



Mr. Eugene Francis Canal III

April 20, 1961 - June 11, 2020

Eugene Francis Canal III, 59, born in Queens Village, New York, passed away on June 11, 2020 in Roswell, Georgia.

Gene grew up on Long Island in New York as the son of Gene and Elizabeth (Elsie) Canal, and sibling to Betty, Bill and Linda. He graduated from Shoreham Wading River High School in 1979 and served in the United States Coast Guard from 1980 to 1984. He was married in 1981 to Kathleen Smith, and later moved to Florida to raise three children: Eugene IV, Sean and Megan. Gene Canal was an active member of the St. Francis X. Cabrini Catholic Church, and a former Grand Knight and Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

Gene was an IT professional for several years and built countless bonds within his profession. He was passionate about spending time with his family, the New York Giants and maintaining the strong relationships he made throughout his journey.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen; son Eugene IV and his wife Jordan, son Sean and daughter Megan; parents Gene and Elizabeth; grandchild Sloane; sister Betty, brother Bill and sister Linda.

A viewing will be held Wednesday, June 17 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at

Northside Chapel, 12050 Crabapple Rd, Roswell, Georgia 30075. A mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 17 in St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 535 Rucker Rd, Alpharetta, GA 30004

In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to St. Francis X. Cabrini Catholic Church in Parrish, Florida or to a trusted veterans charity of your choosing.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
535 Rucker Road
Alpharetta, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Eugene Francis Canal III*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Along with many others, I will miss Gene. I worked with Gene for 5 years at Philips. He was a presence. I won't forget Andover bbq with his thick steaks, nor the teasing text messages late at night if his NY team was beating my Boston team. He came early to my meetings, so he could answer (and he mostly did) the trivia of the day that I initiated the meeting with. He was always open to reason, but if someone tried to break the rules, he threatened to use his "New York voice" on the call.*

We also shared 4th degree Knights of Columbus status. In his honor, I doubled my monetary contribution for a 1078 Andover KC food drive in benefiting local restaurants in feeding healthcare workers. As the Knights say, Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori. Gene certainly made the most of his time at Philips and touched so many co-workers. My condolences to the family, Andrew Szendey

Andrew Szendey - June 21, 2020 at 10:35 PM



“ *Every Thursday at our weekly meeting at Philips, I could count on Gene to lighten the mood with his wit and laughter. I had the pleasure not too long ago at a virtual workshop to see his smiles on video and could feel the love he had for his wife who would bring him breakfast every morning. All HEART! Always smiling, always laughing, always contagious! Gene - we will miss you dearly.*

Colleen McClenaghan - June 19, 2020 at 06:56 PM

CM

“ Sincere condolences to Gene's family and friends. I had the pleasure of working with Gene at Philips when he would travel to the Andover site. He was a kind and gentle soul with a quick wit. He was a pleasure to work with and get to know more so as a friend.

Cindy McDonough - June 19, 2020 at 05:22 PM

VA

“ Heartfelt condolences to Canal family. I worked with Gene in Philips. Really admired his pragmatic way of dealing situations, quick wits and sense of humor. More important a humble family oriented cool person.. Will miss Gene a lot.. Prayers and love..



Vandana - June 18, 2020 at 01:34 PM

PI

“ Gone to soon and I will never forget his larger than life attitude. He was so much fun to work with and so much enjoyed his approach and views to not just work but life as well. Will miss you, friend and my heartfelt condolences to the family. My prayer is for God to provide you (his family) the much needed comfort and peace through this period and beyond.
RIP, Gene!!!

Prince Igbokwe

Prince Igbokwe - June 17, 2020 at 09:59 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene Francis Canal III.*



June 17, 2020 at 07:25 AM



“ *I remember Eugene from SWR days with his cool dark glasses and great smile. He had a great sense of humor that will be greatly missed. Sending hugs and condolences to family and friends.*

Evie - June 17, 2020 at 07:09 AM



“ *I worked with Gene in Philips. We used to interact almost everyday. I still have one of his voice messages on my phone. His untimely demise has created a void in our life. The nicest human being I have ever come across. He was very sympathetic and cordial. I wish my deep condolence to his family and pray God to leave his soul at a heavenly place. Someone special can never be forgotten.*

Kunal - June 16, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene Francis Canal III.*



June 16, 2020 at 11:59 AM

DC

“ Kathy, Eugene, Sean, Megan please accept my deepest condolences.

I sat next to Gene and worked with him closely during our time as consultants at Philips Healthcare. I will remember Gene for his quick wit, great sense of humor, his dedication to his family, his friends and his faith, his appreciation of bourbon whiskey and football and his masterful grilling of steaks “as big as your head”!

Some people create such a positive presence in your life that it is hard to imagine life without them, Gene was such a person. He will be missed!

Dave Crockford - June 16, 2020 at 09:57 AM

DC

“ David Crockford purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Eugene Francis Canal III.



David Crockford - June 16, 2020 at 08:55 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene Francis Canal III.



June 16, 2020 at 08:39 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene Francis Canal III.



June 16, 2020 at 06:50 AM



“ I worked with Gene at Philips, it not often you can find a person willing to listen, willing to help and always ready to make you smile. he was a true gentleman. Rest in peace.



David Parsons - June 16, 2020 at 05:45 AM



“ No words can express the sorrow of losing a family member. My nephew Eugene was a special man with a “zest” for life. Happy, caring and joyful.
I would babysit as a teen for this smiling little man. At times referred to as “brother”
When he relocated to Florida we connected and enjoyed getting together and knowing Eugene, Sean and Megan. My husband especially enjoyed his company a Loyal NY Giant Fan. Not too many here in Florida!
More than that Eugene and Kathy were there for us more than anyone knows. There now is another hole in my heart.

Prayers Always for Eugene, Kathy, Eugene IV , Sean, Megan and their loved ones. 🙏

Your Aunt Gee ❤️

Georgia (Canal) Maklakiewicz - June 15, 2020 at 11:36 PM

SK

“ I worked with Gene at Philips Healthcare and have always values his input and common sense approach to difficult situations. He was always a friendly face, always positive. He will leave a huge gap in our Philips family. My sincere sympathies to the Gene's family.

Susanne Klaasen - June 15, 2020 at 09:42 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene Francis Canal III.



June 15, 2020 at 04:29 PM

DM

“ My sincere sympathies to the Gene Canal family. I have known Gene since 2014 through my work at Philips HealthTech. I consider Gene both a colleague and a friend. Gene was not just a great professional but a great person. He will be missed. RIP my friend.

Denis Mathiowetz - June 15, 2020 at 03:19 PM

JC

“ I served with Gene “Euge” Canal on the CGC Duane. We had tons of fun together off duty and on. One of my fondest memories was going to a Talking Heads concert with him in 1983. He had the most unique cheer (he'd yell out a long Yeeaaaahhh with that deep voice of his!) and I've been trying to duplicate it for years. Sad to hear you've crossed the bar my friend. Far too young.

John Caldwell - June 15, 2020 at 11:24 AM

MY

“ *What a great guy. Sense of humor, smart, loved his family. He will be missed.*

Myra - June 15, 2020 at 10:54 AM

MI

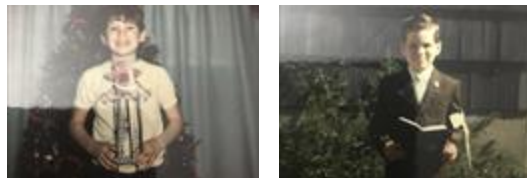
“ *Kathy, Eugene, Sean, Megan: It is indeed a shock and I am so sorry for your loss. My condolences and courage to overcome this tragedy. Gene was wonderful person and had a good sense of humor and we still remember his chuckles during our weekly office meetings. Praying for his peaceful journey beyond.*



Murali Iyer - June 15, 2020 at 10:12 AM

LC

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Linda Canal-Ahmed - June 15, 2020 at 10:02 AM

EV

Adorable pics!

Evie - June 17, 2020 at 07:11 AM

SH

“ *We worked together at Philips. Got a chance to meet him during my US visit. He was a great personality and One of the key member of Philips validation Team. RIP!!*

Swapnil Handa - June 15, 2020 at 08:54 AM

MR

“ *The loss can feel immeasurable, but so can the love that's left behind. My condolences as you grieve.*

Manu Upadhyaya R - June 15, 2020 at 08:35 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene Francis Canal III.*



June 15, 2020 at 08:15 AM

EF

“ *Elizabeth Southerland and Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mr. Eugene Francis Canal III.*



Elizabeth Southerland and Family - June 15, 2020 at 01:55 AM

CM

“ *I served aboard the USGCC DUANE with Gene. Many of good times. He was a good guy and great shipmate. May he Rest In Peace. Fair Winds and Following Seas my friend.*

Chris McGillivary - June 14, 2020 at 09:23 PM

JB

“ Kathy, Eugene, Sean, Megan, I am so sorry for your loss. Gene was a great man and I have many fond memories of the good times we had. From camping with the youth group, Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfasts, KOC Golf Tournaments, and the best Christmas Eve parties. He was a good friend and left a lasting impression on those of us who knew him. He will be missed by all!

You are in our prayers,

Jim Balch

Jim Balch - June 14, 2020 at 08:14 PM

TF

“ Kathy, Eugene, Sean, Megan and Family,
We want to express our heartfelt condolences to you all.

We are so sorry for your loss of Gene. Our family has many

wonderful memories of many Christmas Eve parties at your home in Florida. Gene was a welcoming host; so full of life and happy.

You all are in our thoughts and prayers. May God surround all of you

with his love and peace.



Love, Mike, Debbie, Kevin, and Patrick Healy

The Healy Family - June 14, 2020 at 06:01 PM

SL

Reminiscing about all the fun times we've had sitting by the pool with Eugene, Kathy and the kids, and friends. What wonderful times and beautiful memories those are. Such a fun loving guy and great family man. Eugene will be greatly missed. We are fortunate to have had him as our friend. Love, Boe, Norma, and Trey

Slocumb's - June 16, 2020 at 12:14 PM

JY

“ *So sorry, Served with him and spent many nights playing chess underway. A Dear friend and comrade. Condolences to Kathy and family*

James Young - June 14, 2020 at 05:00 PM

LC

“ *Kathy, Eugene, Sean and Megan and family and friends, I'm so very sorry for your loss, I'm just devastated, Eugene was such a great guy, so full of love and always happy, he adored his family, I have so many great memories of us in Florida, you were our best friends, please know we are thinking and praying for you all, Love Lisa, Joey and Tim*

Lisa Callahan - June 14, 2020 at 12:43 PM

MH

“ RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

4TH DEGREE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

FR. PATRICK FARRELL ASSEMBLY #3322 PARRISH, FL

In memory of Sir Knight Eugene F. Canal, III, PGK

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call from our midst our beloved Brother who departed from this life, June 11, 2020: and

Whereas, By his death, our Assembly has sustained the loss of an exemplary Catholic and worthy Knight; therefore, be it

Resolved, That, while we bow in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, we mourn the loss of our Brother who has been taken from us; and be it

Further resolved, That this testimonial of condolence, be offered to the family of our departed Brother Knight as an expression of our heartfelt sympathy.

Faithful Navigator Michael Healy, PGK, PFN, FDD

Faithful Admiral John Hansen, PFN

Trustee Ronald Foley, PGK, FDD

Michael Healy - June 14, 2020 at 12:35 PM

CW

“ Gene - remembering good times together- Databit, Florida, Indian Guides Camping with our boys, and football (Giants fans forever). You will be missed. Love to you Kathy and your family.

Charles Weilbrenner - June 14, 2020 at 12:27 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene Francis Canal III.*



June 14, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene Francis Canal III.*



June 14, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ *Many great family memories with Eugene but my favorite was the New Year's cruise with his mom and dad and the entire family. He will be missed by many.*

Aunt Kathy Dean - June 14, 2020 at 10:24 AM