



## Gene Ratcliff

December 26, 1927 - February 7, 2008

Wallace Eugene Ratcliff, 80, of New Castle died Thursday, February 07, 2008 in Henry County Hospital following an extended illness.

Gene was born December 26, 1927 in New Castle, a son of the late Carl H. and Ethel Gladys (Rees) Ratcliff.

He was a life-long member of First Friends Meeting and a 1946 graduate of New Castle High School. He married Gwen Fellers on September 5, 1948 and worked for 36 years as a design engineer for Modernfold retiring in 1991. He served as the New Castle City Secretary for 13 years. He was passionate about bowling and bowled a 300 on lanes 13 & 14 on January 13, 1980. He was a member of the Henry County Bowling Association and served as President from 1966 – 1967. He was inducted into the Henry County Bowling Association Hall of Fame in 1977. Gene was a life member of the Indiana Men's Bowling Association, where he served as President in 1981 and was installed in the Hall of Fame in 1991.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Gwendolyn "Gwen" Ratcliff; two daughters, Janet (husband: Faron) Walter of Carey, OH and Gail (husband: Kevin) Koslov of Highlands Ranch, CO; three grandchildren, Brian (wife: Lori) Matthews and Dusty (wife: Courtney) Matthews both of New Castle and Kaysi Koslov of Highlands Ranch, CO; three great-grandchildren, Taylor, Tori, and Caleb Matthews; and a step-granddaughter Renee Walter of Carey, OH.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by three brothers Max, John, and Ronald Ratcliff.

Services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, February 9, 2008 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Curt Shaw officiating. Entombment will follow in Green Hills Memory Gardens.

Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Parkinson Foundation with envelopes available at the funeral home. You may send the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Brian and Dusty,  
So sorry to hear about your grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers our with you.  
Tim, Sis, Paula, Jaira, Chris, Natalie, Christina, Nathan, Neal, and Megan*

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**Billie Gwinn** - February 09, 2008 at 01:05 PM

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“ *Our sincere sympathy to the Ratcliff family & Brian and Dustin Matthews families.  
May God heal your sorrow and grant you peace. Gene's love for his family was  
so evident in all of your lives and we hope you will be comforted by that enduring  
love. Beverly and Duane Matthews*

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**Duane & Beverly Matthews** - February 08, 2008 at 09:50 AM