

Mr. Eugene "Gene" Eksuzian

January 29, 1931 - November 2, 2020

Eugene "Gene" Eksuzian, 89, of 306 Hancock Road, Pittsfield, MA passed away at home surrounded by family on Monday, November 2, 2020.

Born in Pittsfield, on January 29, 1931, he was the son of the late Theodore and Frances Perego Eksuzian. He was educated in Lenox schools. He was a 1949 graduate of Lenox High School where he played 4 years of varsity basketball and varsity baseball. He was Captain of the LHS baseball team, Class President and President of Student Counsel.

Gene joined the U.S. Navy directly out of High School and served on the USS Jeffers DMS 27 during the Korean war. When he returned from the navy, he married his wife, Margaret L. Teal on September 26, 1953. The couple just celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary this year.

Mr. Eksuzian was employed by Western Mass Electric Company until his retirement from the company in 1980. He was more often known for his personal Appliance Repair Business which he continued until he and his wife began spending winters in Lake Worth, Florida. Many Pittsfield residents have, or have relatives that have, called Gene to fix a broken appliance. He was well known as a jokester and had many friends.

Among his passions, Gene enjoyed all sports, the beach, parties with friends and family and making people laugh. He could often be found sitting out front of his house in the sun, reading the newspaper with a coffee (or beer).

Gene was a long-time member of the Sons of Italy, ITAM Lodge #564 serving as a Trustee for many years as well as a Grand Delegate. He was also a

member of the Italian American Club, the American Legion, VFW and Big Brothers. He was also a 5-gallon pin member of the American Red Cross for his dependable donations. Gene enjoyed playing softball for the City Slow Pitch League and later he played Bocci with the ITAM League for many years. Mr. Eksuzian was a communicant of St. Charles Church.

Besides his wife, he leaves one son, Keith E. Eksuzian of Pittsfield, two daughters, Candice M. Forrest of Pittsfield and Stacie L. Schultheis also of Pittsfield; a sister, Theodora Blais and husband Richard of Pittsfield; five grandchildren; Cassidy Tatro, Cory Knysh, Brett Eksuzian, Markie Schultheis, Riley Schultheis and one great-grandchild: Violet Gelsomin Eksuzian. He also leaves several nieces and nephews, in-laws and many friends. He was predeceased by a sister, Anne Marie Milne of Lenox and a brother, Theodore Eksuzian of Pittsfield.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Eugene "Gene" Eksuzian will be Friday, November 6, 2020 with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Charles Church, celebrated by the Rev. A. Peter Gregory, Pastor Emeritus. For those who are unable to attend, a live webcast will be available. To view the service, please visit <http://www.dwyerfuneral.com/obituaries/permalink/9706742/LTWwebcast>. Burial with full military honors will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours will be held Thursday, November 5, 2020, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to HospiceCare in the Berkshires or the American Red Cross in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, in his memory. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5094
info@dwyerfuneral.com
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Service

NOV 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Charles Church
89 Briggs Ave.
Pittsfield, MA 01201
<http://stcharlespittsfield.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Eugene "Gene" Eksuzian*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - November 03, 2020 at 01:01 PM

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“ *Peg, Keith, Stacy, and family, Diane and I have the fondest memories of Gene. What a great man he was. Always a smile on his face. I remember coming home after work one day to find him under our kitchen sink, repairing a pipe. I asked him how he got into the house...he smiled (like only he could) and said "I have my ways". A smile comes to our face when we think of Gene. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.*
Diane and Tony Simonelli

Tony Simonelli - November 06, 2020 at 09:30 PM

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“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Jon, Nancy and Dianne Lindberg Kingston Ny*

Jon - November 06, 2020 at 06:43 AM

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“ Gene used to come over years ago and fix anything we needed, a dryer, washer, refrigerator...and it was always \$35. He was the best. We had such great conversations with him and we laughed a lot!

So sorry for your loss. He was truly a gem.

Rich and Karen Rufo
Pittsfield, MA

K Rufo - November 05, 2020 at 04:27 PM

JN

“ Dear Peggy and Family,

So sorry to be reading this in the paper today, I have been thinking about him for some time. Please keep all those fun memories close to your heart, even the few bad ones ! Esther and I send our sincere condolences to you all and our prayers as well.

Knowing you both for the past 60 years has been a "trip" for me, with many fond memories. Life for you has not been easy these past years, Special Prayers for you !

Love and hugs Peg. until I can back to Pittsfield... Jack and Esther Navin

Jack and Esther Navin - November 05, 2020 at 02:21 PM



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“For those who know “Uncle Gene,” you know the words in the obituary are on the mark - if somewhat understated. He was a big presence in any room (yard, beach...). He brought a rough-edged kindness with him and a willingness to help that we don't see so much anymore. He also brought laughter and a general sense of “in the moment” — Worries could wait.

My dad, Gene's brother, was a tough read most of the time. He kept his feelings well contained. But when it came to Gene it was clear to me how he felt about his brother. My dad knew he could be himself, that he had backup, and could even confide in Gene regarding problems that he shared with very few others. Heck, he could make my dad laugh out loud. To a kid growing up, that's all I needed to know about the man.

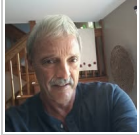
My wife, Ilona, got to meet Uncle Gene just a few times. Her reaction when thinking of him was always a smile. She is a good judge of character, and her reaction on hearing of his passing was a string of curse words because the world lost another good one and they are in short supply.

*Aunt Peggy, Keith, Candy, Stacy,
We send our sympathies and good thoughts to you.*

Love,

*Nephew,
Dan E. and Ilona B.*

Daniel Eksuzian - November 04, 2020 at 09:47 AM

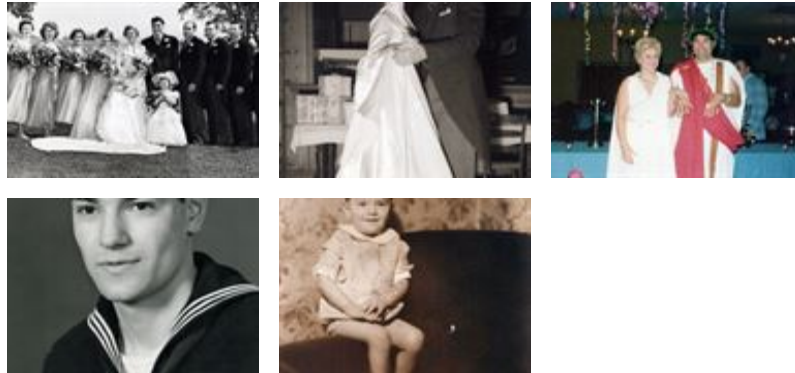


“ Keith, I was saddened to learn of your father's passing. Though I didnt know him well I was always impressed that when we crossed paths he would always flash a big smile and have some nice words to say. Little did I know that he was actually my mother's god son which I learned when he attended her funeral service 20 years ago. Nice choice by my Mom! My condolences to you and your family.
Pep Chiaretto

Pep Chiaretto - November 04, 2020 at 07:56 AM



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