



Eugene A. Wolfbauer

December 17, 1929 - October 15, 2021

Eugene Anthony Wolfbauer passed away suddenly on October 15, 2021, at the age of 91. He was born on December 17, 1929 to Michael and Anna (Keller) Wolfbauer.

Born in Detroit, he started out as a paperboy, went to St. Mary's Catholic school and finished High School at Mt. Clemens High, and staying friends with the Fab 5 their whole lifetimes. College was at Wayne state and he started Savair, Inc. with his brother Michael in 1956 in the backyard chicken coop with his sister-in-law Betty as "head bean counter." Savair sponsored The Mist and The Probe hydroplanes in the Detroit River Races with many friends and family always looking forward to the yearly event. Gene was a mechanic in the US Army in the Korean War. He was proud to be an American and loved this beautiful country. He treasured being President and CEO of Savair after the passing of Michael in 1981. He enjoyed camping with friends and family and boating on the "No Ka Oi", even joining the Parade of Lights on the Clinton River for two years, including hula dancers, a steel drum band and with as many guests as were allowed on the houseboat. He loved skiing in the Mt. Clemens Ski Club and in the last couple of years has also belonged to the G.M. ski club. Also snowmobiling, hunting and travelling were hobbies that he enjoyed.

Eugene was a family man and devoted Dad. He always had a positive attitude

and gave unlimited encouragement. His huge circle of friends would all agree that he was a kind, generous and fun-loving person. He cherished the people he knew and spent time with. He was in a multitude of clubs and involved with just as many charitable organizations. He went to Maui every winter since he retired when he was 70 years old. He described it as paradise. Eugene will be dearly missed and never forgotten with treasured memories. His mantra will forever be "Life is Good!"

Loving father of Sharyn (Kent) Miller, Alisa (Mark) Jacob, John Wolfbauer and the late Gene Wolfbauer. Dear grandfather of Andrew, Chad, Jacob, Isaac, Devon and Travis. Great grandfather of Kylie. Loving brother of Peggy (the late Lavern) Miller, Lucille (the late Thomas) Dolan, the late Michael (the late Betty) Wolfbauer and Bernadette (the late Robert) Bauman. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Visitation Wednesday 3-8pm and Thursday 2-8pm at Wasik Funeral Home Inc., 49150 Schoenherr Rd (N of 22 mile Rd.) Shelby Township. Instate at church 9:30am until 10:00am Funeral Mass at St. Therese of Lisieux Church 48115 Schoenherr Rd, Shelby Township.

In lieu of flowers donations addressed to Leader Dogs For the Blind or Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) Post 129 Chapter 3908.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

Visitation

OCT **21**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

Visitation

OCT **22**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux
48115 Schoenherr Rd
Shelby Twp, MI 48315
(586) 254-4433
frontdesk@stthereseeparish.ws
<http://www.stthereseeparish.ws>

Funeral Mass

OCT **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HC

“ I remember growing up referring to Eugene and Betty Wolfbauer as Grandpa and Grandma! they taught me how to swim when I was 4 off lake St. Clair.. great memories I will cherish forever

Haroon Chaudhry - January 04, 2023 at 02:28 PM

PL

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Peter Lorenz - October 22, 2021 at 11:16 AM

PL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Eugene's family during this difficult time. We will miss his wit and humor and his blowing the conch shell for us in Maui. Life is Good. He will be missed .
Diane, Peter , Denise, Alexandria, Nicholas Lorenz and family.

Peter Lorenz - October 22, 2021 at 11:10 AM

JN

“ I was fortunate to have known Eugene for the past 17 years. One of his favorite sayings was “Life is Good.” How right he was! Life was good for me and my late husband, simply because we were blessed in having Eugene as our next door neighbor! I will always remember him as being a kind gentleman with a strong faith in the Lord. May Eugene now be at peace in the Heavenly Kingdom. Sending my sincere sympathy to the Wolfbauer family on your loss. Sincerely, Jo McDonald.

Jo McDonald, Neighbor - October 21, 2021 at 11:36 AM

SW

“ Suzanne Wasmundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Eugene A. Wolfbauer



Suzanne Wasmundt - October 20, 2021 at 08:55 PM

SW

Aloha e ka hoa , aloha. You will be missed but never forgotten. Moe i ka malukia.

Suzanne Wasmundt - October 20, 2021 at 08:58 PM

JB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



John Batcheller - October 20, 2021 at 07:46 PM

JB

Another Day - Another Trophy

John Batcheller - October 20, 2021 at 07:49 PM

KN

“*Michael and I got to know Eugene through Friday morning coffee at the office. He loved life, music and Maui. We were a part of the birthday parties with Ed and Diane. Michael was having some issues with walking the stairs coming up from the road . Eugene told him to come and sit on the patio with him and they enjoyed many conversations. He even started getting up earlier just to have the visit waiting until I came along up the stairs.*

Ed and Eugene decided that they would have an un-birthday party for each other. Ed cooked and everyone brought something for the party. I got a phone call from Eugene and he asked me for a special favor. He had a song that he loved and would I learn to play and sing it for him. I am a real amateur and started playing ukulele just for fun with no music learning. I managed to find the words and music and practiced the chords. We sang it together and his hug after we were finished will be my favorite memory. The name of the song is Hawaiian Lullaby and the first line is: Where I live, there are rainbows and it carries on.

We will miss him and wish to express our sincere sympathy to the family.

Karin and Michael Neustaedter

Karin and Michael Neustaedter - October 20, 2021 at 07:39 PM

DH

“ A great guy ,always there to lend a hand.we miss seeing him at Maui Kameole these past few years.
Dave and Lottie Hutchinson ,Calgary,Canada

dave hutchinson - October 20, 2021 at 04:35 PM

LP

We will always miss Eugene...for his charming wit, his smile...and those shaggybrows....he was delightful in every way..
and had that special glint in his eye. You will never be forgotten my friend....enjoy the time "Over the Rainbow" love, Linda xxx

Linda Paine - October 26, 2021 at 04:15 PM

JC

“ Eugene was a good friend and neighbor. We knew him well and always enjoyed his companionship at OPC. He will be missed. May he Rest In Peace.
Kathy and John Calverly

John Calverly - October 19, 2021 at 09:13 AM

WW

Eugene was a good friend at the OPC to my wife Linda and me. He had a wonderful effect on all the lifes he touched. He was such a wonderful out going gentlemen. He will be missed by us all that new him.
Please except our sympathy!
William and Linda Wood

William Wood - November 23, 2021 at 09:22 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugene A. Wolfbauer.*



October 18, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ *Eugene was such a dear, dear man... his ever present smile and positive attitude was an inspiration to me at OPC and beyond. I'm honored to have known him. My deepest sympathy to his family.*

Shelley Donoughe

shelley Donoughe - October 18, 2021 at 07:25 PM



“ *For me Gene was & shall always be the patriarch of the "Savair Family"*

The company may be long gone but his spirit & legacy will live on forever in our hearts.

I will always cherish my years of employment with the "Family".

Godspeed Gene in your new adventures.

Bob Viola

Bob Viola - October 18, 2021 at 02:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eugene A. Wolfbauer.*



October 18, 2021 at 10:04 AM



“ *I can attest to Gene's love of family and his fellow man. I was Gene's secretary at Savair. He spoke often of his dear sisters and of course his children, always so proud! He also lovingly cared for his mother. He had active affiliation with so many organizations and charities. I remember when he participated in an event where he would ski with a blind partner so they could experience that activity.*

As an employer, he was always truly concerned for those who worked for him. As a businessman he was well respected in the industry.

As his secretary I could share many fun facts about Gene. I'll share this one. Gene loved ordering "things" and usually in bulk ie 12 wall clocks. He had a pretty big closet in his office that contained extras he ordered. He once told me "growing up I didn't have much so now that I can afford to buy what I want I buy more than one"! (and sharing those extras with others)

*RIP Gene
Ilene Dubay*

Ilene Dubay - October 18, 2021 at 10:00 AM



“ You will be very missed!!! So
Funny story. My son came home
From work 15 years ago he was only 15 at the time and he said “I
saw
Your uncle today....I did his lawn at his condo...I paused and said
which uncle he said you know the Pimpin Purple uncle.... I said he
wasnt my uncle
But my cousin....my son laughed and said... he is a cool guy and
that purple suburban he had was
Pimpin..

That you are Gene God Bless you and Hang Ten!!!!

Love Alex OConnor (Wolfbauer)

Alex OConnor - October 17, 2021 at 08:10 PM



*I waxed up the Pimping Purple and will be driving it to Gene's send off
today . I will cherish it for years to come !! Will never change the Purple
signature series ..Bless Up ^^*

John Shea - October 21, 2021 at 09:05 AM



*I knew Gene from the time tat I started at Savair as an 18 year old high
school senior. He was like a father to me then, and remained like a
father to me during my 33 years of employment there. He treated
everyone there with fairness and respect, whether you were a senior
executive or a janitor. His smile will remain with me forever, and we
truly have lost a special man. I'm certain that bright green St. Patrick's
day suit will look especially good in heaven. God bless you and keep
you.*

Robert Weir WEIR - October 21, 2021 at 01:44 PM

ML

One of the finest man I have ever met and had the pleasure to work for at Savair.

Michael Lijewski - December 29, 2021 at 06:37 PM