



## Vincel Gene Klein Sr.

July 16, 1935 - January 11, 2022

Vincel “Gene” Klein Sr., age 86, of Versailles, passed away January 11, 2022, at SSM Health St. Mary’s Hospital in Jefferson City. He was born July 16, 1935, in Glensted, the son of Vincel W. and Betty Vern (Gerhart) Klein.

On April 23, 1961, he was united in marriage to his surviving wife and his love, Mary E. (Zelsman) Klein in Versailles.

Gene was a loyal and devoted member of the Glensted United Methodist Church for more than 70 years.

Gene spent the entirety of his career in the agriculture industry, as a farmer, a feed salesman and a machinery salesman. Throughout his lifetime, Gene raised, showed, and sold dairy cattle, sheep, and, in his later years, miniature donkeys all over the United States. He won many awards throughout his career as a feed and machinery salesman, making countless friends along the way. He truly never met a stranger, profoundly enjoying conversations with friends, both old and new.

Gene’s most important and prideful accomplishments were undoubtedly his marriage to Mary and the three sons they raised together. He possessed a deep love for his family and enjoyed nothing more than spending time with them.

In addition to his wife of more than 60 years, Gene is survived by his sons Gene Klein Jr, Kevin Klein, and John (Jan) Klein, all of Versailles; seven grandsons, Josh (Jessica) Klein, Weston Klein, Wylder Klein, Justin Klein, Jacob Klein, Lane Klein, and Logan Klein. Gene's seven grandsons will serve as pallbearers at the service. He is also survived by five siblings, Francis Finley of Jefferson City, MO, Paul (Roberta) Klein of Blue Springs, MO, Ann (David) Gier of High Point, MO, Sue (David) Ward of Windsor, MO, and David (Paulette) Klein of Abbottstown, Pennsylvania; sister-in-law, Shirley Zelsman of Versailles, MO; fifteen nieces and nephews, many extended family members, and numerous friends from all over the country.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers-in-law Ben Finley and Paul Zelsman Jr.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, January 18th, at the Glensted United Methodist Church with Pastor Jim King officiating. Graveside services and interment will follow in the Glensted Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, at the church. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Glensted United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

# Cemetery Details

## Glensted Church Cemetery

11516 Glensted Road  
Versailles, MO 65084

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Glensted United Methodist Church  
11516 Glensted Road  
Versailles, MO

## Service

JAN 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BW

“ *Bill & Teresa Wiecken lit a candle in memory of Vincel Gene Klein Sr.*



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**Bill & Teresa Wiecken** - January 15, 2022 at 09:21 PM

SS

“ *Shirley Sumner lit a candle in memory of Vincel Gene Klein Sr.*



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**Shirley Sumner** - January 14, 2022 at 09:22 PM

PW

“ *Paul And Susan White lit a candle in memory of Vincel Gene Klein Sr.*



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**Paul and Susan White** - January 14, 2022 at 04:10 PM

PW

*Our deepest sympathy Mary Evelyn in the loss of Gene. Such a good family man, he will be missed. May our Lord's presence surround you with comfort and peace. Love and hugs, Paul and Susan*

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**Paul and Susan White** - January 14, 2022 at 04:33 PM

DY

“ Dorothy Yarnell lit a candle in memory of Vincel Gene Klein Sr.



Dorothy Yarnell - January 14, 2022 at 01:55 PM

DY

So sorry for your loss, you have my deepest sympathy.

Dorothy Yarnell - January 14, 2022 at 01:58 PM

TK

“ My late father, Ward Kerr, early on recognized and appreciated Gene's expertise as a business person. Billy Gerhart, John Gerlt and Gene Klein are people I will always remember from Glensted and Glensted Methodist Church. I also know that Gene helped make Klein's Jersey Farm what it was. May our Lord and memories comfort Gene's family and his friends at this time.



Tom and Yvonne Kerr - January 14, 2022 at 12:21 PM

BS

“ Brenda Spaulding lit a candle in memory of Vincel Gene Klein Sr.



Brenda spaulding - January 14, 2022 at 11:11 AM



“ Pam Hill-Ramey lit a candle in memory of Vincel Gene Klein Sr.



Pam Hill-Ramey - January 13, 2022 at 08:44 PM



Mary I'm so sorry for your loss.

Pam Hill-Ramey - January 13, 2022 at 08:45 PM



Mary and family, Howard and I are so sorry for your loss. Gene will be missed by the both of us.

Patricia Porter - January 13, 2022 at 09:22 PM

KC

Mary, prayers for you and your family. Gene was such a good person, always friendly and will be so missed.

Kathryn L Coffman - January 14, 2022 at 01:01 PM

PF

“ Our thoughts and prayers for this family 🙏

Ray & Patty Forrest



Patty Forrest - January 13, 2022 at 06:24 PM

DM

“ *Debbie And David Mccollom lit a candle in memory of Vincel Gene Klein Sr.*



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**Debbie and David Mccollom** - January 13, 2022 at 02:13 PM

DM

“ *the family are in our thoughts and prayers*



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