



Eugene P. "Gene" Burnett

June 28, 1940 - December 8, 2024

Delmar, NY - Eugene "Gene" Paul Burnett passed away peacefully at his home Sunday, December 8th 2024. He was born in Albany, son of the late Frank and Mary Skiba Burnett. Being born into a depression era family with six siblings shaped Gene's formative years and resulted in a lifetime of collecting, mischievous humor and most prominently hard work and hustling. Being the youngest son was a dubious task but he was up for the challenge of a childhood of dubious pranks and long days working in the family's waste business. This served as the foundation that taught Gene the value of loyalty.

He worked every day to provide for his family and would show up in a minute if asked to help a sibling, niece, nephew, cousin or friend. If there was a problem, you could find a solution in Gene's garage. After, he always accepted payment in the form of treats like strawberry rhubarb pie or polish pierogis, especially from his sisters Ann, Joan, Mary Lou and Patricia.

Gene started off his long and illustrious career, shortly after marrying his late wife Elizabeth, in the NY National Guard serving in a Transportation and Logistics company where he worked to become a master mechanic and welder. Following an honorable discharge, Gene proudly worked for Callanan Industries for 29 years as an Operating Engineer building many of the roads we drive on today in the Capital Region and beyond. During winters he and his friend Dave Conrad repaired and maintained Callanan's fleet of equipment

and also added in a heavy dose of pranks around the shop on the unsuspecting. He vigilantly served as a Union Steward for the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 158, District 106, advocating for his fellow members. He was also the proud owner of Q&B Plowing with his partner Billy Quackenbush, serving a large book of commercial and residential customers. Rounding out his professional life he worked 11 more years for August Bohl Contracting before spending his twilight working years alongside his brothers Jake and Mitch with Jake Burnett Excavating.

Gene could build anything with his hands and spent a lifetime doing so. He was a devout parishioner of St. Thomas the Apostle and longtime member of the Albany PACC. He enjoyed hunting, snowmobiling, golf, fishing, visiting Joe Tremblay at Albany Battery and most of all, spending time with his girlfriend Jackie; his children and grandchildren (especially showing them his tools at Wellington Road).

Gene was predeceased by his loving wife Elizabeth, his son Christopher; his sisters Ann Busta, Joan Wheeler and his brothers Francis (Mitch) and John (Jake). Gene is survived by his sisters Mary Lou and Patricia; his girlfriend Jackie; his children Kimberly and Joshua (Kerry); his grandchildren Peyton and Breton. "Uncle Gene" is also survived by an army of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Gene's family Thursday, December 12, 2024 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral services Friday December 13, 2024 at 9:00 am at St. Pius X Chapel where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the Mass.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

In lieu of flowers a contribution in Gene's memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
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Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
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Funeral Mass

DEC 13. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Chapel
23 Crumitie Rd.
Loudonville, NY 12211
(518) 462-1336

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Eugene P. "Gene" Burnett*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - December 11, 2024 at 09:26 PM

CS

Gene was always funny and sweet, and Jackie took such good care of him. I always felt connected to both of them and enjoyed their company. I'll never forget Gene struggling to hold me up during Chris's funeral, even thou he was recovering from knee surgery and could have used help himself. He was that kinda guy. He will be missed by many☐

Charlene Shortsleeve - December 11, 2024 at 11:52 PM

CS

“ *Charlene Shortsleeve lit a candle in memory of Eugene P. "Gene" Burnett*



Charlene Shortsleeve - December 11, 2024 at 11:53 PM

JH

“ *So sorry learning of Gene's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with with His Family. Always enjoyed his conversations and jokes - He was always pleasant and friendly.* 🙏🙏🙏

Joe & Elaine Habbinger - December 11, 2024 at 09:28 PM

KB

*Thank you, Joe and Elaine. I know our Dad also enjoyed time with you both.
Best,
Kim*

Kimberly Burnett - December 20, 2024 at 03:44 PM

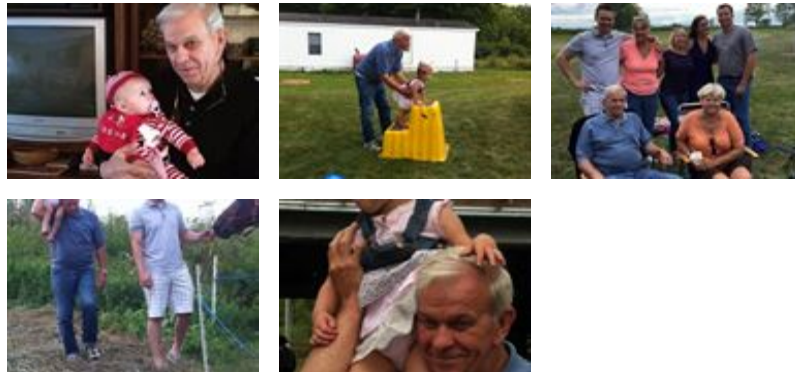
RW

“ I really liked Gene and enjoyed the time spent and conversations I had with him while Jackie and Laura were otherwise occupied. I will miss him. RIP

Richard Watt - December 11, 2024 at 05:21 PM

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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - December 11, 2024 at 04:23 PM

WP

“ Josh sorry to learn about your Dad. I remember how nice he was during the little league days. Bill

William Primomo - December 11, 2024 at 02:34 PM

MK

“ *Kim,
I am so sorry for your loss.
Your dad was a colorful character and I remember many things from our time together on Van Rensselaer Blvd. in N. Albany.
-your brown house with the modern layout, Chris' piano lessons, your beautiful mother, your dad's impeccably clean garage floors, his Monte Carlo, his motorcycle (occasional rides!), his organized tool cabinets, your swimming pool, making a stupid game of running from the Warner's yard down into your driveway and up the other side... so many days spent hanging out and thinking your dad was just about the coolest guy I had ever met.
I wish you Peace.*

Mark Kulzer - December 11, 2024 at 01:55 PM

KB

*Mark,
It is lovely to hear from you. Thank you for sharing these memories, it means more than you know. Wonderful times indeed.
Wishing you all the best.
~Kim*

Kimberly Burnett - December 20, 2024 at 03:40 PM



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