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Eugene A. Leathem 86 of Dunedin, Florida passed away January 22, 2025 after a brief illness. He was born in Killavally, Cavan Ireland He was the son of the late Mary (Brady) and Gerard Leathem. He is survived by sisters Phyllis, Susan, Kathleen and Bridget, brothers Patrick, Seamus and Aidan. He was predeceased by sisters Rose, Mary and Alice, brothers John and Gerry. He leaves behind numerous adoring nieces, nephews, grand nieces, nephews and friends. He was a man of great faith and limitless compassion and charity. His great joy was doing charity functions for the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Lourdes Church And St. Vincent de Paul's soup Kitchen including soliciting food donations from numerous local restaurants which he confessed were more likely to donate if you threw in a little guilt. He was the consummate salesman and spent many years as a representative for Allied Chemical before branching out on his own. He emigrated to the US from Ireland at the tender age of fifteen with the sponsorship of an Aunt and Uncle who treated him like a son, he enlisted in the Marines after highschool and used his GI benefits to attend NYU. A lifelong bachelor because he was always on the move, he was loved by many far and wide. He enjoyed returning home to Killavally, County Cavan, Ireland and visiting with his numerous friends and family there. His larrikin spirit endeared him to all. He will be dearly missed. Burial arrangements will be private. In lieu of flowers, donation may be made in Eugene's name to a charity of your choice.



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Joseph Porretta lit a candle in honor of Eugene.

Very sorry to hear the passing of Gene. I knew him from the Knights of Columbus. He was always very nice and when I arranged a bowling event for our group he was very supportive. I saw him at meetings and some of our fish fries. He will be missed.



February 1 at 12:08 PM

AG

Alan Gauzens posted:

Gene was a very thoughtful Catholic and Christian, humble to the heart. I never saw him assume upon anyone, but rather he would be one of the first to step forward. I particularly remember a call for help to our parish Helping Hands. We were asked to help in cutting the lawn for an elderly person who was being charged by the city for not keeping the yard to minimum standards. An injury prevented the resident from yard work. There were also two large piles of yard waste at the curb. The elderly resident lived on a corner lot and had designated the wrong street for stacking the debris which the city would pick up for free - if it was in the right street. Otherwise, they would charge a sum the resident couldn't afford. Responding to the call were the few that came for yard work but not all were able to stay for moving the debris pile. Not Gene, even though visibly exhausted he wouldn't stop as long as the need existed. Sure, we took a few more breaks over those last hours until it was done. AND, he went back the next day to go above and beyond. There are many more fond memories I will keep of Gene. He is in God's hands now, and I am sure delighting the heavens with his laughter and light spirit. May you rest in peace, Gene.

February 1 at 9:38 AM

JK

John Kreiser posted:

Gene helped bring me into the Knights after we moved here from Long Island four years ago. Knowing him even for the brief time I did was an incalculable blessing. May he rest in peace, and may God grant solace to his loved ones.

January 27 at 10:48 AM

CN

Charles Norval posted:

Gene sat to my left at Saturday vigil mass. But now, Jesus called Gene home. Charlie Norval

January 27 at 9:30 AM



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Antje Anderson posted:

Gene was a true Knight! I met him when I first started with the ladies Auxiliary and whenever we needed a hand for anything, Gene was the first to step forward and help! He is a true Hero and will be missed by so many! Rest in Peace Gene!

January 26 at 2:27 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Eugene by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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