



Miller "Gene" Dibert

November 20, 1934 - January 9, 2016

Miller "Gene" Dibert passed away on January 9, 2016 at Mercy Memorial Hospital in Urbana due to complications from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. He was born in Urbana, Ohio and was the son of Miller J. and Lottie Dibert. He spent the majority of his life in Champaign County. He attended Concord High School where he played basketball and baseball. He attended Urbana and Wittenberg Universities as well as the International Correspondence School. Gene served in the United States Army and Army reserves for 6 years.

His first job was with Bulldog Electric in Bellefontaine and he later worked for the Oliver Corporation in Springfield. He was subsequently employed for 41 years at Grimes Manufacturing Company (now Honeywell) where he enjoyed his job. He started as a draftsman and retired as Vice President of Sales and Market Development in 2000. He loved working with people and always tried to find the positives in everyone.

Gene loved to golf and play the piano. He worked with various civic organizations and was active in the Graham Foundation, which provides scholarships to college and technical school bound seniors. He was a sports fan and followed the Cincinnati Reds and the Ohio State Buckeyes. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and step brothers and sisters: Clemen Dibert, Milton Dibert, Kenneth Dibert, Garnard Dibert, Ilene Runyan, Beulah Streets, Maxine Clark, William Fleming, Walter Fleming and Wilber

Fleming.

Most of all, Gene was truly in love with and dedicated to Eleanor, his wife and soul mate of 59 years. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor, his daughter and son-in law, Stephanie and Kym Moore from Urbana and his son and daughter in law, Drs. Steven and Kanchan Dibert of Gastonia, North Carolina. His four grandchildren are: Andrew Moore of Beavercreek, OH, Emily Moore of Madison, Wisconsin, and Karia Dibert and Kassi Dibert of Gastonia, NC. He is also survived by his sister, Etoil Evans of Urbana and his sister-in-law, Ilene Dibert of Norman, OK. There are several surviving nieces, nephews and friends.

Friends and family are invited to visit on Friday, January 15, 2016 from 2-5 P.M. in the WALTER & STOWE FUNERAL HOME, Urbana. The funeral service will take place on Saturday, January 16, 2016, at 10 A.M. followed by a graveside service at Oak Dale Cemetery, Urbana. A luncheon will follow at the Urbana United Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Champaign Family YMCA, Community Drive, P.O. Box 635, Urbana, OH 43078 or to The Graham Community Foundation, c/o John Steinberger, 6666 Runkle Road, St. Paris, OH 43072.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.walterfunerals.com.

Cemetery Details

Oak Dale Cemetery

319 Patrick Avenue
Urbana, OH 43078

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 15. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Walter & Stowe Funeral Home
642 South Main Street
Urbana, OH 43078
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Service

JAN 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TH

“ Eleanor, Stephanie, Kym and family: We are disappointed we were not in town to pay our respects. Gene was a true friend and gentleman. We are sorry about his passing but very appreciative of his life and zest in which he lived it. Mostly our memories of our time in your VIP group but special memories and joy spent playing golf with Gene. The "Italian Stallion" lives on and especial enjoyed the proud attitude which he proclaimed and promoted himself as such. I especially remember the times he would stash a couple extra cookies to take to Eleanor after Thursday night golf, shyly but assurance to anyone of such a special favor he was doing taking them to her. What a guy. Always a gentleman!!

A fond memory for a great guy. We will miss him. Sorry for the loss.

Terry & Jacque Howell Family

Terry Howell - January 17, 2016 at 05:22 PM

CB

“ We were sad to read of Gene's passing. He was a gentleman, a loving husband and father, a friend and a positive example. We enjoyed doing landscape work for him and Eleanor. Curt will miss having coffee with him at the YMCA.

Curt and Pam Burton

Cuer & Pam Burton - January 15, 2016 at 05:28 PM

JH

“ I was shocked and sad to learn of Gene's passing. Gene hired me in the late 70's at Grimes and he became a trusted mentor. I was inspired by his kindness and his ability to keep everyone motivated. He always had the time to stop and visit with people in the plant or office no matter how busy he was. I learned his tools well and used them to lead several aerospace companies. I am truly thankful that I worked for him and have always patterned my business life after him.

I am sure everyone who met him will miss his kindness and friendship. What a great guy!! He will truly be missed.

Our sympathies to his wife and family.

*John and Barb Hartzler
McKinney, Texas*

John Hartzler - January 14, 2016 at 06:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Miller "Gene" Dibert.



January 14, 2016 at 01:33 PM

EL

“ What a great guy!! I was surprised as I read the newspaper online this a.m. I always enjoyed seeing him next door as he "helped out." Wilma and I wish to express our condolences. I consider myself fortunate to have lived with the IPF for 10 years but it is catching up. Our prayers are with you. Love, Elmo and Wilma Layman.

Elmo Layman - January 13, 2016 at 10:39 AM

MA

“ Thoughts and prayers with you all, during this difficult time.
Sorry for your loss.
Greg and Maureen King

Maureen - January 13, 2016 at 10:14 AM

JM

“ Will forever remember his wonderful smile, positive spirit and love of his wife and family. What a gentleman. Love to you all, Jane and Mike Major

Jane Major - January 13, 2016 at 08:34 AM

JF

“ To the family of Gene Dibert,
I was surprised to read in the Urbana Citizen, today, of his passing. Gene and I worked as draftsmen together at Grimes Mfg. On my return from Vietnam in 1965, I visited with him and Eleanor, in Playa Del Rey, Calif. We have stayed in contact through the years. Recently during this last holiday season.
Please accept my condolences during this difficult time. My prayers are with all of you.
Jerry Frost

Jerry Frost - January 12, 2016 at 04:45 PM

CM

“ May your wonderful memories of your Dad bring you comfort.
Gregg & Cyn Tehan Marsh

Cyn Tehan Marsh - January 12, 2016 at 10:21 AM

JH

“ *Eleanor and family, I send my most sincere condolences and prayers. Our friendship goes back many years and I love you like family. Gene was one of the nicest person you would ever want to know; he will be missed. Please know that I am here for you if I can help in any way.*



*Sincerely
Jean Hurst*

Jean Hurst - January 12, 2016 at 09:58 AM