

### Eugene "Gene" Bender

Eugene "Gene" Bender, 68, of Cedar Rapids, died June 29, at St. Luke's Hospital. Inurnment will be held at a later date. Survivors include his wife, Mary; and children, Lisa (Jeff) Britts of Brooklyn, Shelly (Mark) Fabac of Shawnee, Kan., Amy (Rob) Sturenfeldt of Marion, Michael (Shannon) Bender of Shawnee, Kan., and Laura (John) Legate of Overland Park, Kan. Also nine grandchildren. And four sisters, Joan (Michael Rathrop) Burke of Big Bend, Wis., Janice Bender of Des Moines, Betty Bender of Mil-

waukee, Wis., and Becky Robbins of Salt Lake City, Utah; and many nieces and nephews.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Ethel Bender.

E. Eugene Bender was born July 13, 1942, in Ottumwa, the son of Francis and Ethel (Wright).

He was a 1959 graduate of Tri-County High. He was awarded a degree in accounting from St. Ambrose in 1963.

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