



Eugene Alexander Drafta

December 29, 1929 - February 24, 2023

Eugene A. Drafta

Feb 24, 2023. Age 93.

Beloved husband of Mary for 70 years

Dear father of Bob (Terri), Ron (Eva), Cindy, Sue (Phil) Nowak and the late Michelle Dee.

Proud grandfather of Rick, Kristin, Britney, Allison, Ben, Theresa, Bill, and the late Rachel.

Great grandfather of Everett, Mathias. Kenney, Benji, Ana and Paul.

Gene graduated from Howe Military School in 1948 and served in the Coast Guard from 1950-53.

He retired from Ford Motor Co. after 38 years as a systems analyst in the Service and Parts Division.

He was involved in many activities at St. Eugene parish in Detroit including Ushering, the Men's Club, and the Good Old Days at Edgewater Park. He was a Director of the Detroit CC Dad's Club.

Gene devoted many years as a volunteer including Ascension Providence Novi and the Novi 50's Festival. He was a member of the Novi Senior Variety Song and Dance group.

Visitation at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River Novi
Sunday March 5, 2023. 2-5pm.

Gathering of family and friends at Holy Family Church Monday March 6, 2023
10:00am until the funeral Liturgy at 10:30am.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the University of Michigan
Anatomical Donations Program- [https://leadersandbest.umich.edu/find/#!/give/
basket/fund/309835](https://leadersandbest.umich.edu/find/#!/give/basket/fund/309835)

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home
41555 Grand River Ave
Novi, MI 48375
info@obsfh.com

Gathering of Family and Friends

MAR 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Holy Family
24505 Meadowbrook Rd
Novi, MI 48375

Funeral Liturgy

MAR 6. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RD

“ We knew Gene from senior productions of the Novi Theaters and from Holy Family church. More recently, Ron and Gene would cross paths at the barber shop early in the morning. He was a delightful man with a ready smile and a genuine interest in others. His was a long life well-lived. Sorry to learn of his passing but certain he leaves many good memories. -- Ron and Shelley Dzwonkowski, Novi

Ronald Dzwonkowski - March 07, 2023 at 08:47 AM

RM

“ Just remembering my good friend Gene. A wonderful point of Grace in my life. And my sincere condolences to Mary and the family.

Richard Bayerl (and Mary) - March 05, 2023 at 06:06 PM

KH

“ Dear Mary and family of Gene: I've known Gene since he first became a volunteer at Providence in Novi. He was a very kind person and loved his volunteering. Many will miss Gene! Peace!

Kathleen Harlow - March 05, 2023 at 02:16 PM

NS

“ Dear Mary and family,
I am so sorry for the loss of Gene. He was such a very kind and gentle soul. May the memories you all have created bring continued comfort. May Gene rest in peace.

Nancy Spranger - March 01, 2023 at 04:45 PM

JH

“ I have such happy memories of our teenage years spent at the Drafta's house. Building floats for the parade with Mr. Drafta's help was always a plus. My thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Drafta and the family.

Jo Ann Hockin - February 28, 2023 at 08:08 PM

EZ

The Drafta name was always in the Eugenian, volunteering in one way or another. It was our pleasure to know and serve with Gene in many activities. Our sympathy is with a art and the children.

Ed and Jeanette Zupancic - March 01, 2023 at 10:55 AM

RG

I am right along side of Jo Ann remembering many times visiting the Drafta house in Detroit. Always filled with fun, laughs, warmth and love. Extending heartfelt sympathies to Cindy, Mrs. Drafta and family.

Robin Graf - March 02, 2023 at 12:17 AM

JO

if we were all Draftas thered be no need for police.

joedougherty - March 05, 2023 at 12:07 PM