



Eugene Skaggs was born March 25, 1921, 3 miles north of Pawnee, to Ollie and Dollie Skaggs. His mother, Dollie, is 102 years of age and is currently living in Pawnee. Gene attended Colean Grade School, Ball Township High School and Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois, and was a 4-H member with many livestock projects. Married on February 20, 1949 to Faye Miller, she has remained an active working partner in all phases of their farming operation. Two children, Linda and Gary were born and both with active and received high awards in 4-H. They contributed six grandchildren. Ollie was a foster son of Eugene McAtee, near Glenarm, upon his return from WWII, where he began farming a portion and the family still farms and owns a share. Gene has been president of Skaggs and Skaggs Inc., a family owned corporation, for several years. Gene helped his son Gary in planting and harvesting crops whenever he is needed.

A member of the Pawnee United Methodist Church, he has served on the church boards. 50 year and life member of Pawnee Masonic Lodge #675, Worshipful Master in 1957 and secretary for the past 24 years. 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Scottish Rite Mason, Ansar shrine; Order of the Easter Star and serving as Worthy Patron three times, and being a former member of Pawnee School Board, have all added to the accomplishments in the life of this successful man.

**2001 Recipient  
Eugene Skaggs  
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