



Eugene "Gene" Balda

April 17, 1928 - February 25, 2018

Eugene Balda passed away on February 25, 2018 at Shelby Crossing Nursing Home in Shelby Township, Michigan. Eugene was born on April 17, 1928 in Detroit, Michigan to Peter and Magdalena Balda. Gene was an incredibly talented man with vast and divergent interests. Among the things that Gene used to keep him busy was his love of art. Gene was a gifted artist and photographer. Professionally, Gene was a brilliant chemist and spent his career working for BASF as an analytical chemist. Gene is the beloved husband of the late Phyllis. Loving father of Linda (Darrell) Rau. Proud grandfather of Alaina (Jonathan) Bos. Also proud great grandfather of Dylan Bos. Dear brother of Wanda Krol and the late Lottie Rakoczy and Mary Buk. Dear uncle to Susan, Dan, Nancy, Larry, Rick, Janice, Barbara, Donna, Brian and the late Robert. Memorial visitation Saturday 10-11:30 with a family led memorial service beginning at 11:30 AM at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (n. of 22 Mile Rd), Shelby Twp.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 10. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ We all loved Gene at Shelby Crossing Legacy building. He shared many wonderful stories with us. We will miss him dearly. Linda Tait

linda tait - March 09, 2018 at 01:03 PM

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“ Uncle Gene was a talented artist and chemist. He earned his science degree from Wayne State University as a night school student while he worked on the line in one of the automobile factories. He had strong opinions on many topics, including politics, so having a conversation with him was always stimulating. He loved opera and he and Aunt Phyllis always went to the New York Metropolitan Opera when it came to Detroit (this stopped a while back). He and Aunt Phyllis and Linda took many trips out West so he could add to his photo collection which was the basis of his paintings. At family gatherings he and Aunt Wanda and Mom competed to take the most pictures! Rest in peace, Uncle Gene.

Susan Rakoczy - March 06, 2018 at 02:07 AM

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“ *Uncle Gene always had an out spoken opinion and a rigor for life. He was very proud of his family, his education, his art and his love for music. Many things inspired him especially his favorite singer, Pavarotti ! The sparkle in his eye was evident as he told me many times of meeting him back stage at an opera. He was like a young kid expressing his love for his favorite singer. He was a great cook and I wished I got his recipe for parmesan encrusted chicken. He had a sweet tooth. He loved when I brought him cannolis and his favorite Vernor's pop. He was /SO PROUD of his great grandson and beamed as he would look at his picture. As I look at his painting hanging in my living room, I am proud to say he was my uncle and loved!*



Janice Rakoczy - March 05, 2018 at 08:47 PM