



Eugene (Gene) Nahley

May 4, 1942 - August 27, 2020

Eugene (Gene) Nahley, age 78, of Myrtle Beach, SC passed away August 27, 2020. His zest for life was matched only by his love of family. Every room he entered, he brightened. Every life he entered, he made better.

Born in Danbury, CT to Marie (dePonte Vidal) and Mitchell B. Nahley, Gene was predeceased by his brothers Richard and John Nahley, and his brother-in-law, John Jugler. He leaves his life partner and wife, Susan Foley of Myrtle Beach, SC; his siblings Donald (Carol) Nahley of Columbus, GA, Sally Jugler of Danbury, CT and Gerald (Rosemary) Nahley of Southbury, CT; and sisters-in-law Janice Foley of Hiawatha, IA, Mary Nahley Jones of Southport, NC and Nancy Nahley of Townson, MD. Gene was the devoted uncle and great-uncle to many nieces and nephews who all loved him dearly and who he loved right back.

He was a graduate of Danbury High School and served in the Army and Army reserves, retiring after 38 years of service as a Lieutenant Colonel. Gene was issued the prestigious Legion Of Merit Medal for exceptional meritorious conduct for outstanding service and achievements. Gene received his undergraduate degree from SUNY Albany and his Master's as well as completed doctoral work from the University of Arkansas in the field of special education and speech pathology. In addition, he had other entrepreneurial ventures including owner of Pizza D 'Action in Little Rock, AK (where he famously delivered pizza to the Governor's mansion of a man who would later be President). He spent some of his happiest times in the kitchen, on a fishing

boat, running the streets of Boston in the Marathon, and traveling with Susan to faraway places.

A celebration of Gene's life will be held on Wednesday, September 16th, 2020 at 2 pm at Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing, there are capacity restrictions at the funeral home. Please consider viewing the service online on Facebook Live. The service may be viewed at this link at the appropriate time: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1902132196604389/>

Donations in Gene's memory can be made to either the Carroll E. Prosser Disabled American Veteran's Chapter 30, PO Box 30637, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588 or Freedom Readers, PO Box 30548, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588 (info@freedomreaders.org).

Gene was famous for his blessings at family functions. Let's bless the memory of Gene Nahley.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is serving the family.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **16.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Eugene (Gene) Nahley



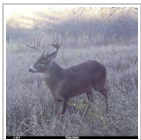
Goldfinch Funeral Home - October 14, 2020 at 03:52 PM

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“ I enjoyed working for Gene Nahley at his restaurant (pizza d'action) at little rock , Arkansas. i believe i helped get Gene into running and he became an excellent runner. gene even paid my entry fees for races if i wore the pizza d'action tshirt. we travelled to several races together and i loved his enthusiasm for the sport and for life in general !

i remember i used to deliver pizzas for gene and when i needed a new car gene lent me 500.00 dollars to get a car. rest in peace my friend :) i was impressed when i saw Gene ran the 100th running of the Boston Marathon! God bless you my friend :)

richard heber - September 29, 2020 at 07:43 PM



“ Gene - you are greatly missed by so many.



Mike Whitney - September 16, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eugene (Gene) Nahley.*



September 15, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eugene (Gene) Nahley.*



September 09, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ *To the entire Nahley family - Our sincerest condolences upon the passing of Gene, youngest of the nice Nahley family on upper Main St. in Danbury, CT. The Exchange Club of Danbury gives a final salute to Lt. Col. Eugene Nahley, with gratitude and admiration. Cherish all the pleasant memories - God Bless. Joan & Dave Treadwell (past Club President)*

Dave & Joan Treadwell - September 03, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ *Gene, I can't imagine not seeing you In our neighborhood as the "Southwood ambassador." I will miss your smile and words of wisdom so very much. Every time I stopped to chat with you as I was driving by your House your parting words to me were always, "just keep it under 100!" RIP my dear friend, you will always be in my heart.*

Linda Long - September 02, 2020 at 06:51 PM



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David Taubenslag - September 02, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ *“It’s been a long day without you, my friend
And I’ll tell you all about it when I see you again”*

*Rest In Peace my dear friend, Gene
You will be missed but never further away than the beat of my heart.*

David Taubenslag - September 02, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ *Thanks for your service Soldier !!!
Wayne Williams
United States Marine Corps*



Wayne Williams - USMC - September 02, 2020 at 09:39 AM