



## Eugene A. Bienkowski

May 9, 1920 - March 12, 2014

Eugene A. Bienkowski.

We lost another one of the greatest generation when Eugene passed away peacefully on March 12, 2014 at the age of 93. He lived a good, full life. He served our country in the battle of Okinawa, was a Golden Gloves

heavyweight champion boxer and was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He always had one of the best looking yards on the block, and rode his bike every day well into his 80's. He was loved and will be missed. He was the beloved husband of the late Jane I. Bienkowski

November 7, 2009; loving father of Dennis Marlene Bienkowski, Robert Nancy Bienkowski, Mary Phillip Colletti and Lucy Robert Farina; dear brother of Leah Zapico, Victor Bienkowski and Gertrude Skladnowski; proud grandfather of Adam Sharon, Denny Christina, Katie, A.J., Alexandra and Joseph; and great grandfather of Jake Platcha and Ethan. The visitation will be Sunday 2-8 p.m.

with a 7 p.m. scripture service at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Eugene will lie in state Monday 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass 10 a.m. at the National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak, with the Rev. Patrick Gonyeau officiating.

The burial will take place at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Memorials to Beaumont Hospice or Veterans Foundation are appreciated.

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# Tribute Wall

MS

“ My name is Mike Sadaj and I was the coach of the New Way Bar Hockey Team from Ferndale, Michigan. I am looking for a Dennis "Denny" Bienkowski that played on a line with Art Dunstan and John Haithcoat on the New Way Bar Hockey Team in the early to mid 1970s in both Men's Senior Leagues in Detroit and Royal Oak. I have information about your teammates and would like to stay in touch for future reunions of the team. You can get me at: Mike Sadaj, 317 691-0915 or email me at: [cntrctman@earthlink.net](mailto:cntrctman@earthlink.net) Thank you. May "Mr. B" RIP. Mike Sadaj Zionsville, Indiana

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**Mike Sadaj** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**Mike Sadaj** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“Wow, came across this entirely by coincidence. There are today many former Royal Oak kids who played on one of the several youth athletics teams "Mr. B" coached. It was Mr. Bienkowski who got me into organized hockey, a recreation that remained a big part of my life into my twenties and today remains one of my happiest memories of growing up in Michigan. Mr. B was also a unique individual in a neighborhood that desperately needed one. I remember, among other moments, playing a quick game of impromptu catch with him across two backyards. He threw one too high and broke the Diedrich's basement window. No other adult in our neighborhood ever came close to that level of spontaneity. There are simply not that many of us whose passage through life will leave behind as many happy moments and unforgettable memories as did Gene Bienkowski. It was a privilege to have had him as a neighbor and I'm genuinely saddened to learn of his passing. Riley VanDyke San Francisco

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**RBVanDyke** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“He had a hell of a winning streak -- God speed Geno!

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**Mike and Susan Schwendemann** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our hearts reach out to the Bienkowski family, a war hero, father, grandfather, mentor and life long friend will be missed. Mr. Bienkiowski was much more than a friend, he helped me find myself in those late teen early twenties when life paths are before you, Work hard, do the best you can, honor God. I have carried those words of wisdom my entire life. Mr. Bienkowski was dedicated to his church, his family, his friends and to God, rest now you good and faithful servant, the race as been run. God Bless Dennis, Robert, Mary, Lucy spouses and all of the grandchildren, I pray that the Holy Spirit will be with you to comfort and protect you during this difficult time. Mike & Laurel Fagg

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**Mike and Laurel Fagg** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to the Bienkowski family... may you find peace and comfort in memories and story's you will share with others about a wonderful man who saw so much change in his life time...keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.. Maxine German an Thomas an Patty Hawkins

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**Eugene Bienkowski** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM