



Eugene B. Vavrick

January 22, 1927 - February 4, 2023

On Saturday, February 4, 2023, Eugene B. Vavrick passed peacefully into the Savior's loving arms. Gene was 96 years old when he passed. He was born in Nanticoke PA in 1927, the fifth child of John and Kathryn Vavrick. He is predeceased by his parents and his siblings: John Vavrick, Eleanor (Vavrick) Smith, Magdalene (Vavrick) Moore, Marion (Vavrick) Galligan, and Kathryn (Vavrick) Vrabel.

Gene was very proud to have served in the Army Air Force, and was very grateful for the benefits of the G.I. Bill which allowed him to pursue his college education at Duquesne University and Wilkes College, PA. After college he moved to Jersey City, NJ to pursue his career as a civil engineer. It was in Jersey City that he met and married his wife, Lorraine Murphy. He and Lorraine enjoyed 49 years of marriage together.

They raised their 5 children in Hazlet and Holmdel, NJ: Rev. Eugene Vavrick, Mary Ellen Vavrick, John Vavrick, (deceased in 2017), Elizabeth Vavrick, and Patricia Vavrick.

Gene was a very active member of the Knights of Columbus in Keyport, NJ. He enjoyed playing at golf well into his 90's and enjoyed dreaming about visiting the more famous golf courses around the world.

In their later years, Gene and Lorraine moved into a home in Holiday City in Toms River, where they both enjoyed the activities of that community. Gene enjoyed volunteering with other seniors to assist local seniors with various "handy man" projects. Gene was a member of the "Angler's Club" but we're

not quite sure he ever got into a boat for the fishing.

He truly enjoyed the Jersey Shore and exploring the many restaurants. A big thrill for Gene was to drive his lady-friends to Point Pleasant to listen to Fr. Alphonse Stevenson and his Orchestra perform on the beach.

In his last years, Gene lived at the Parish House at Saint Anselm Parish in Tinton Falls, He was very grateful to the Bishop of Trenton who gave permission for him to live at the parish. He really enjoyed the parish community of Saint Anselm and all of its many activities. Gene was a very popular dancer at events such as Irish Night, the International Dinner, and any time there was music.

May he now continue his dancing with his loves at the Heavenly Banquet.

He is predeceased by his loving wife Marie Lorraine Vavrick and his son John Vavrick. Surviving are his loving children; Rev. Eugene Vavrick, Mary Ellen Pennisi, Elizabeth Lanier and Patricia Anderson. He is also survived by his cherished grandchildren Jessica Bannister, Samantha Conklin and Liz Cortez, and his great grandchildren Brandon and Grant Bannister.

Visitation will be held on Friday February 10, 2023, from 3:00pm until the funeral mass at 4:00pm at the Church of St. Anselm, 1028 Wayside Road, Tinton Falls, NJ. All other services will be private.

Please omit flowers. donations may be made to; The Center, 806 Third Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712 or www.thecenterinap.org.

Cemetery Details

All other services are private

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Church of Saint Anselm
1028 Wayside Road
Tinton Falls, NJ

Funeral Mass

FEB 10. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CP

“ Dear Father Gene, please allow me to offer you and your family my most sincere condolences on the passing of your beloved father. The gift of his friendship will be a cherished memory for me as I remember our animated conversations and most of all, those great dancing moments at St. Anselm’s gatherings. Those of us who were his friends, will carry him always in our hearts.
Sincerely, Dr. Carola G. d’Emery.


Carola d’Emery, PT, PhD - February 09, 2023 at 08:55 PM

LD

“ So very sorry for your loss. Remembering our neighbors fondly and sending thoughts and prayers to the Vavrck family.
The Ewins

Lorie Dorough - February 09, 2023 at 04:49 PM

CK

“ Deepest condolences to you and your family Fr. Gene at the loss of your dad! He was a delightful man to talk to! May he Rest in Peace!


Cheryl Korbul - February 05, 2023 at 03:49 PM

BH

“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Eugene B. Vavrck



Bongarzone Funeral Home - February 05, 2023 at 01:53 PM

EC

You will be missed a gentle man rest in heaven Nina and George Eckstein st anelms

ecksteins - February 05, 2023 at 03:58 PM

JH

Gene was such a wonderful person and we admired him. He advised us greatly on moving to Holiday City. Rest in Peace. Sincerely, Joan and Dennis

Joan R Hussey - February 07, 2023 at 01:07 PM

JG

*I so enjoyed talking with him after Mass and his visits to the office when he was out for an afternoon walk. Always pleasant with a smile.
Janet Grant*

Janet Grant - February 07, 2023 at 03:39 PM