



## Eugene

March 11, 1928 - June 15, 2011

Eugene "Gene", "Geno", "Daddio", C. Roeckers, 83, of Fort Myers, Florida passed away June 15, 2011.

Gene was born March 11, 1928 in Morgan, Minnesota to parents Alphonse and Esther Roeckers. After graduation from Redwood Falls High School, he PROUDLY enlisted to serve his country in the United States Army. After his first term with the army, he attended Art School in St. Paul, Mn. where he began passionately pursuing his dream of being a COMMERCIAL ARTIST. Upon graduating from Art School, he was called BACK into the army at the beginning of the KOREAN WAR. He was honorably discharged in 1952, as a MASTER SARGENT. He worked as an ARTIST with the Mullen Advertising Agency in MPLS and began his extraordinary excellence in commercial art as well as a lifelong passion for creating in his "SPARE" time as well.

One of his first "Projects" was building a Lake cabin FROM SCRATCH with only a HAMMER and a HAND SAW!. The next "Geno Project" was building his FIRST BOAT. A HOME-MADE wood boat complete with an AUTOMOBILE ENGINE! At age 27, he married Beverly Johnson on December 8, 1956 and had 3 children: Toni, Mark and Guy. In 1960, Gene launched out on his own, opening up his VERY OWN ART STUDIO called GENE ROECKERS AND ASSOCIATES. For over 30 years, he enjoyed a very SUCCESSFUL art career, became a PILOT, owned his own plane (Cessna 150) and delighted

mastering the water on his 19 boats (not all owned at the same time). Three of his favorites were "SUGAR-FREE", "WINETIME" and "DOLCE VITA" (which means "the good life").

Gene ALWAYS loved the SUN, SAND, PALM TREES, WATER and BOATS so when the Minnesota winters would get cold and bitter, he preferred to drive his RV to his favorite state...SUNNY FLORIDA!!! In 1981, Gene's daughter, Toni Lynn married Judson Sather. Toni was so proud and thankful to be walked down the aisle on the loving, gentle arm of her beloved dad. Years later, Gene enjoyed being a WONDERFUL GRANDPA to their 3 adoring daughters, Ashlynn, Janaya and Annali. In 1985, Gene and Bev divorced and Gene headed south, ending up in Ft. Myers, Florida.

In 1988, he met and later married Annette (Net) who was also living in Ft. Myers. After a major heart attack and quadruple bypass, they married on Halloween, October 31, 1990. Annette's daughter, Janel, then 12 years old, lived and enjoyed life with them until she went to college. Together, they lived in Cape Coral, Florida, were members of the Cape Coral Sailing Club, and enjoyed many sailing adventures together. In 1989, Gene's youngest son, Guy, married Donna. In 2000, Gene's son, Mark, married Sharon on a catamaran off of Key West, Florida. In 2004, Janel married Curt, and Gene had the honor of walking his younger daughter down the aisle and watching her 2 young sons, Maxwell and Curty grow up. Later, Gene and Annette moved to Fort Myers, where they bought a beautiful home, and Gene enjoyed working in the yard.

On a warm, sunny Florida day, just the way he liked it, surrounded by his wife and family at home, his courageous battle with pulmonary fibrosis ended. Our dear Geno peacefully passed into eternity to be with His Heavenly Father. He is now at PEACE, but we will DEEPLY miss him for the rest of our lives.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory, his loving wife Annette and 3 children,  
Toni (Judson) Sather and 3 grandchildren: Ashlynn, Janaya, Annali.

Mark (Sharon) Roeckers, and Guy (Donna) Roeckers.

6 step-children:

Debbie (Larry) Menchak and children: Sarah, Jacob, Rachel and Rebekah.

Dave (Carrie) Schuman and children: Courtney and Tyler

Terri (Steve) Handley and Lauren

Sue Schuman and children: Christopher, Trisha, Danae and Lindsey.

Skip (Jenni) Jones and children: Christian and Katy.

Janel (Curt) Quinn and children: Maxwell and Curty.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at BLESSED POPE JOHN XXIII  
catholic church, 13060 Palomino Lane, Ft. Myers, FL on August 6th, 2011,  
at 11:00.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of Gendron Funeral services, 4224  
Cleveland Ave, Suite 1, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, 239-274-0088. Online  
condolences may be made at [www.gendronfuneralhome.com](http://www.gendronfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

AUG 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Blessed Pope John XXIII Church  
13060 Palomino Lane  
Fort Myers, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ Eugene

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ Eugene

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ Grandpa Geno, you will forever be missed, cherished, and remembered in our hearts. I will never forget the many fun times we shared in Florida as well as chilly Wisconsin. You were the greatest grandpa and always knew how to put a smile on everyone's face. I salute you. Love you Geno.

Tyler Schuman - June 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We miss you Grandpa Geno. Thanks for all of the wonderful memories you have given me. I am lucky to have had such an amazing guy for a grandfather. Love you!

Courtney Schuman - June 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Geno,  
Thank you for being the best dad anyone could ever ask for. My heart aches as I think of you not being here anymore. Hard to believe. I know we will meet again someday. I love you.  
Janelli

Janelli - June 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Aunt Annette and family,  
We were so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. We learned from our last visit with him at Mom and Dad's what a talented and nice man he was. We remember his showing us the book wrote about himself, that will be something to cherrish forever.

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**Jack & Iris Larmor** - June 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Geno, thank you for coming into our lives when you met our mother, Annette. As a Stepfather and "Grandpa Geno", we have grown to know and love you over the years. You have created inspirational memories for all of us and we feel honored that you have been a part of our lives. Now that you have been called home to be with Jesus, we will miss you, we will miss the memories, and we will miss the kind-hearted twinkle you had in your eye every day.

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**David, Carrie, Courtney & Tyler Schuman** - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Eugene (GENE) C. Roeckers.

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June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FA

“ So sorry to hear of Geno leaving us. We will miss his teasing us as he walked by our place at Leisure Lake.  
Breezy will miss that friendly pet on the head also.  
He will be missed and we will all keep in our hearts the good memories of Geno.  
Especially those witty remarks as he passed by whether in his golf cart or by foot.

*Fred & Bryna*

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**Fred & Bryna Adani** - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ My condolences to the family. I always enjoyed being around Gene, he had a great sense of humor. I know he will be missed.  
God's Blessings,  
Duane

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**Duane White** - June 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ To Annette and Family---  
We're so sorry to hear of your tremendous loss. Gene was a great guy and he leaves behind a proud legacy. God bless you all.

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**Bill and Chris Buendel** - June 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Our sympathy to Annette & her great family: Remember the closeness & happiness you shared with Gene will be with you forever. Gene a loving brother-in-law & touched the hearts of all our family. Our Love, Barb & Jack Larmor & Family

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**Barb & Jack Larmor** - June 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Extending our sincere sympathy & friendship. Geno was one of the Good Guys & we will miss him. We are here for you if you need us. Our hearts go out to you & your family.*

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**Annette Roeckers & Family** - June 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *You will be incredibly missed Grandpa Geno. Thank you for so many wonderful memories; you were such a fun spirited person to be around. You will forever be cherished in our hearts.*

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**Danae Medeiros** - June 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Dear Annette and family, Our condolences to you on the passing of Gene. We were so fortunate to have met you and have you as our neighbor while living in the Cape. The pictures bring back all the memories, especially of your parrot Annette. I'll always remember the welcome we received when we moved in and the orange plant that you guys gave us. Of course on Bob's birthday we'll always celebrate Gene too. Ten years apart, but the same date. Please keep in touch. Gene was really a special guy. Thank you for sending this web page...much appreciated.*

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**Joan & Bob Kuchinski** - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Our Dearest Geno-  
What an honor it was to have you in our lives as our "dad" and grandfather. We are heartbroken that you've left us but relieved at knowing you're in the loving arms of Jesus who will take away your pain and suffering. You taught us that no matter how rough life gets, there's always room for silliness, smiles, peppermints and love. Thank you for loving our mom and for treating us like your own. We will miss you terribly, but look forward to the day we can see you again. There's none like you Geno - we love you....*

*Terri, Steve, and Lauren*

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**Terri Handley** - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Annette and family,  
May the sympathy of those who care for you and the precious memory of Gene help to comfort you at this time of sorrow.*

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**Don & Doris Batchelder** - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Grandpa, I love you. You were such an amazing grandpa and I am so thankful for all the fun, plentiful, exciting, meaningful, funny, times we were able to spend together. Aaron and I will be thinking of you and celebrating your life at our wedding. You made a huge impact in both of our lives. Love you grandpa, you will be missed but never ever forgotten. You will always be in my heart.*

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**Ashlynn Sather and Aaron Silva** - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Thinking of you and your family at this time of sorrow. Love, Lisa,  
George, Jason & Lindsay Hoop*

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**Lisa & George Hoop** - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ZT

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to Annette and family, we too will miss Gene.

Zoe and Bill Todd - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CZ

“ My thoughts are with you, Annette. He sounds like he was a very talented individual. Thanks for the website info.

Charlotte Ann Zuzak - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ PAT & I WERE SO FORTUNATE TO MEET GENE - WISH WE HAD MET HIM YEARS AGO. WHAT A WONDERFUL PERSON. WE WILL REALLY MISS HIM.

JIM & PAT CULP - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I will always remember the fun boating trips you took us on. I had fun taking the wheel from time to time. Your memory will always live on in our hearts, and you will be greatly missed. I hope to see you again someday, big guy. We love you.

Trisha Medeiros - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ You will be missed Geno! Your smile was always genuine and welcoming, and your enjoyment of life, family, and friends was definitely contagious. Rest well, until we meet again.

Kolby Miller - June 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *What a kind and gentle man. He is missed.*

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**Rick Medeiros** - June 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *I love you and will always miss you G'pa "Geno!" I will never forget all of the boating/fishing/camping trips that you always took me on. You are gone and NEVER forgotten. I hope to see you again some day... You da man! I salute you.*

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**SSG Christopher Medeiros** - June 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *You were a stepdad to one of us, a grandpa to two of us and a loving friend to us all. You will be missed and loved forever. Rest in Peace Geno.*

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**Skip, Jenni, Christian and Kaitlynn Jones** - June 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *We will miss you dearly, our precious Geno! You were a great dad and grandpa to all of us! Till we meet again, your sweet, fun and loving memory will remain in our hearts.  
Love, Sues & Lindsey.*

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**Susan Schuman** - June 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM