

## Gene F. Mortensen

A native New Mexican, Gene, his wife Gail and six children came to Los Alamos in 1968 when he began work in GMX-3 at LANL as an analytical chemist. As a high school athletic star, Gene's interest in sports came naturally. He began coaching the teams in which his children participated and organized and wrote the rules for the first T-ball league in Los Alamos. In 1979, he began announcing Little League. Gene went on to announce all Topper junior varsity and varsity sports. In 1985, radio station KRSN asked him to announce the state soccer tournament.

By late 1990's, his radio work had expanded to include football, boys and girls basketball, volleyball, soccer, softball and baseball. As a promoter of girls' sports, he was one of the first in the state to do girls basketball on the PA. Gene has traveled over much of New Mexico "following the team". Known as the "Voice of the Toppers" he is the radio voice of Los Alamos sports. The recipient of many awards, Gene was inducted into the NM Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2010. "You help out when you can and over the years you end up getting involved in a lot of things."



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