

Everett Eugene Rydell

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On June 14, 1922 Everett Eugene Rydell was born. He was born in Sweden then he moved to Illinois. His family emigrated from Sweden to the U.S. Everyone called him Gene. He went to high school, but he didn't go to college. After high school he went into the US Marine Corps. He served in World War II he served in the marines for 6 years. Also he served in the Vietnam War. When he got out of the marines he came home, and his family had a welcome home party for him. That is when he met his wife Helen. Gene's cousin introduced them, and they fell in love right away. He got married to Helen A. Hiscocks on May 20th, 1945. They had three children together. Their first-born was Judith Ann Rydell. The second-born was Barbara Lou Rydell. The last-born was William P. Rydell. They lived in Adams County for almost all their lives. After he was deployed from the army, he got a job at the Bag Service. Gene worked there for the rest of his life till retirement. He died of lung cancer, at his house. He was on Hospice for 3 days before he died. He died on November 23, 2008. His resting place is at Decatur Cemetery.

Rydell, Helen. Personal Interview. 17 Oct. 2013.

