



## Eugene Donovan

March 7, 1933 - April 11, 2021

Eugene Patrick Donovan, Sr., age 88, formerly of Milledgeville, passed away on Sunday, April 11, 2021 in Villages Hospice House in Lady Lake, Florida. Funeral services for Gene Donovan Sr will be conducted Friday, April 16 2021 at 4:00 pm at Chapel of Williams Funeral Home of Milledgeville with Father Young officiating.

Interment will be at Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Williams Funeral Home on Friday, April 16, 2021 from 3:00 until 4:00.

Gene Donovan was born on March 7, 1933 in Newark, New Jersey, to Eugene Donovan and Rose McKeon Donovan. He grew up in New York and joined the Army at age 17, promoted to Sergeant while serving in Korean War and discharged with a Purple Heart. Gene was a member of Oyster Bay Rough Riders volunteer firefighters in NY and participated in firematic competitions geared towards physical fitness.

Gene married Patricia Ward Donovan on April 23, 1960. They raised three sons on Long Island, New York. His career with Grumman Aerospace that started in October 1954 provided an opportunity to transfer to Milledgeville, Georgia in June 1975 to start-up new Grumman composite facility. Gene lived on Lake Sinclair with his family after moving to Georgia and retired from

Grumman with 40 years of service. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church while residing in Georgia.

He and his wife Pat moved to Summerfield, Florida in 1999 and became members of St. Timothy Catholic Church in Lady Lake, Florida. They were married over 60 years until her death in December, 2020.

Survivors include his sons, Gene Donovan, Jr. (Jan) of Milledgeville; Joseph Donovan of Gainesville, GA; Patrick Donovan (Pamela) of Milledgeville; grandchildren, Chris Donovan (Heather) of Eatonton; Michael Donovan (Susan) of Grantsville, GA; Skylar Donovan of Dawsonville, GA; Rachel Ratajczak of Milledgeville; great-grandchildren, Kimberly, Thomas, and Reed Donovan; sister, Rosemary Marmorale of Melbourne, FL; and brothers, Jimmy Donovan of Clearwater, FL; Michael Donovan of Jacksonville, FL; and Tom Donovan of Cold Spring Harbor, New York.

Memorial Contributions can be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 110 North Jefferson Street, Milledgeville, GA 31061 or flowers may be sent to Williams Funeral Home

Condolences may be expressed online at: [www.williamsfuneral.net](http://www.williamsfuneral.net)

Williams Funeral Home and Crematory of Milledgeville is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery

2617 Vinson Hwy.  
Milledgeville, GA 31061

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 16. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville  
1670 N. Jefferson St.  
Milledgeville, GA 31061  
(478) 452-2148  
[staff@williamsfuneralhome.net](mailto:staff@williamsfuneralhome.net)  
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## Funeral Mass

APR 16. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Eugene Donovan



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - April 16, 2021 at 05:01 PM



“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Webcast will start approximately 10 minutes before the service in memory of Eugene Donovan



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - April 16, 2021 at 04:15 PM



“ I worked for Gene at Grumman. he was a good supervisor and a very good person. our prayers go out to the family!!!Jerry and Patsy Potter

Patsy and Jerry Potter - April 23, 2021 at 08:55 PM

MD

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MD - April 20, 2021 at 04:55 PM

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M Donovan - April 20, 2021 at 03:41 PM

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Michael Donovan - April 19, 2021 at 12:29 PM

MD

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Michael Donovan - April 18, 2021 at 11:51 AM

KC

“ Our thoughts and prayers with family,, Gene was always such a nice guy,,

Karen Classen - April 18, 2021 at 07:52 AM

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FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY

“ 73 files added to the album Memories Album



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - April 16, 2021 at 05:33 PM

Dave  
Haskell

“ We shared many good times both at work and at Friday evening get together, with other Grumman transplants, at each other's homes. My hope is that you and Pat are together again, and that your family members take joy in the memories that they have of you.

*Dave and Rose Haskell*

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**Dave Haskell** - April 16, 2021 at 03:32 PM

JM

“ Uncle Gene was one of our favorites from when you all lived in NY: always a big smile and a big booming laugh, and as a fellow airplane geek I always loved the pictures of Grumman airplanes he had up in your house in Port Jefferson. I remember learning, in awe, of his valor in Korea, and (as a grownup) imagining the pain and sacrifice he carried with him every day from those battles: a quiet hero to the end. Sending prayers and love from our family to yours.

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**James McAward** - April 16, 2021 at 03:22 PM

BC

“ Such a sweet and caring man. Condolences and prayers to the family.

*- Bob and Marilyn Carruthers*

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**Bob and Marilyn Carruthers** - April 15, 2021 at 10:49 PM

TH

“ RIP GENE... We have fond memories of you and Pat and the good times we shared together.

*TOM & JOY HALLER*

*VERO BEACH FL.*

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**Tom Haller** - April 15, 2021 at 06:58 PM

JH

“ So sorry to hear of Gene's passing. You all are in our prayers.



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**Jason & Laurie Harrison** - April 15, 2021 at 10:14 AM

MM

“ We had great times with both Gene and Pat. Weather it was October Fest in Helen, GA. , Progressive dinner that lasted into the early morning or renting a cabin in North Carolina you could always count on Gene's dry humor to make out events memorable. May he rest in peace, back home with Pat.  
GOD BLESS  
Mike and Pam McCabe

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**Michael F. McCabe** - April 15, 2021 at 09:15 AM

TD

“ My heartfelt condolences to the family.

*Terry Duke*

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**Terry Duke** - April 15, 2021 at 08:01 AM

HB

“ Harold Brown lit a candle in memory of Eugene Donovan



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**Harold Brown** - April 15, 2021 at 05:59 AM

LM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Luther & Berta and Friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.



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**Luther Minor** - April 15, 2021 at 05:40 AM

EB

“ My sincere condolences to the entire Donovan Family. Gene and Patrick, I never met your dad, but I'm betting he was a real outstanding man, he and your mother raised their children well and two of them turned out to be great friends of mine.



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**Eric Buckley** - April 15, 2021 at 12:13 AM

PB

“ Prayers for the family



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**Paul and Barbara Bernichon** - April 14, 2021 at 12:41 PM

WM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the families at this difficult time.

*Kenny and Waylogene Meyer*

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**waylogene H Meyer** - April 14, 2021 at 11:39 AM

JS

“ *May Gene Rest in Peace in Heaven.  
Condolences to All.*



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**Joseph F. Sansotta** - April 14, 2021 at 11:33 AM