



Malcolm E. "Gene" Stern

June 16, 1933 - June 18, 2022

Malcolm E. (Gene) Stern, age 89, passed away at home early on June 18, 2022. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Ellen Ramer Stern; his daughters Emily Stern and Gretchen Rauer (Michael); grandchildren Zoe and Sam Berensztein and Mia and Matthew Rauer, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Gene was born on June 16, 1933, to Malcolm C. and Charlotte Kepner Stern in Noblesville, Indiana, where he graduated from Noblesville High School in 1951. He worked as a draftsman for four years at Delco Remy in Anderson, Indiana, before being drafted into the U.S. Army in 1954 where he served in Germany until 1956. He is a proud Indiana University alum, having earned a BA in 1961 and MA in 1964.

Gene taught English at Manual High School in Indianapolis for six years, where he met Ellen. They were married on March 28, 1964, in Walton, Indiana. In 1967, they moved to Evanston, Illinois, where he taught and served as the English department chairman for 27 years at Evanston Township High School. During that time, he earned his PhD at Northwestern University in 1972. After his retirement from ETHS in 1995, he taught at Northwestern for two years. He and Ellen moved to Bloomington, Indiana, in 1997, where he worked part time as an Admissions Counselor in the IU Admissions Office for 17 years before retiring again in 2014.

While living in Bloomington, Gene enjoyed attending a variety of events at Indiana University. He was a lifetime member of the IU Alumni Association and the Varsity Club. His time with the Bloomington Central Lions Club was most rewarding, as he served as President for two years. Gene's favorite pastime was spending time with his family. He and Ellen made numerous trips around the USA, Europe, Mexico, and South America. Additional motivation were visits to Gretchen's family in Germany, where she lived for four years before relocating to Boise, Idaho in 2006, and to Emily's family in Argentina, where they lived from 1997 to 2013, when they moved to Bloomington.

In 2016, Gene and Ellen moved to Meadowood Retirement Community where they have made many new friends and enjoyed participating in lots of fun activities and interesting trips.

His memorial service will be held at a later date at the First Presbyterian Church in Bloomington where he and Ellen have been members since 1997. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a donation in his memory to the charity of your choice.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 South Old State Road 37 in Bloomington have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencare.com

Tribute Wall

AS

“ I wasn't one of Dr. Stern's better students to say the least, but I remember him telling me he had faith I would understand things I wanted to. I remember reading a book of short stories in college on my own time and James Thurber's *The Catbird Seat* was in it. I remembered that discussion, then I remembered other books in that class, and I read them, and I saw stuff that shouldn't have gone over my head the first time.

Dr. Stern gave me a lot to be grateful for without ever forcing me to show gratitude.

I guess I'm a bit late to write here, as I was late to figure out the concepts he helped us understand in class. I just wish I could've told him his patience paid off, instead of writing it here.

Andrew Schultz - August 25, 2022 at 04:53 AM

JG

“ *"Doc" Stern was one of the best teachers I ever had. He taught by example and inspired all of us to engage with literature and the wider world. May his memory be a blessing.*

Joanne Gilbert - July 06, 2022 at 11:26 AM

 Dick
Beaver

“ *We started 1st grade at 1st Ward many years ago. Both in graduated class '51
Fine fellow.*

Dick Beaver - June 23, 2022 at 04:59 PM

EP

“ I worked with Gene at the IU Office of Admissions. He was always so pleasant and fun, I enjoyed all of his travel stories, family stories, and grand children stories. He had a great impact on me and I think of him often. He will be missed. Liz Pruett

Elizabeth Berry Pruett - June 22, 2022 at 11:36 AM

 Dick
Beaver

We started 1st grade. Fine fellow. Not many left.

Dick Beaver - June 23, 2022 at 04:54 PM

CM

“ Ellen and Gene were always a bright spot no matter where we ran into them. He was lively and interesting and it seems to us, living an accomplished and fulfilled life. Ellen you are in our thoughts. David and Cheryl Moeller

Cheryl Moeller - June 22, 2022 at 10:20 AM

JS

“ It was always a good conversation when you sat down to talk to Gene. He will be missed.

Jayne Small - June 20, 2022 at 07:48 PM

AT

Gene was such a sweetheart. Always a smile on his face and kind and encouraging words for me. He will be remembered and missed in a loving way.

Ann Tryon - June 21, 2022 at 09:30 PM