



Eugene Nawrocki

February 28, 1923 - January 5, 2017

Nawrocki, Eugene C., age 93, a resident of Royal Oak since 1946, formerly of Perrysburg, passed away January 5, 2017. Eugene was born on February 28, 1923 to the late Joseph and Chesowava Nawrocki in Detroit. His astute grasp of academics allowed him to graduate at 16 years of age from Chadsey High School. From there, he transitioned directly into machinist work with Dodge.

Eugene met his lifelong sweetheart, “Wandie”, at the choir group at Our Savior Polish National Church on Detroit’s west side. The two married on January 24, 1943 and shortly after he enlisted in the United States Army.

Eugene served for 3 years during World War II. He served as an automotive mechanic, received diesel motor training, and worked up the rank of corporal. During his time with the army he was stationed in Montana, the South Seas, Philippines, and New Guinea. Among his accomplishments were a Victory Medal (Asiatic Pacific Theater ribbon), Battle Star Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and overseas service bars.

When Eugene returned home he began work as an apprentice tool and die maker for Chrysler Motor Corp. and was granted higher positions within the company over many years, eventually retiring in 1979. He spent additional time at Valeron Corporation where he had been working as the manager of plant maintenance and retired in 1981.

Eugene's technical and mechanical abilities were nothing short of genius. Throughout life he was able to translate his keen knowledge of science, mathematics, engineering, and tooling for both personal satisfaction as well as a means to provide for his family.

Beloved husband of the late Wanda "Wandie"; loving father of Paul (Jannie), Laura (Darcy) Steele, and David (Leanne); proud grandfather of Benjamin, Ryan, and Matthew; and great-grandfather of Rachael. Memorial service at a later date.

Memorials to VFW Acorn Post #1669, 214 Fourth Street, Royal Oak 48067.

Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak.

Share your memories on the Tribute Wall tab at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Tribute Wall

JN

“ I have so many memories of Mom and Pop. They welcomed me in the family over 45 years ago. We spent time together constantly. We went fishing together, walking and hiking together at Clear Lake Ranch for over 25 years. Wonderful family years. Our children were very fortunate to have had a Grandfather all there lives. My father passed when they were very young. Both had loving Grandmothers that were in their lives for many years. Our boys will forever remember Grandma Wand's bright laughter and grandpa's showing them how to catch Walleye. Another era has passed and we will miss them very much. Always together and now together. Love, Jannie

janet nawrocki - January 15, 2017 at 02:51 PM

BS

“ Grandpa Nawrocki was someone who was always there for me, no matter what I was going through. I remember I was in the hospital for two weeks right before Christmas break my senior year of high school, and he and Grandma sent me get-well notes nearly every single day, just to let me know they loved me and hoped I would get well soon. I appreciated that more than words could ever express. Grandpa will be dearly missed by all those who knew him.

Benjamin Slater - January 09, 2017 at 03:18 PM

PN

Dear Benjamin, Your Tribute to Grandpa Gene was very beautiful and heartwarming. The memorial Service for Grandpa will be on May 19th at 11:00 a.m. at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. If you and Renee will be joining us let me know and I can help you with details and directions. Love, Uncle Paul and Aunt Jan 248302.5205
prn1403@att.net

paul nawrocki - May 10, 2017 at 11:44 AM

LT

“ My condolences to the family. This wonderful couple were my neighbors. Always a cheerful word from them whether out in their yard or a knock on their door. Always proud of their many years of marriage. A couple that I will long remember as no matter the challenges they faced, they did it together with love and humor.
Linda Tuomaala,

Linda Tuomaala - January 08, 2017 at 04:00 PM

PN

Dear Linda, I'm sorry that we don't know you but are very happy for your kind words about our parents. They loved each other very much. Thank you. Family of Gene and Wanda Nawrocki

paul nawrocki - May 10, 2017 at 11:48 AM

MI

“ My heart is full of gratitude for the life of Gene Nawrocki and Wanda, who passed what seems like yesterday. As the teenage girl who lived next door in the late 1940's and 50's, they befriended me for life. They were my go-to adult friends and I always felt that no matter what they were in my corner. What a gift this was. The last time we three enjoyed each other's company was after my husband's death. Free-flowing, joyous conversations that seemingly could go on all day. Way cool. A very rich part of my life. Thank you, Gene.

My love to Laura, Paul and David.

Mickey

Mickey - January 06, 2017 at 04:50 PM

PN

Mickey, Your kind and wonderful words have touched me and comforted me very much. You are a special person and were a great baby-sitter. Thank you for your memories. Paul

Paul Nawrocki - January 08, 2017 at 07:58 AM

MT

“ *My condolences to the family. May you find comfort in knowing that God is near to those broken at heart.-Psalms 34:18*

Ms. Tuffy - January 06, 2017 at 10:35 AM

PN

thank you for your thoughts and prayers family of gene nawrocki

paul nawrocki - May 10, 2017 at 02:42 PM