



Eugene T. Ritter

April 16, 1938 - July 22, 2022

Eugene T. "Gene" Ritter

Age 84, of Lawrenceville, on Friday July 22, 2022. Beloved husband of the late Faye; brother of the late Bill and Eileen Ritter. Uncle of Timothy W. Ritter and Diane Steyer. Great uncle of Julissa Garcia, Sonia, Elena, Matthias and Gideon Ritter. Brother in law of Judith Ritter. Stepfather of Jason Zuluetta, Paula Dubas and Pete Johnson. Step grandfather of Yarra, Zoe, Ella and Sarah. Visitation FRIDAY 4-8 PM at the D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY LTD, Butler at 46th. Sts., Lawrenceville, where family and friends will gather Saturday at 9 AM, followed by Funeral Mass at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, St. Augustine Church at 10 AM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.
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Cemetery Details

St. Augustine Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **29.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

D'Alessandro Funeral Home and Crematory Ltd.
4522 Butler St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Mass

JUL **30.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Pio of Pietrelcina, St. Augustine Church
225 37th St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Tribute Wall

MA

“ I was thinking today about the people that have helped me and I thought of Gene. I was looking on the internet for a way to get in contact, it has been a couple years since we last spoke. I am sad to learn Gene is no longer here but I know he is an angel looking over everyone he spoke to. I will always remember Gene as a kind, supportive and accepting man who wanted the best for everyone.

Madalyn - July 11, 2023 at 07:05 PM

JH

Gene Ritter helped me get sober and find my way back to God. Rest in peace my friend

Joseph Harper - September 08, 2024 at 04:57 PM

AC

“ Aim C. lit a candle in memory of Eugene T. Ritter



Aim C. - May 07, 2023 at 02:00 PM

AC

“ He mentored me for a good while. When he gave rides, he'd pray before he drove. He would talk all day with you if he had the time. Such a generous soul. He made you feel loved. I will miss him. Many others will too. He made a difference in many lives

Aim C. - May 07, 2023 at 01:54 PM



“ Eugene T. Ritter

January 13, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ We knew Gene for over 28 years. My wife and I always liked him. He has a kindness in his approach with people, even if he didn't know them well. He will forever hold a special place on our hearts.

Mary McCann and Jim Fair

Jim Fair - July 30, 2022 at 04:31 PM



“ Gene was a bit of a “philosopher” to everyone he met. His classical stories were always funny and thought enlightening. Almost at every Mass he attended at St Augustine's, he shared an experience. I am sure he is with devoted “better Half” Faye.

Ginny Leary-Sinclair, Faye and Gene are probably getting together up in heaven going over wonderful and inspirational stories.

Rest in Peace, Gene !!!

Bill Sinclair - July 29, 2022 at 08:45 AM

JC

“ Uncle Gene was my godfather. I never knew how blessed I was having him as a godfather until I started to get involved in my Catholic faith in my early 20s. Before getting into my faith I thought he was weird and I was embarrassed of him but I could never deny his undeniable joy and authenticity. He was always doing his best to love his neighbor. When I came into my faith and grew in it, I realized that I was wrong all along about him being weird and me being embarrassed. He was on fire for God and didn't care what others thought. The embarrassment was due to my lack of love and fear of vulnerability. Uncle Gene has helped hundreds of people, myself included, and will be greatly missed by many. But I'm sure he's enjoying his reward in heaven more than he ever thought possible. Love you Uncle Gene!

Joe Cardone - July 28, 2022 at 03:11 PM

JC

“ This is a photo of Gene in 1987 with our oldest daughter when he came to visit me. At the time I lived in Columbia, South Carolina and he visited Nepkin Monastery in Charleston, SC in hopes of becoming a Trappist monk. However, it turned out to be a pipe dream because when the abbot found out how much he liked to talk he told Gene, “Guys like you don’t make it here.” He returned to my home very disappointed but God had another plan for him and years later he met and married Faye, who taught him many things like showing up only 30 minutes late and not 90, and urging him to refine his spontaneous prayer at the end of every encounter from 30 minutes to 10. Gene and Faye were a match orchestrated from Heaven.

Gene’s Catholic faith, grounded deeply in the 12 Step Program, had a profound effect on us. He was the real deal without pretense and he was an example of fidelity, friendship, service and piety. He wasn’t too proud to apologize which was a common occurrence and he knew he wasn’t perfect and offered hope to everyone.

For the last year or so we took him to First Saturday Mass and confession at St Paul’s Cathedral and he shared his fear of dying with us. But 2 day’s before he passed he was no longer afraid. After honoring his last request, that of praying The Rosary and Divine Chaplet of Mercy at his bedside, he received Viaticum and then uttered his last words, more Our Fathers and Hail Marys as we exited his room. The next morning, staff informed me that a couple hours later they found him asleep, never to awaken again on this side of heaven. I know that he touched countless lives besides ours. We will miss him but hope to be reunited with him and Faye someday, God willing.



Jim and Michele Cardone - July 28, 2022 at 07:56 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugene T. Ritter.*



July 26, 2022 at 08:14 PM



“ *"Ain't it great to be sober!"*

I lived with Gene for a year or so and we became very close. We would get up in the morning get our coffee and sit at the dinning room table. Gene would have me read something, either from the Bible or the book "Jesus Calling" or the Big Book or some other inspirational reading then we would discuss what we read. Sometimes we would be there for 2 or 3 hours, Gene sharing his wisdom with me. Gene instilled in me how to love others unconditionally. Gene taught me about sober living, praying, treating others, and there's so much more I can't express it all. Whether Gene knew it or not, I don't know, but the truth is, Gene became my father figure. When he had his first hip surgery I became his driver 😭 boy did we have fun. Gene was the best example of a gentleman you'll ever find anywhere. I loved that man more than I could ever show or say. There's definitely a party going on in Heaven. Love you Gene!! Keep an eye on me would you please. Joseph Mitchell.

Joseph Mitchell - July 26, 2022 at 06:26 PM

DC

Great share Joe. Ain't it great to be sober is my tribute to Gene and I share it at every meeting I attend. He was my sponsor for 30 years. We met in Calix. A match made in heaven as we know no coincidence in life we found out that my birthday is his sobriety date and his birthday is my sobriety date!! I would see him monthly at least and talk to him weekly. He would always end the conversation with a shared prayer. He is in heaven where I can still talk and he can listen. Quite the opposite of here on earth! Gene loved to sing out loud at mass and we called him the choir director since God changes all the notes on the way to heaven we all sound heavenly. Love you Gene and miss you so much already

Dale Connelly - July 27, 2022 at 01:55 PM

KC

Amazing Grace....

Keith Coyne - July 29, 2022 at 06:19 PM

BO

Gene said to us, " Were all called to be Saints". People close to Gene fondly called him Saint Gene, for he was that devoted of a Catholic man. His topics always, always included Jesus and the Saints. One Saint he loved was St. Theresa of the little flower. I shall miss the times I spent with Gene he was an inspiration.

Brian O'Reilly - July 30, 2022 at 01:30 PM

RP

Gene always had a smile and a kind comment to me when I saw him after mass at Our Lady of the Angels. Once I brought a friend to church and, after introducing him to Gene, he led us in prayer. So sweet and loving...I have missed seeing him in church. His devotion and willingness to see God in others touched me deeply. Rest in Peace dear man

Rosemarie Perla - August 01, 2022 at 07:13 PM

RG

Gene, it's October 17th and I'm writing this with tears in my eyes. I'm in Jacksonville Florida and just now learned of your exit from here to eternity. I've missed you and your Christ like example since I left Pittsburgh so long ago. Thank you for being my friend, sponsor, counselor when I was so isolated. AA meetings in Pittsburgh lost a dear friend, but Heaven gained a mighty man of God. Say hello to Faye and I'll see you in Heaven whenever God calls me home. 🙏

Raymond J. Gigler - October 17, 2022 at 10:22 AM