



Raymond "Gene" E. Schachterle

November 25, 1942 - April 30, 2026

Raymond "Gene" E. Schachterle, age 83, of Kearney, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 30, 2026 at Mount Carmel nursing home. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, May 8, 2026 at New Life Church in Kearney with Pastor Roger Wendt officiating. Visitation will be an hour prior to services at the church. Burial will follow at 2:00 p.m., at the Elm Creek Cemetery. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Gene was born November 25, 1942 in Windsor, Colorado to RC and Margaret (Jackson) Schachterle. He spent most of his childhood in Denver. His father pastored Glad Tidings Tabernacle church there from 1944-1982. After graduation in 1960 from North High in Denver, Gene attended and graduated from Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri. On July 17, 1964, he married Karen King in Denver.

Gene and Karen traveled and ministered as evangelists in their first year of marriage. Following this, Gene pastored churches in La Junta, Colorado, Valentine, Nebraska, and Minatare, Nebraska. While in Minatare, Gene felt the Lord calling him to go overseas as a missionary. In 1973, he took his young family and moved to Bangkok, Thailand. During the eight years they were in Thailand, Gene learned the language and eventually became fluent

and able to preach in Thai. He helped the national church get established and directed a correspondence school (ICI) based on biblical principles that taught everything from evangelism to ministry preparation. He invested in many people's lives.

In 1984 Gene and his family moved to Brussels, Belgium. He worked with the same Bible correspondence school, this time in an international capacity. He traveled internationally to train church leaders. Again, he invested in others. He also counseled and taught computer skills and financial management to younger missionaries.

Following his years with ICI, Gene and Karen moved to Springfield, Missouri to serve with Life Publishers. Here he worked with the Fire Bible; it's translation into other languages, and its world-wide distribution.

In 2004, they moved to Elm Creek, Nebraska. Gene retired several times, coming out of it when he saw a need or a ministry he could do. After moving to Nebraska, he became burdened with getting the Fire Bible into the hands of inmates across the nation and worked with prison chaplains to make this happen. Packing and shipping Bibles and keeping the Elm Creek post office busy was his passion and joy.

Music was an important part of life to Gene. In college he traveled as part of a men's quartet. He adopted a jazzy style of playing the piano. Everything was by ear and he never played a song the same way twice. Other hobbies included being a private pilot, target shooting, reloading, computers, ham radio, working outside mowing or 'clearing the creek' of debris. He never met a Mexican restaurant or DQ blizzard he didn't like.

Gene was blessed with many friends from various places on this planet. His kind, inquiring way sought to learn more about those around him. Inevitably,

he would fit the Lord into the conversation in a non-threatening and simple way.

He was devoted to family. For 62 years, he was a loving husband and enjoyed adventures with his kids and grandkids whenever he could. He was a great listener with wise words to share.

Gene is survived by his wife Karen, daughter Glenda (Bruce) Peabody, son Gregg (Cara) Schachterle, as well as grandchildren Luke, Tim, Esther, Hope, Nathan and Hadassah and 10 great-grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

Elm Creek Cemetery

Elm Creek, NE 68836

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

New Life Church
2715 West 39th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

Funeral

MAY 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

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2715 West 39th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

Graveside Service

MAY 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Slide Show



Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services - May 08 at 04:29 PM

SB

You have no idea how much this video means to me. There are a couple of pictures in here that I have never seen, and several that I do not have. As a niece, this is priceless. If you choose to email this video to me, my email is spkr02@gmail.com.

Susan Bohning

Susan Bohning - May 11 at 02:04 PM

DO

“ *I have so many great memories of Gene (and the entire family) during my years at ICI. It makes me smile to think of those times. Karen, Glenda, and Gregg, my sincere condolences to all of you and your families. It's comforting to know he is in the presence of the Lord along with those we knew and loved who went before him.*

Darla (Sheeley) Osterhout

Darla Osterhout - May 07 at 12:45 PM

SB

“ Aunt Karen, Gregg, Glenda and families,
So many extraordinary memories of family times together,
missionary stories, and together carrying life that was sometimes
heavy.

*I am rejoicing that Uncle Gene is now where he lived to go for so
many years. Though I rejoice for him, I deal with my mortal reality of
missing him, his influence, and his prayers. He was a man of gentle
spirit who worked out his salvation by living a life pleasing to God. I
am praying for the family and am with you in spirit.*

*Much love,
Susan*

Susan Bohning - May 07 at 11:21 AM

DA

“ *I have so many great memories of Gene (and the entire family)
during my years at ICI. It makes me smile to think of those times.
Karen, Glenda, and Gregg, my sincere condolences to all of you
and your families. It's comforting to know that your dad, Gene, is in
the presence of the Lord along with those we knew and loved who
went before him. Darla (Sheeley) Osterhout*

Darla - May 07 at 11:18 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Raymond "Gene" E. Schachterle.*



May 07 at 10:52 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Raymond "Gene" E. Schachterle.

May 07 at 10:52 AM



“ In Heaven's Arms Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond "Gene" E. Schachterle.



May 04 at 10:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Raymond "Gene" E. Schachterle.

May 04 at 10:36 PM



“ I have so many great memories working with Gene and Karen during my time at the District office in Grand Island. He was so passionate about the Fire Bibles and I loved being able to help him get them to people. I still use my all the time. Love you Karen!!
Jenny Schneckloth

Jenny Schneckloth - May 04 at 07:04 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Raymond "Gene" E. Schachterle.*



May 04 at 12:30 PM



“ *My condolences to Karen and the family at the homegoing of Gene. I had the privilege of working with Gene through the years in our missionary work with ICI/Global University and Life Publishers. What a wonderful man he was! Always a smile and kind word, and a delight to work alongside. I look forward to seeing him again in heaven and reminiscing over the lives impacted by the gospel. I am praying for you folks! —Neil Ruda*

Neil Ruda - May 04 at 06:53 AM



“ *What a great giant of our faith!! I'm sure there are huge numbers greeting Gene and thanking him!*

Pastor John Hanson - May 03 at 08:05 PM

TS

“ Gene was a wonderful minister in our Assemblies of God Network. We honored him with national awards in 2016 for reaching the 50 year anniversary of when he was first Ordained. This year, he reached 60! We praise God for his ministry and honor his memory in the service of our Lord.



Toby Schneckloth - May 03 at 07:50 PM

AH

“ Allen H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond "Gene" E. Schachterle.

Allen H. - May 02 at 03:56 PM

JC

“ Jerry and Susan Cassell purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Raymond "Gene" E. Schachterle.



Jerry and Susan Cassell - May 01 at 06:39 PM