



## Eugene M. Schoenherr

May 10, 1958 - April 30, 2022

Eugene “Gene” Schoenherr, of Shelby Township, passed away on April 30, 2022, at the age of 63. Gene, the cherished husband of Lori Schoenherr; the loving father of Sarah and Michael (Amber); the adored Grandpa of Brody, Sloane, and Mila; the beloved brother of Ann (Dave) Schweiger, Paul Schoenherr, Michael (Diane) Schoenherr, Anthony (Julie) Schoenherr, the late Theresa (Jay) Toomey, the late David (Margie) Briggs; the dear son-in-law of Basil Briggs, and the late Sandra Briggs. Gene also leaves behind many Godchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins who will miss him dearly. Gene is preceded in death by his parents, Eugene J. and Bernadette.

“Grandpa always said, family comes first” and that was important to Gene. His grandchildren had a special place in his heart. He was known as a jokester to all the kids and could tell a good story. He had a heart of gold and was always willing to help with whatever he could.

Gene graduated from Stevenson High School in 1976. He continued his education with night classes at Macomb Community College and then completed his schooling at Lawrence Tech, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. After more than 30 years working for Chrysler, Gene retired in 2020.

True to the engineer form, Gene could fix just about anything and liked making things in his woodworking shop. He was a wine connoisseur and enjoyed making his own wine. Gene had a love for the outdoors. A few of his favorite pastimes were hunting, fishing, camping, golfing and hockey. He ultimately

enjoyed spending time with family at the cabin in Lewiston.

Gene was a man of faith. Traditions were important to him. He strived to follow in his father's footsteps and words of wisdom.

Gene's family will receive friends for visitation on Wednesday, May 4, and Thursday, May 5, 2022 at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica, from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. both nights. A rosary service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday. A funeral mass will be held on Friday, May 6, 2022, instate from 10:00 a.m. until the time of mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Kieran Catholic Church, 53600 Mound Road, Shelby Township. Memorials are appreciated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or at [www.stjude.org/tribute](http://www.stjude.org/tribute), or the Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207 or at [www.thecapuchins.org](http://www.thecapuchins.org). Please share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 4. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Visitation

MAY 5. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home

## Rosary

MAY 5. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Mass

MAY 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Kieran Catholic Church  
53600 Mound Road  
Shelby Township, MI 48316

# Tribute Wall

GH

“ We can not express the amount of joy that Gene, Lori and the family has blessed us with many years of camping together. Working together with Gene at SK and Defiance, Gene taught us how to work hard, play hard and the importance of family. Gene’s infectious smile will be missed.

*Greg and Lisa Hopton*

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**Greg Hopton** - May 09, 2022 at 10:50 AM

JW

“ Lori and family,

*Words cannot express my shock and sadness at your loss. Gene will be missed by all that knew him. He was a great mentor to others including his children, grandchildren, nephews, co-workers and friends. He would go out of his way to help anyone whether asked or not. He was a calm and rational rock that others could depend on. His love of family and nature is well known. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*



*Jim Witalec*

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**James M. Witalec** - May 05, 2022 at 06:30 PM

MP

“ Lori and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I've worked with Gene for many years in Vehicle Safety. He was the glue that held our group together, not just with his words of wisdom and his kind way of saying things that need to be said, but by also running our bowling and picnic events to make sure we all had some fun times. He always lit up so when he talked about hunting and time with family, and made everyone feel so valued when he spoke with you. I am blessed to have known him and consider him a great mentor in how to live a full life. He will sorely be missed. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow. - Mary



Mary Perrin - May 05, 2022 at 04:27 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Eugene M. Schoenherr.



May 05, 2022 at 09:26 AM

MA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mark - May 04, 2022 at 11:37 AM

MV

“ *Lori and Family,  
We were so sad to hear of Gene’s passing.  
Gene and I were friends for 40+ years, first meeting at Lamb,  
moving to SK, and eventually working together at Chrysler for many  
years. We always enjoyed playing softball on the SK team in Troy  
and Liberty Park, where we won a few championships along the  
way. I always looked forward to our annual draft for the Red Wings  
games when he & I would catch up. Gene was a great person, and  
we feel blessed to have known him. Shelly & I are keeping you and  
the entire Schoenherr family close in our thoughts and prayers  
during this time of sorrow. Mark & Shelly*

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**Mark & Shelly Villaire** - May 04, 2022 at 11:32 AM

BC

“ *On behalf of the Capuchin brothers I offer my deepest sympathies  
on the passing of Eugene. It is truly humbling to receive memorial  
donations in honor of his life. Please be assured of the brother's  
prayers for the entire Schoenherr family during this great time of  
grief. May perpetual light shine upon Eugene.*

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**Br Nick Blattner Ofm Capuchin** - May 04, 2022 at 09:47 AM

KU

“ *Kalu U. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for  
the family of Eugene M. Schoenherr.*



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**Kalu U.** - May 04, 2022 at 07:07 AM

KU

“ Gene.  
*May your soul rest in the bosom of the Risen Christ Jesus.  
May the memories of the love you showered on your family and  
friends help them to heal from their grief and the pain of losing you.  
May Christ restore peace, joy, and strength to their lives.  
Kalu Uduma.  
Rest in Peace.*

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**Kalu Uduma** - May 04, 2022 at 07:00 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Eugene M. Schoenherr.*



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May 03, 2022 at 11:13 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Eugene M. Schoenherr.*



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May 03, 2022 at 08:47 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the  
family of Eugene M. Schoenherr.*



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May 03, 2022 at 08:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eugene M. Schoenherr.*



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May 03, 2022 at 07:40 PM



“ *Denise and Bernie Smith purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Eugene M. Schoenherr.*



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**Denise and Bernie Smith** - May 03, 2022 at 07:35 PM



“ *I have known Gene & Lori since Lori was my roommate at Oakland University. Our kids grew up together. We shared many vacations up north at our place on Douglas Lake not far from the Schoenherr family cabin. I remember that Gene used to talk to the kids in his own language he made up. That made the kids laugh so hard, We adults had so much fun playing cards & games after the kids went to bed. He took my son on his first deer hunting trip because no one in my family was a hunter. My son enjoyed talking deer hunting with Gene & Mike. Even though we all got busy raising families & working - we could always get together with Gene & Lori & it was as if no time had gone by. My heart goes out to Lori, the kids & the whole Schoenherr family, Gene will be greatly missed. He was a wonderful friend.*

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**Liz Bradley** - May 03, 2022 at 06:18 PM

RD

“ Gene was a great boss, and friend to my husband, Eric. His kindness, and leadership will never be forgotten.

*Rachael Darin*



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**Rachael Cini Darin** - May 03, 2022 at 05:45 PM

DT

“ I worked with Gene for many years at Chrysler/FCA. His wide beaming smile, followed by his wholesome laugh & a pat on the back or shoulder, left us all feeling good, each time we had the pleasure to be with him. Condolences to all of his family. Gene you will be sorely missed & it was a pleasure to have you as a friend.  
*David Tucker*

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**David Tucker** - May 03, 2022 at 04:44 PM

RF

“ Regards, Gene's Chrysler friends purchased the Heavenly and Harmony for the family of Eugene M. Schoenherr.



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**Regards, Gene's Chrysler friends** - May 03, 2022 at 04:31 PM

SS

“ Sincerely, PBE Propulsion Systems purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Eugene M. Schoenherr.



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**Sincerely, PBE Propulsion Systems** - May 03, 2022 at 04:22 PM

JT

“ I met Gene at Oakland University when he was dating my friend Lori who lived on the floor above me. He was lots of fun then and that trait never left him. We vacationed a lot when our children were young and we usually gathered together with our dear friends at Christmas in the years that followed. A finer family man would be hard to find and I know the heartache this loss means to all of the greater Schoenherr family. You could always count on Gene to help with whatever needed to be done. He could fix almost anything. His gift was not just in helping people, but also giving you the reassurance that you weren't in it alone, whatever the issue was. Gene took on huge burdens of caring for his family and friends and did it with class. There probably won't be anyone at his funeral that he didn't help in some way. I can only imagine that Jesus needed something fixed and called home his good and faithful servant. It must be a big job so we will somehow let him go. I'm grateful to call him my friend.

*Jim Thomas*

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**Jim Thomas** - May 03, 2022 at 03:38 PM

BE

“ We are heart broken to lose our great neighbor on Townhall Rd. Lewiston. He came by to see all of us when here. Loved their cabin and we loved him. Hope to see you Laurie up here with your family.

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**Beverly** - May 03, 2022 at 02:38 PM

TW

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Tom Wiegand** - May 03, 2022 at 01:50 PM

TS

*All the great times we had in Curtis! Ronnie, Gene, and Ronnie JR. - all up in heaven now looking down on us.*

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**Tony Schoenherr** - May 03, 2022 at 03:04 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of *Eugene M. Schoenherr*.



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May 03, 2022 at 01:36 PM

KA

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Gene for a number of years. He was a wonderful man who will truly be missed. My deepest condolences to the family. You are all in my prayers. God Bless!*  
*Karen Adams*

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**Karen Adams** - May 03, 2022 at 01:32 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Eugene M. Schoenherr.*



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May 03, 2022 at 01:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eugene M. Schoenherr.*



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May 03, 2022 at 12:35 PM



“ *Lori -*

*I am deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Gene. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Kristi Hopak*

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**Kristi Hopak** - May 03, 2022 at 12:08 PM

JL

“ I worked closely with Gene developing frame design at Jeep Truck and CTC for Chrysler. He was a pleasure to collaborate with and we were like minded when it came to our approach to development. We had a lot of successes over the years and sold him some of my wine shelves to support his hobby of making his own wine! My deepest sympathy goes out to his large family and I'm sure huge group of friends as he will be sorely missed.

*Jim LeGray*

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**Jim LeGray** - May 03, 2022 at 11:25 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Eugene M. Schoenherr.



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May 03, 2022 at 11:24 AM

BC

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of Gene. I miss our conversations we had at work helping me keep my head on straight. I feel terrible for his entire beloved family that will miss him. God Bless you Gene.

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**Brad Coval** - May 03, 2022 at 11:20 AM

AF

“ I worked for Gene in EMD at Chrysler. He was knowledgeable, kind and funny - a terrific manager and better person. Please accept my heartfelt sympathies on your loss. He will be missed.

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**Anne Ferrando-Klemet** - May 03, 2022 at 11:20 AM



“ Mrs. Fields 90 Nibblers Signature Tin Nut-Free was purchased for the family of Eugene M. Schoenherr.



May 03, 2022 at 10:07 AM



“ I am one of the lucky engineer hired by Gene. You will be missed Gene.

Atul Deo - May 02, 2022 at 09:32 PM



“ Karen Duyck lit a candle in memory of Eugene M. Schoenherr



Karen duyck - May 02, 2022 at 09:24 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Gene was one of the many wonderful engineers I have ever had the pleasure of working with. He will be sadly missed.



Melissa Richardson/Caiozzo - May 02, 2022 at 07:42 PM

MK

“ *Melissa Kruschinska lit a candle in memory of Eugene M. Schoenherr*



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**Melissa Kruschinska** - May 02, 2022 at 07:09 PM

KR

“ *Kristine lit a candle in memory of Eugene M. Schoenherr*



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**Kristine** - May 02, 2022 at 03:36 PM

KR

*My deepest sympathies to the entire Schoenherr Family. The unexpected loss of Eugene has been a shock to all of us. May he have eternal peace with our Lord and your memories strengthen you at this time.*

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**Kristine** - May 02, 2022 at 03:40 PM

EN

*It was a pleasure to work with you, you will always be in our memories. My heartfelt condolences to the entire Schoenherr Family*

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**Enrico** - May 03, 2022 at 02:52 AM

JM

*Lori and the entire Schoenherr family,  
As you know, I just saw Gene at the RW hockey game last week. It was so good to see him and chat with him during the game. We reminisced about the Lamb and SK days, now over 30 years ago. The Hockey Club has kept us connected through email and the occasional "game pick" meetings we would have each year at a local establishment. When I sat down in front of Gene at the game, at first we didn't recognize each other. When Gene said "Jay!" I first wondered who was calling my name. I turned around and he said "You know me!." It was like the Peter Pan movie when the "lost boys" finally recognized Peter (Robin Williams). Looking through the years on his face and grayer hair it came to me, Gene! I am so glad we had a chance to meet and talk. I will send you the pictures we took at the game. Love and Prayers, Jay and Sue*

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**Jay Meldrum** - May 03, 2022 at 10:02 AM

DI

*Lori and Family,  
For over 30 years, we've had a Schoenherr family connection, starting with my sister working with Gene at Lamb, then Jim working with Gene (and Jay Meldrum) at SK in the 80's, and finally Lori and Jim together at GM. You were invited to our wedding, we've witnessed the growth of our families, and please know we'll be there for whatever else you need in the future. Love and Prayers to you and yours, Jim and Diane*

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**Diane** - May 03, 2022 at 11:24 AM

RR

*I have known Gene for more than 15 years. He was a wonderful colleague to work with, and I was shocked to hear the news. He is a very nice person both on and off work and we always enjoyed having conversations about work and family. I had great respect for him both as a colleague and as a friend. He will be missed very much. I offer my deepest condolences to Gene's family and friends.*

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**Raj- Rajagopalan** - May 03, 2022 at 11:42 AM

SS

*My deepest condolences to Schoenherr family. Gene will be in our memories always.*

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**Sree Subbian** - May 03, 2022 at 01:45 PM

CA

*Tony and Mike, and the entire Schoenherr Family. I am so saddened to hear of your loss. Although I did not work with Gene, I did have the pleasure of meeting him, when the three of you would go for a coffee in the mornings at FCA. My prayers and thoughts are with you all.*

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**Cindy Appold** - May 05, 2022 at 03:07 PM