



Eugene B. Rachaner

March 29, 1933 - December 25, 2025

Eugene B. Rachaner passed away December 25, 2025 in Warrensburg, Missouri surrounded by family. He was born March 29, 1933 near Little Dixie, Arkansas and lived there for several years with his mom and dad and four sisters before they moved to Missouri. He would always tell people they traveled with everything they owned in a small truck that resembled the Beverly Hillbillies. In Missouri, they rented a small house on a dairy farm that was located where Arrowhead Stadium currently resides. He entered the United States Navy before graduating from school and served during the Korean War. He was very proud to serve his country and lived with other veterans at the Missouri Veterans Home in Warrensburg for the last year of his life where he made wonderful friends.

He married his wife of sixty-five years, Delores, after meeting in a Kansas City dance hall and soon afterwards added two children to the family. He made a living for his family as a manager for Milgram's food stores in the Kansas City area – a friendly store where you always got a "Hi Neighbor" from the employees. He was proud to tell people that one of his customers was President Harry S. Truman, who invited Gene to sit in his garden and drink some wine with him, as long as they didn't discuss politics. He was also a leader of his community – as he and his wife, Delores, would run the local farmer's market in downtown Lee's Summit. There, he taught his two oldest granddaughters the meaning of hard work and customer service.

Gene enjoyed fishing and hunting with his friends and family and always had the best garden and yard in the neighborhood. He enjoyed good company, sweet wine and cuttin' a rug.

Gene is survived by his daughter Kathy, son Larry, four granddaughters, two great-grandsons, one sister, Dorothy, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends that will miss his fun and outgoing personality.

Dad, Grandpa Ride, or also known as Gene, Gene the dancing machine will be missed dearly.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 2, 2026 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie, with Father John Schmitz as celebrant. Graveside services and interment with full military honors will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery. The family will receive friends 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., with rosary prayed at 10:30 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church, with memo line: Wreaths Across America.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
176 Marian Dr.
Gravois Mills, MO 65037
<http://www.stpatrickcatholicchurch.org>

Rosary

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Didn't know Eugene that well but knew he was a great Father to Kathy and Grandfather to the girls. I remember when he took Lorie and I along with Kathy , Madison, Haley, Sidney, and Darby on his pontoon boat for a tour of the lake. He seemed to really enjoy being the tour guide showing off that beautiful lake and surrounding houses. I'm sure he'll find another beautiful lake !*

Steve and Lorie Shearer - December 30, 2025 at 10:12 AM