



Arthur "Gene" DeMotte

August 8, 1952 - October 11, 2025

Arthur Eugene "Gene" DeMotte, 73, Topeka, Kansas, passed away on Saturday, October 11, 2025.

Arthur was born in Emporia, Kansas on August 8, 1952, the son of John and Mildred Bolton DeMotte. He graduated from Emporia High School and went to Flints Hills Area Tech School. Arthur married Cindy Gallagher on March 15, 1986, in Leavenworth, Kansas. He worked as a maintenance mechanic at Newman Hospital in Emporia for 17 years and then St. Francis Hospital in Topeka for over 30 years.

Gene was an active member of Mater Dei Parish in Topeka. He came to the church in a different way than most, starting RCIA saying, "If my children are going to be Catholic then I need to understand it too." Gene never looked back, falling in love with the Church and all it held. His unwavering faith became a fundamental part of his character, shaping his and his family's future.

Exploring the outdoors on his motorcycle was his favorite pastime in his younger years, along with hunting, fishing, and spending nights under the stars. Although he did give up the bike, Gene shared his love of nature and adventure with his children. He loved fishing with his girls and was not sure what to think when his grandchildren out-fished him. He loved sitting by a bonfire searching for shooting stars and talking about whatever came to mind.

Gene could fix anything and found great pleasure in handing down that knowledge to help others. From cars, plumbing, or the broken thingamabob he would find a solution.

Gene delighted in his family. He found joy simply existing in the same space as his children and grandchildren. He coached basketball for his daughters and made it to every dance recital and game, of which there were many. Gene started each day well before the sun so that he could be the one to pick up the kids from school. When asked, his daughters will tell you that they admired his resilience, hard work, sacrifice, devotion, and goofiness. Gene was meant to be a dad; he demonstrated that every day in his love and care for his children. His family is his legacy, the love that he poured out on them will bear fruit for many generations. When love approaches the infinite, words can only express that truth dimly. What cannot be spoken is shown in action, and Gene was a man of sacrifice and service, a true father.

Gene is survived by his wife, Cindy; daughters, Danielle DeMotte, Shannon Darrow (Matt), Jocelyn Field (Bruce) and Brynna DeMotte; grandchildren, Avery, Harvey, Calvin and Myles Field and Colette and Lachlan Darrow; and siblings, John DeMotte (Linda), Don DeMotte (Charlotte), Jim DeMotte (Sharon), and Juanita Roy (Bill). He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where the rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at Mater Dei Holy Name Catholic Church, 1114 SW 10th, Topeka KS 66604. Private burial will be in St. Joseph of The Valley Catholic Cemetery, Easton, Kansas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mater Dei Catholic School Student Scholarship Fund and sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent online at www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

Rosary

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ We enjoyed the wonderful trip to Ireland we took with Gene and Cindy. We never thanked Gene enough for letting Howard have the front seat while he had to squish into the back. He never complained and was his usual cheerful companion on this great trip! Thanks, Cindy for including us in your Ireland adventure. We will never forget it. Love to you and your children and grandchildren as you continue on without your wonderful husband, dad, and granddad.

Sherry and Howard Bankson

Sherry & Howard Bankson - October 18, 2025 at 01:15 PM

MC

“ Cindy, the DeMott girls & families,

I'm very sorry to read about the passing of Gene. May God bless Gene's Soul in Eternal Peace. I pray that your memories will comfort & heal your hearts.



Marge Cooper - October 15, 2025 at 05:45 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arthur "Gene" DeMotte.



October 14, 2025 at 10:42 AM

MF

“ Mrs Darlene Gerten and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur "Gene" DeMotte.

Mrs Darlene Gerten and Family - October 13, 2025 at 09:53 PM

MF

“ Mrs Darlene Gerten and Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Arthur "Gene" DeMotte.



Mrs Darlene Gerten and Family - October 13, 2025 at 09:53 PM

JD

“ John and Linda Demotte planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur "Gene" DeMotte.

John and Linda Demotte - October 13, 2025 at 08:53 PM

JR

“ Juanita & Bill Roy purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Arthur "Gene" DeMotte.



Juanita & Bill Roy - October 13, 2025 at 04:27 PM

JR

“ Juanita & Bill Roy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur "Gene" DeMotte.

Juanita & Bill Roy - October 13, 2025 at 04:27 PM

TF

“ The Soldinie Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Arthur "Gene" DeMotte.



The Soldinie Family - October 13, 2025 at 03:24 PM

DF

“ Don DeMotte and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur "Gene" DeMotte.

Don DeMotte and family - October 13, 2025 at 02:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Arthur "Gene" DeMotte.



October 13, 2025 at 02:15 PM

RH

“ This just breaks my heart! I worked with Gene for 14 of his 30 years at St. Francis. We both became first time grandparents around the same time, and we were constantly showing each other new pictures. I ran into Gene at a store recently, and of course we had to talk about our grandkids. He was fiercely proud of his family. Cindy and girls, I am so very sorry for your loss! It just goes to show that God only takes the very best! May he rest in peace!

Rose Herman - October 13, 2025 at 12:36 PM

TF

“ The Bankson family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Arthur "Gene" DeMotte.



The Bankson family - October 13, 2025 at 11:59 AM

PD

“ Patrick and Lynne Darrow purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Arthur "Gene" DeMotte.



Patrick and Lynne Darrow - October 13, 2025 at 11:07 AM

DF

“ David, Kourtney, Teddy, Gabe and Freya purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Arthur "Gene" DeMotte.



David, Kourtney, Teddy, Gabe and Freya - October 13, 2025 at 10:46 AM