



## Gene Alan Kamp

May 3, 1931 - August 21, 2017

Gene Alan Kamp, age 86, of Greenville, passed away Monday, August 21, 2017 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville, Illinois, due to complications from pancreatic cancer.

The celebration of Gene's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 26, 2017, at the Greenville Free Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Mt. Auburn Cemetery. Full military honors by Greenville American Legion and the Greenville V.F.W. Visitation will be held at the Free Methodist Church Friday from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Greenville Free Methodist Church, Greenville University or the Lem Rhodes Cancer Foundation.

Gene, the son of Roy L. and Maude E. (Wirth) Kamp, was born May 3, 1931 in Mt. Carmel, Illinois. Gene grew up in Mt. Carmel, attended the local schools and graduated from Mt. Carmel High School with the class of 1949. He attended Greenville College, graduating in 1953 with a B.S. in Education. Following graduation, Gene enlisted in the US Army, serving for two years, one of the years in Germany. On June 12, 1955, Gene married Miriam Banks, who he had met while they both attended Greenville College. He went on to earn his M.A. in 1956 and his Ed.D. in 1971, both from University of Illinois. Gene began his professional career as a Social Studies teacher and Guidance Counselor at Bloom Township High School, Chicago Heights, IL. After receiving his Ed.D., Gene served as Dean of Students at Leicester (MA) Junior College for two years. He then served as Director of Continuing Education at Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield, MA for six years and Dean of Academic Affairs at Southeastern Illinois College, Harrisburg, IL for 17 years, until his retirement in 1996. Gene and Miriam chose to live their retirement years in Greenville. Following his formal retirement in 1996, he had dedicated the last 21 years as an active volunteer at Greenville College, serving as director of the honors program and then in the alumni office until days before his passing. Gene dedicated his life to education, and in particular, higher education.

Gene and Miriam have three daughters – Jan (Jerry) Coleman of Wilmore, KY, Judy (Randy) Bennett of Port Huron, MI and Jody (Roy) Abbott of Decatur, IL. They have seven grandchildren – Sarah (Russell) Toth, Kristin Coleman, David (Alison) Coleman, Katie

(Robbie) Reade, Amelia Bennett, Bethany Abbott and Melody (Cody) O'Riley. They have five great grandchildren – Paiton, Brooklenn, Tray and Tatum Reade and Cora Coleman. Family and friends remember him as a lover and patron of music and the arts, a faithful family man and someone who loved a good joke.

# Cemetery

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## **Mt. Auburn Cemetery**

1647 E. College Ave  
Greenville, IL, 62246

# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Greenville Free Methodist Church  
1367 IL RT 140, Greenville, IL, US

**AUG** **Funeral** 10:30AM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



Donnell - Wiegand Funeral Home - August 24 at 01:52 PM

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“ 67 files added to the album LifeTributes



Donnell - Wiegand Funeral Home - August 24 at 12:32 PM

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“ Gene worked with my husband on alumni-related events at the college. He and Miriam went with me on a bank trip to Ireland. He, like my husband, fought cancer several times and in the end succumbed to pancreatic cancer. He was a fine gentleman who will be missed by family and friends.

Judy Schneck - August 24 at 11:24 AM

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“ I was sorry to hear of Gene's passing. He was a good guy and great to sit next to in Choral Union rehearsals. Prayers for Miriam and family.

Pam and Bob Chase - August 23 at 08:43 AM

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“ He was one of the most polite men I've ever met, always kind, thoughtful, & Christlike in every way! A model to us all! I am VERY sorry to hear of his passing! My thoughts & prayers are with his wife and family! I KNOW he loved them dearly!!!

Janice Myers - August 22 at 11:52 PM

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“ I will always treasure Gene's deep love of honors students, inviting them to his house for cookies and learning. One of the kindest people I've ever met. He will be sorely missed.

**christina smerick** - August 22 at 09:25 PM

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“ BENNETTHOME2342 is following this tribute.

**BENNETTHOME2342** - August 22 at 09:22 PM



“ Gene was a wonderful Christian man, a friend to all he met,- we enjoyed being in a Bible Study group with him.

Our love and prayers for Miriam and family at this time.

Miles and JoAn

**Miles and Joan Cox** - August 23 at 08:11 AM