



## Eugene "Gene" J. Ringling

June 12, 1938 - January 15, 2023

Eugene "Gene" Joseph Ringling went peacefully into the arms of the Lord on Sunday, January 15, 2023. Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO was in charge of local arrangements

He was born June 12, 1938 in St. Louis to the late Charles and Margaret G. Schleper Ringling.

He married the love of his life, Donna Milne Ringling on November 26, 1960; she preceded him in death on December 15, 2019.

He is survived by their loving children: Christine (Ken) Allen of Troy, MO; Jeannine (Dave) Gleason of Wabash, IN; Maureen (Danny) Jovanovic and Katie Hudson of Troy; and Donald Ringling of Bowling Green; 10 grandchildren: Arthur (Jessie) Brandt, Angela Brandt, Alex (Amanda Lindemann) Brandt, Lorine (Donny) Franzen, David (Cinthia Fernandez Garcia) Gleason, Julie Gleason, Nicholas Thrasher, James (Mackenzie Cranston) Thrasher, Emily Hudson and Cody Hudson; 8 great-grandchildren: Johnathan Brandt, Leona Franzen, Tania and Aaron Aviles, Gavin Thrasher, Ayden & Mikah Turner and Tanner Thrasher.

He was also preceded in death by his sisters, Marie (Frank) Krisch, Helen (Robert) Steahle, and his brother, Charles Ringling. He will be missed by many family members and friends.

Gene worked at multiple companies in the paper industry including: Hoerner Waldorf, Westvaco, Champion, Stone Container, and he retired from the Ferguson-Florissant School District where he was a Safety & Quality Specialist. He valued his family and loved camping, playing cards, boating and traveling with them. He especially loved Blues Special Hockey and live jazz (especially the band Cornet Chop Suey). Gene was known for his sense of humor and always had a story at the ready for anyone who would listen.

A memorial Mass and Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 am, Monday, March 13, 2023 at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (formerly Saints John and James), 120 N Elizabeth Ave, Ferguson, MO 63135 with lunch following in the hall.

Memorial contributions can be made to Blues Special Hockey c/o Debbie Deimeke,  
10715 Tesshire Dr, St Louis, MO 63123.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass and Celebration of Life

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta  
120 N. Elizabeth Ave.  
Ferguson, MO 63135

# Tribute Wall

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“ Thinking of you and wishing you moments of peace and comfort as you remember him. Our family will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Edgar Gonzalez - March 13, 2023 at 03:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" J. Ringling.



March 08, 2023 at 08:37 AM

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“ I used to play hockey with his son Donald Ringley

Charlene Maurer - January 29, 2023 at 06:43 PM

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“ We have many fond memories of Gene, he always greeted you with a smile and made you feel welcome. He loved cooking and his meals were special. I never turned him down when he offered to make sandwiches for lunch, they were the best I ever had. Gene will be missed by many, he cared for and loved his family dearly, we wish them Peace and Comfort. RIP Gene.

Dan Browning - January 25, 2023 at 07:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" J. Ringling.*



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January 19, 2023 at 01:05 PM



“ *I was so saddened to read of Gene's passing. I enjoyed getting to know him these last couple of years. My sincere condolences to the family for the loss of this precious member.*



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**Donna Owens** - January 17, 2023 at 04:14 PM



*We are so sad to hear of Gene's passing. After reading the obituary. I was reminded how much he enjoyed "cornet chop Suey". Everyone thought that was the funniest name for a band. He will certainly be missed! He was one of the first people (and Donna) that we met on the hockey team 25 years ago. Rest In Peace Gene and enjoy reuniting with Donna and family.*

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**Linda Jandro** - January 25, 2023 at 06:24 PM



*gene was most loving father for many years in long time in years time i had played donald on gateway hockey locomotives before it came to be stlph.i had played 20 years for gateway hockey locomotives in 1994 he will be missed great famelie man and loving husband and father from jerry pfeifer*

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**carlgpfeifer** - March 09, 2023 at 03:01 PM