Gene Ploughe - Class of 1955

Gene was a realtor and commercial developer in Brownsburg for over 50 years, beginning his career in the early 1960's. He worked with the Brownsburg Community School Corporation to purchase land for West Middle School, Delaware Trail and Cardinal Elementary Schools. Gene was involved in many real estate developments and projects that benefited the town of Brownsburg and Hendricks County. He belonged to the Cheer Committee and later was a charter member of the Brownsburg Kiwanis Club. Gene was a Hendricks County Councilman and served on the Hendricks County Hospital Board, the Hendricks County Fair Board, and the Saint Malachy School Board. He was the Vice President of the BHS Alumni Association from 2003-2006 and President from 2006-2010. During his lifetime, Gene received many awards for his outstanding service to the community and recognitions for his work in real estate.

Gene went to Brown Township grade school. In high school Gene excelled in football, basketball and track. He was given full scholarships to Indiana University and Butler University to play football. After careful thought, he turned down the scholarships as he was eager to get on with his life. Gene enlisted in the army in the fall of 1955. After his active service was completed, Gene served in the National Guard and was honorably discharged in 1963.

Gene married Theresa (Wynne) in 1965. They were married just shy of fifty-three years when Gene passed away in October 2018. Gene and Theresa have three children: Shannon Ploughe Guinn, BHS Class of 1986; AJ Ploughe, BHS Class of 1988 and Pat Ploughe, BHS Class of 1991. Two of their grandchildren are future BHS alumni: Brendan (BHS Class of 2021) and Katie (BHS Class of 2022) Ploughe.

Gene will always be remembered for his quick wit, sense of humor, and his willingness to help those in need. Most importantly, he will be remembered for how he made people feel. Gene greeted you with a hardy handshake or a big hug. He made you feel like the most important person in the room. If you were Gene Ploughe's friend, you were a friend for life.