



## Eugene J. Aiuppa

January 7, 1931 - February 2, 2026

VENICE, FL – Eugene (Gene, Gino) J. Aiuppa, age 95, passed away peacefully on February 2, 2026, at home in the care and comfort of his beloved wife of 68 years, Rosanna (nee Cesare) Aiuppa, and his loving daughters, Laura and Marlene. Gene was born on January 7, 1931, in Lascari, Palermo, Sicily to the late Salvatore and Maria (nee Catanese) Aiuppa, who raised him and his three older siblings on the family farm in Sicily overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, which is still operated by his nephew Nino Cirrito and family.

Gene emigrated from Italy to the US in 1951, and met the love of his life, Rosanna, whom he married in 1958. They first settled in Chicago, IL., then in 1963 moved to Albany, NY where they built a prosperous life together and raised two children, until retiring to the Sarasota/Venice area of Florida.

Gene lived a life defined by entrepreneurial endeavors and deep commitment to family and friends. During their productive life partnership, Gene and Rosanna owned and operated a hair salon, two laundromats, a travel agency, and developed various real estate holdings. Gene's strong work ethic, ingenuity, and extraordinary mechanical skills were foundational to the success of their business ventures. Customers, tenants, and employees appreciated his honesty and meticulous attention to detail, and many became his lifelong friends.

Gene's life was enriched by loving family members and so many dear friends, who treasured him deeply. In return, he extended his unwavering loyalty, wit and charm, and genuine love and support. Gene always enjoyed connecting with old and new friends, many of whom joined him and Rosanna on numerous travel adventures within the US and abroad. He was quick to laugh, curious and willing to learn new things, and took pleasure in eating good food, making time spent with him engaging and memorable.

Gene was an avid outdoor sportsman. He was passionate about hunting, fishing, and sport shooting. He was a member of the Watervliet Fish and Game Protective Association in NY and the Sarasota Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays Club in FL. The camaraderie he fostered with his buddies too numerous to mention, and the fun times they had on epic hunting and fishing trips to South Dakota and Canada, and at the shooting range, brought him immense joy and many cherished memories. Gene also always made time for family outdoor adventures instilling in his children and grandchildren appreciation and respect for nature. He transmitted to them a love of vegetable and fruit gardening, which brought him so much pleasure, especially in his last years.

Above all, Gene loved his family fiercely. His children and grandchildren were his greatest source of happiness and pride, and he supported each of them wholeheartedly. He is survived by his devoted wife Rosanna, and loving daughters, Marlene Aiuppa, Laura Aiuppa Denning and husband Jeffery; his cherished grandchildren Michael Lisuzzo and wife Molly, Sabrina Budha and husband Kevin, and Eliana Lisuzzo; his darling great-grandchildren Kaylee Budha, Nikolai Eugenio Budha, Jayce Budha, and Landon Lisuzzo; and many relatives in the US and Sicily who were so dear to his heart.

A memorial service will be held on May 16, 2026, at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 N Allen St, Albany, NY 12206, (518) 463-5735. Visitation with the family

will be 12:00 to 3:00 pm.

Rev. Dominic Isopo will deliver a prayer blessing at 1:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, and in honor of Gene's deep connection to his Italian heritage and cultural traditions, a donation may be made in memory of him to the American Italian Heritage Museum and Cultural Center, 1227 Central Ave. Albany, NY 12205 (<https://www.americanitalianmuseum.org/donate.html>).

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

MAY **16**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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## Prayer Service

MAY **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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