple

7100 Main Street, Kansas City, MO, US, 64114

# Comments

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“ Gene gave expert and kind service to my dad, "Ted," and to me. Sterling joins me in sympathy for the family. Jill Bateman

**Jill Bateman** - May 05, 2017 at 08:40 AM

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“ So very hard to believe this day has come. Sending sincere thoughts and condolences to Thelma and the kids and the grandkids that Gene so openly and dearly loved. Clay's memories cover a lifetime and I feel fortunate to have known and loved Gene for many years. Blessings! Karen & Clay Miller

**Karen Miller** - April 29, 2017 at 06:02 PM

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“ Gene was a great guy and a real help to me in so many ways over the years. My sincere condolences and thoughts to Thelma and all friends and family.

Bernie Erdman

**Bernie Erdman** - April 28, 2017 at 10:28 AM

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“ Dreadfully sorry to hear of Gene's death. He was an intelligent and witty person, the neighborhood pioneer in so many areas. His smile was infectious, his accomplishments many. We miss his friendship and excellence.

**norton starr** - April 26, 2017 at 01:48 PM

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“ I just want to express my condolences to Thelma, who I knew many years ago from Southwest High School and beyond.

Hanna (Steinzeig) Apple

**hanna Apple** - April 26, 2017 at 01:15 PM

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“ Nancy I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. It is a difficult time right now but you will have the best of memories forever. I'm thinking of you and your family knowing you have great memories to share always. Hugs to you, Barb

barbara Bloch - April 26, 2017 at 01:14 PM

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“ What a huge loss for all who knew and loved him! He was so smart, kind, loving and had a great smile and twinkle in his eye! May his loving memory always be a comfort and his name - always a blessing as he was to so many!  
Love, Tricia

patricia uhlmann - April 24, 2017 at 05:08 PM

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“ Dearest Thelma and Family,  
I am so deeply sorrowed to learn of Gene's passing. I always knew Gene as a kind, loving man who had a warm and beautiful smile of friendship. I know how deeply devoted you were to each other and my heart goes out to you. May Gene's beautiful memory always be for a blessing. With most sincere sympathy to you and your family.  
Joyce Zeldin

Joyce Zeldin - April 24, 2017 at 02:45 PM

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“ Gene and his family have been friends and associates since my youth. It is very hard for me to accept the fact he is no longer with us.  
May his memory be a blessing for us all!  
Neil Sosland

Neil Sosland - April 24, 2017 at 01:26 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss.....you are blessed with good memories, cherish them  
  
Lee Goldman Daniels

Leona Daniels - April 24, 2017 at 01:25 PM