



Eugene Boniface Knittig

May 21, 1940 - March 20, 2022

Eugene (Gene) Boniface Knittig went to his eternal heaven on Sunday, March 20, 2022. Gene was born in Morrison Bluff, AR on May 21, 1940 to Albert and Mary (Newman) Knittig. He graduated from Subiaco Academy and moved to Detroit, MI shortly after. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Charles Knittig and sisters Marie Zaloudek, Rose Enderlin and Sister Agatha Knittig. Gene is survived by one sister Lona Weisenfels and two brothers Ed (Annette) Knittig and Louis Knittig and sister in law Mary Alice Knittig and many nieces and nephews.

He began a career in accounting at Fruehauf Trucking and then later at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, MI where he retired. Gene was committed to obtaining a college degree and attended the University of Detroit evening classes for 8 years to do so with a bachelor's degree. He enjoyed the outdoors including hiking, backpacking, snow skiing, birdwatching, and gardening. Gene also very much liked photography and Contra dancing.

Special thanks to his caregiver Renita Spencer as he was greatly blessed to have her the last year of his life.

Gene was a faithful member of National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak serving as an usher for many years. In his earlier years, he sang in the choir and his favorite hymn was 'Hallelujah Chorus' from Handel's Messiah. He also took care of the rose gardens at The Shrine for many years. He was an active member of the Audubon Society and a Lifetime Member of Michigan Council of the Hosteling International (AYH).

Visitation will be held at 9:30 AM followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM Thursday, March 31st at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak. Inurnment will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Shrine High School and Academy, Attn: Fundraising Office, 3500 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48073.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be livestreamed at www.ShrineChurch.com.

Share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAR 31. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W. 12 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Livestream of Funeral Mass

MAR 31. 10:00 AM.

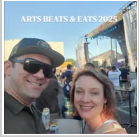
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Tribute Wall

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“ *RIP Gene, I sent 1 memorories already my Mother JoAnn Gabrath was his cousin, my Grandpa Joe Bauer would of been his Uncle, I see he passed on March 20th, My Mother passed on March 20th too, 10 years ago, just a quintessence.*
Michelle Hartman

Michelle Hartman - March 29, 2022 at 10:03 AM



“ *Gene was our neighbor for the past 6+ years. We enjoyed seeing him tend to his roses and vegetable garden. He was kind enough to share vegetables with us each year. In return my husband baked him bread.*
He joined for barbecues on a few occasions and shared stories of his Mackinac Bridge speed walking.
We were please to be with him on his 80th birthday.
Rest in peace
Sam and Debra Bier

Debra Bier - March 23, 2022 at 05:42 PM

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RIP Gene He was my Mother's (Joann Galbraith) cousin it has been many years since seeing Gene my memorories our when I was a little girl he would come visit us on the farm, and tell stories of his outdoor adventures.
Michelle Hartman

Michelle Hartman - March 29, 2022 at 09:54 AM