



## Louis "Gene" Mosiman

June 26, 1937 - January 11, 2022

Louis Eugene "Gene" Mosiman was born in Falls City, Nebraska on June 26, 1937. He left this world on January 11, 2022. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Eva, of 63 years. He is survived by his two children Brett (Brianna) and Jody Mitts (Mark) and nine grandchildren, Kiely, Jake, Cameron, Alexander, Mason, Riley, Pierce, Cohen, and Brenner. He is also survived by his two sisters, Marcia (Jim) O'Connor of Topeka, and Barbara (Don) Helmick of Sabetha and many nieces and nephews.

Like many of his generation "The Greatest Generation", Gene was a stoic, quiet and humble individual. He was a fiercely independent person. He was gifted with "old school" character and integrity. Gene was a remarkably responsible and accountable individual and he instilled these traits in his children. He never procrastinated and was NEVER late. Gene lived a good life and was always a pillar of integrity and simple wisdom. Gene loved golf, fishing, hunting, poker, boating, family gatherings, WW II books, movies, and pampering his pets. He and Eva also loved touring the country in their RV with their pets.

Gene grew up in Sabetha, Kansas. Right after graduating from Sabetha High School, he joined the US Marine Corps and served his country all over the world mostly from the Aircraft carrier WASP. He married Eva May Lamparter, in 1957. After his service, he attended and graduated from Washburn

University in three and a half years. Gene was called to the University Treasurer's office. He thought "I always paid my bills, what on earth does the chief fiscal officer want to see me for?" It turned out to be a job interview. The University was taking over running its bookstore and needed a Bookstore Manager, that was in 1961. Two years later, he was promoted to Assistant Treasurer, then Business Manager, next Business Manager and Treasurer, then Vice President for Financial Affairs and Treasure, and finally Vice President for Administration and Treasurer which he held for 17 years, retiring in 1998. Gene served with seven Washburn Presidents and was Business Manager in 1966 when the tornado hit the Washburn campus. He was instrumental in forming the Washburn Law Foundation and served on its Board of Directors. He also served on the Boards of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas and the Menninger Lecture Series. The Washburn Board of Regents bestowed upon him the title Vice President Emeritus and Washburn Law School made him an Honorary Life Member. The Topeka Breakfast Optimist Club awarded him with Life Membership and Distinguished President honors.

Gene was an "ordinary" man yet extraordinary in his character, integrity, dependability and love of God, family, and country! His family and friends will miss him.

Visitation will be 1 to 3 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Burial will be in Mission Center Cemetery.

In honor of Gene, the family asks that in lieu of flowers, you make a donation to Washburn University (or your favorite charity in his name), and sent in care of the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Louis "Gene" Mosiman*



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - January 17, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ *Louis "Gene" Mosiman*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

MD

“ I was hired by Gene in 1988 to work in his office during his time as Vice President for Administration. I worked for him for eight wonderful years. Gene had worked at Washburn all of his adult working life, seeing Washburn through the tornado and was pivotal in the rebuilding of the campus. I loved his tornado tales and he had a piece of wood paneling in his office that had a large wood splinter driven through it, that he always proudly displayed. He was such a caring, considerate person and it always amused me how many people at WU were a little scared of him. He wasn't a big smiler, but when he did smile, or laugh, it was huge and warm. I watched a constant parade of staff, faculty and administrators go in and out of Gene's office for counsel through the years. Many/most were there for friendship. He and Shel Cohen were such great friends and I loved hearing them banter. Gene also famously would without fail attend the Physical Plant parties that they had out at the lake, I think. He would show up and drink a beer with the guys and they all respected him so much for that. He shared his family beginnings with me (also having half siblings), in part because at 31, during my time working for him, I discovered my bio-dad and some half siblings. My brother John came to visit in 1992 and Gene didn't just shake his hand and say "nice to meet you," but rather took us into his office, shut the door and spent time listening to our story. He told my brother I was "well loved" at Washburn and a great employee. I will never forget that kindness. I remember when he retired, they had a big reception and at one point, had his secretaries stand. I think it was just me, Debbie Vinning and maybe two other ladies. In all those years. Testament to how wonderful he was to work for. Gene and Eva attended my wedding in 2000 and we had a wedding CD that included some Etta James and other love songs of the 1950s and early 60s. He came up and said, "that's my music!" Another great story was how Gene said he always got tickets to see this "old guy" at The Bottleneck from his son Brett cause it was the only thing Brett thought they would like. He got tickets for Bud and I also, after I shared with Bud that the "old guy" was the legendary Mike Finnigan! That was my first time seeing Mike and it was so fun to see him and Eva there. I could go on and on...my years in Gene's

*office were some of the best of my working life. He will be so missed. See you on the other side Mr. Mosiman <3*

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**Maura Dingman** - January 16, 2022 at 08:25 PM

KG

“ *I was hired in the Washburn University Business Office in 1964 by Mr. Vogel as his secretary. Mr. Vogel and Gene certainly were the driving forces to rebuild Washburn after the tornado in 1966. I remember how hard they worked and everyone in the Business Office pitched in to clean up and arrange for enrollment for summer school held at Topeka West. Later I became secretary to Gene and he was such a wonderful and kind person. Gene & Eva attend my wedding in 1967 on a cold snowy day. I am so fortunate to have such good memories of working with Gene and I know everyone who met him was also very fortunate.*  
*Kay (Artzer) Grey*

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**Kay Grey** - January 16, 2022 at 06:01 PM

JM

“ *I am so proud to have know Gene. He was an amazing man that was Vitale to Washburn being able to rise from the rubble after the 1966 Tornado that flattened the Campus. After he completed that chore he continued looking after all the Finances of the University for years making Washburn a stable and financially strong Institution.*  
*I worked with Gene on many financing building projects over the years. He was so sharp and worked with people very well. You never saw him get upset over anything.*  
*It was an Honor to work with and to have known Gene.*  
*John C McArthur*

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**john C McArthur** - January 15, 2022 at 12:39 AM

BP

“ Although I never had the honor of meeting Mr. Mosiman, I thank him for his service and for being the wonderful person he was. Thank you, his family, for sharing him, thus making us better people and the world a better place. Hold onto your memories with love and peace.

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**Betty Lou Pardue** - January 14, 2022 at 06:13 PM

KH

“ I was fortunate enough to be hired to work at Washburn University by Mr. Mosiman and I am forever grateful for that. As others have said, he was a man of great integrity. I believe that he, like Mr. Vogel before him, was responsible for shepherding Washburn through some very difficult times. The University owes a debt to him for his vision and hard work, aided by other very dedicated employees, for ensuring the financial well being of the institution until Dr. Farley was able to transform it, with Mr. Mosiman's assistance, to what it is today. His family is no doubt proud of him, as they should be, for his many accomplishments but also for good man he was.

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**Ken Hackler** - January 13, 2022 at 12:28 PM

DB

“ On behalf of my Parents, Rusty and Kay Cornell, we all wish to extend our sincere sympathies on the passing of your Father. Eva May and Gene were close friends with my parents all thru High School years and beyond and remembered fondly.

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**Dodie Bailey** - January 13, 2022 at 10:38 AM

DV

“ Gene was a very honest and respectful individual. He was an amazing and dedicated VP for Administration for Washburn University. I had the pleasure to work with Gene as his support staff for 13 years. I will always cherish the years I was able to work with him. My deepest sympathy and prayers are with all his family.



*Debbie Vinning*

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**Debbie Vinning** - January 13, 2022 at 10:19 AM

KS

“ Gene and Eva were two special people, We were happy to call them our friends. We loved to play golf with Gene every morning at Western Hills even if we didn't play very well, which was most of the time! Gene was one of a kind and will be dearly missed! Hope you have had time to make a hole-in-one by now! Sid and Karen Sheppard

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**Karen Sheppard** - January 12, 2022 at 05:31 PM