

## Lawlor Funeral Home

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### Eugene J. Schorb

(January 2, 1931 - August 10, 2010)



Eugene J. Schorb , 79, of Columbia, Illinois, passed away August 10, 2010. He was born in Columbia, IL, the son of the late Elten and Ottilda (Beckerle) Schorb. He was married to Elaine (Frye) Schorb, who survives him. They were married on August 17, 1963, at Columbia, IL.



Eugene served in the Army in the Korean War from 1952 - 1953, reaching the rank of Corporal within the Headquarters of the 8th Army, directly interacting with General Douglas MacArthur many times during his tour of duty. Upon his return from Korea, he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from St. Louis University. He joined the firms of Arthur Anderson in Chicago and Touche Ross in St. Louis prior to founding the accounting firm of Eugene J. Schorb, Certified Public Accountant in Columbia in 1965, a firm that still bears his name today.

During his long tenure at the firm, Gene could usually be found at his desk most hours of the day and into the evening. He served as the Auditor for The City of Columbia, The City of Waterloo, Monroe and Randolph Counties and countless school and service districts throughout Monroe and Randolph Counties. He also played a key role in the development of municipal bond and tax increment financing projects throughout the region. Gene was a life-long parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church, establishing the Lay Financial Board and serving as the Chairman Ex Officio in a volunteer capacity since its inception. He was instrumental in the development of the Immaculate Conception School Endowment Fund, recently renamed the Eugene J. Schorb - Immaculate Conception Church Fund for Catholic Education in his honor. He was a member of the Catholic Community Foundation board of the Diocese of Belleville, providing guidance on investment vehicles for Catholic schools and parishes within the Diocese. In recognition of these efforts to further the mission of Catholic education, Gene was named a National Catholic Education Association Distinguished Graduate in 1995. Gene continued his support of Catholic education as a very proud supporter of Gibault basketball for the past 30 years.

Eugene was honored with the Columbia Chamber of Commerce "Pillar of the Community" award in 1998 for his contributions to growth within the community. He was actively involved in the founding and early management of the Strassenfest. He was a 58-year member of Columbia American Legion Post 581 and a long time member of Rotary International, serving as District Governor for Southern Illinois in 1967 - 1968

#### Visitation

Friday, August 13, 2010 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
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**Funeral Mass**

Saturday, August 14, 2010, 10:00 AM  
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
Columbia, Illinois  
Fr. Carl Scherrer, officiating

**Interment**

Immaculate Conception Cemetery  
Columbia, Illinois

**Memorial Contributions**

In lieu of other types of gifts, contributions may be made to the Eugene J. Schorb - Immaculate Conception Church Fund for Catholic Education, or the White Coat Society at St. Louis University School of Medicine, 221 N. Grand Blvd., DuBourg Hall (306), St. Louis, MO 63103

**Survivors**

Wife, Elaine Schorb of Columbia, IL  
Daughter, Lisa (Terry) Meyer of Columbia, IL  
Daughter, Laura (Mark Harris) Byrne-Harris of Leawood, KS  
Daughter, Christine (Kevin Schmoll) Schorb of Columbia, IL  
Grandchildren, Eric and Kaitlyn Meyer, Hailey Byrne, and Andrew and William Schmoll  
Sister, Doris Schmersahl of Columbia, IL  
nieces, nephews other relatives and friends

**Also Preceded In Death By**

Son-In-Law, Kevin Byrne  
Brother-In-Law, Richard Schmersahl

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