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Eugene P. "Gene" Klym

September 12, 1935 – May 16, 2022



Eugene Peter Klym entered into eternal rest on Monday, May 16, 2022 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of fifty years, Audrey (Vaughn) Klym, parents John and Julie Klym, brother John Klym, sister Julie (William) Sadowitz, brother in-law William Hlavac and son Michael Smey.

Eugene is survived by his loving family, sister, Betty Hlavac; sister in-law, Pauline Klym; children, John (Beth) Smey, Jody (Hristos) Dimitriou, Thomas (Suzanne) Klym, Pani Matka Beth (Father Philip) Harendza and daughter in-law Linda Smey; grandchildren, William (Heather) Smey, Joseph (Amy) Smey, Jason (Brooklyn) Smey, Kimberly Smey, Meghan (Joshua) Kaminsky, Joshua Hunt, Pipinos & Stamatia Dimitriou, Mikayla, Jordan & Justin Klym, Africa Rachel, Agitha & Hunter Harendza; God-children, Vickie (Klym) Santalucia, Steven Dobransky and Joshua Harrington and many beloved great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Eugene was destined to be a father and shared his love of music, carpentry, sports and outdoor activities with many children. A special thank you goes to his best friend, Robert (Big Bob) Dobransky who arranged a blind date where he met the love of his life, along with his instant family of 4 children (3 dogs, 1 cat, 4 kittens, 6 chickens and 3 bunnies) and with the addition of the baby Beth, this crew filled the house he built with hope and love. He attended every school and sporting event his children performed in or played in and gladly recalled the events with pride for many years.

After graduating from Johnson City High School, Eugene attended Fishburne Military School and played baseball. He then went on to Broome Tech to acquire an AAS in Electrical Engineering where he also played basketball. He then served in the United States Army, was awarded a Good Conduct Medal and honorably discharged. In 1965, he started his 37 year career at IBM as a Digital Encoder, Software Engineer and retired as a Manager.

Eugene was a former past president and an active member of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox Church. He filled various Parish Council positions over the years and helped with every function or work party from pinching pirohy to grounds keeping and gold leafing the domes. For this Eugene was awarded the Testament of Blessing from Metropolitan Antony.

He was a strong Ukrainian dancer and sang in the Choir with his many dear friends. He was also a member of Ukrainian Orthodox League (U.O.L.) and the St. John's Sportsmen and Social Clubs.

A funeral service will be concelebrated by Rev. Father Ivan Synevskyy and Rev. Father Philip Harendza on Monday at 10am at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 1 St. John's Parkway, Johnson City. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. The family will receive friends Sunday 4-6pm at the Chopyak-Scheider Funeral Home, 326 Prospect St. Binghamton where a prayer service will be offered at 5:30pm. Kindly share your reflections of Gene on his guestbook at Chopyak-Scheider.com.

A special thank you to the remarkable staff with Lourdes Ascension Hospice for their support and guidance while caring for Eugene in his home.

Please consider a donation in Eugene's memory to:

• St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 1 St. John's Parkway, Johnson City, NY 13790

Final Resting Place

St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery

501 Fairview Street

Johnson City, NY 13790