

# EUGENIO PETER “PAPA GENO” RANUIO

MAY 17, 1927 – SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

Eugene Ranuio was born on May 17, 1927 and taken home to his Lord and Savior peacefully on Sunday morning, September 15, 2019 at the age of 92.

Eugene was born in Gustine, Ca. to parents Antonio and Dominica Ranuio. He lived and worked in Gustine his entire life. Graduated from Gustine High School in 1946.

Eugene was the youngest of five children. Frank Ranuio, Carmella Fredrickson, Alex Ranuio, Joseph Ranuio and Teresa Parma. All of whom have passed. He is survived by his wife Leatrice Ranuio Fantazia and four sons: Michael “Kip” Ranuio, Kelly Ranuio, Terry Ranuio, Tim Ranuio and their spouses.

Six Grandchildren and seven Great Grandchildren.

Gene deeply loved his wife Leatrice. As legend goes (and confirmed by many reliable sources) Gene and Leatrice became friends in the third grade. Became very good friends by grade four. By grade 8, Leatrice knew Gene would be the man she would marry. They married on October 19, 1947. Happily married for 72 years. As a couple Gene and Lea were continually involved in numerous Christian groups for over 40 years: CFM (Christian Family Movement), Cursillo Movement and Team members for Marriage Encounter. Gene was also a Eucharistic Minister and Lector at Our Lady of Miracles Catholic Church for several years.

Gene was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and a wonderful friend to many. He enjoyed trailer camping, digging for clams at Pismo Beach, staying at their cabin in Cold Springs, good Italian food and fishing for trout in his boat on Pinecrest Lake. Most of all, he loved to be with his wife, his family and close friends. Wherever he was, whatever he was doing, he always made time to take a few minutes to have a conversation with a friend or stranger and offer help to anyone in need.

Gene developed a strong work ethic while employed by Lawrence and Brenda Sterling at City Meat Market, main street, Gustine. He was hired as a teenager to make deliveries around town. With their mentorship Gene learned the meat cutting trade. When sufficiently trained, he managed the West Side Locker Plant for Brenda and Lawrence for several years

and in 1956 purchased the West Side Locker Plant. After 32 years of sole proprietorship, Gene sold the Locker Plant to Warren and Vance Wolfson in 1988. As it turned out, retirement was not a “great fit” for Gene. In 1989 he began a second career at Our Lady of Miracles Catholic School where he was employed as their Maintenance Person and Grounds Keeper for 25 years. He enjoyed the work and its purpose but sincerely loved the students, their families and faculty even more. He felt blessed and honored to be a part of this great community. Gene was an extraordinarily kind and humble man. Always more willing to give than receive.



*“Every man’s life ends the same way.  
It is only the details of how he lived that  
distinguish one man from another.”*

—Ernest Hemingway

Papa Geno. May you rest in peace in the loving arms of Jesus Christ. You will be missed but never forgotten. Your spirit lives on and is woven into the hearts of so many people who have known you.

Corinthians 2:9 “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined the things that God has prepared for those who love him.”

A Celebration of Life Rosery and Mass will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, October 5th at the Shrine of Our Lady of Miracles in Gustine.

Remembrances may be made to the Shrine of Our Lady of Miracles and Saint Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital.



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