

Atchison, KS

Eugene E. "Gene" Pitts, 87, Atchison, Kansas died Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at Atchison Senior Village Nursing Center.

Mass of Christian burial will be Monday, June 13th, at 10:00 A.M. at St. Benedict's Church with Abbot Barnabas Senecal, OSB as celebrant. Interment will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Gene will be available for viewing from 9:00 A.M. until service time on Monday at the church. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Benedict School Endowment and may be left in care of the funeral home. The Arensberg-Pruett Funeral home has been entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences may be left at [www.arenbergpruett.com](http://www.arenbergpruett.com).

Gene was born June 18, 1928 in Atchison, Kansas the son of Leo and Agnes Hess Pitts. He attended St. Benedict's Elementary School, graduated from Maur Hill Prep School in 1946 and then attended an electrical and air conditioning school in Kansas City.

Gene served as an electrician, he then went to work for Levin Furniture Company for ten years, was self-employed from 1957 until 1958 and then he accepted a position for Page Airways where he served for seven years. He then went to work for the D.E.H. Electrical Shop at Ft. Leavenworth serving there for twenty four years until his retirement.

He served with the United States Army during the Korean War from November 30, 1950 until his honorable discharge on August 30, 1952.

He was a member of St. Benedict Parish, and served as an usher for many years at St. Benedict's Church. He formerly served on the board of directors for Pineview Country Club, Maur Hill "500" Club, Knights of Columbus Council #723 and St. Benedict's Church and School Board, Atchison Elks Club, was former commander and life member of Fleming-Jackson-Seever Post #6 of the American Legion and formerly a member of the Forty and Eight club and a life member of V.F.W. Post #1175. In his younger years he played baseball, enjoyed hunting, fishing and later played golf at both Bellevue Country Club and Pineview Country Club.

Immediate survivors include his cousins.