



## Eugene B Butterly

July 11, 1939 - November 2, 2021

Eugene (Gene) B Butterly 82 of Ephrata, Wa.

Our loving father passed away peacefully November 2, 2021 surrounded by his family. Gene was born July 11, 1939 in New York City to Mildred and Eugene Butterly. Always an adventurer, he loved the outdoors including gardening, boating, traveling and camping with his family. He is survived by his devoted wife, Mary Jo Butterly, his nine children: Gene Butterly (Donna), Dennis Butterly (Amy), Julie Stephenson (Dave), Maureen Black (John), Gretchen Craft (John), John Butterly (Lorie), Beth Martens (Roy), Joanie Butterly and Michael Butterly – ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by Joan, his wife of 59 years and daughter, Carolyn.

Gene was a faithful member of his church, St. Rose of Lima and a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus. Many knew Gene for his love of the Catholic Faith, which he studied throughout his life. He was also a strong advocate in the Right to Life movement. He loved his family, spending time with them, and encouraged a life of faith in each of them.

A Rosary will be said in his honor Wednesday, November 10th at 7:00 pm at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church.

A mass of Christian burial will be held Thursday, November 11, at 11:00 am at

St. Rose of Lima Church with interment to follow at Ephrata Cemetery.  
A reception will follow at St. Rose school gymnasium.

# Cemetery Details

## Ephrata Catholic Cemetery

333 E St. SW  
Ephrata, WA 98823

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 11. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Rose of Lima  
323 D St. SW  
Ephrata, WA 98823

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ I have known Gene for 52 years ever since we worked together at YS&T co in Youngstown, Ohio. I spent many fun filled hours with him and his family at his Columbiana , Ohio farm. We worked together on building his barn, playing pinochle and eating together. Joanie's lasagna was a favorite. I still smile when I think of us eating chocolate cake after a meal and he asked Dennis if he wanted another piece of cake. Dennis said yes and as his eyes got large with anticipation ---Gene took his knife and cut the piece of cake that Dennis was eating in half! I went with Gene to Ohio State when he had questions about farming; I went with him and Genie and Dennis to Delaware to visit his Mother. YOOHOO! We kept in touch over the years after I left Ohio. We visited him in Ohio at his farm after we came back from overseas and he and Joanie and several children visited us at our farm on his way to visit one of his children in NY. Our last visit together was at Ephrata with him and Mary Jo. He took us to see some sights and we had a thoroughly enjoyable visit talking with them. We even got to see John and his family. I had not seen John since he was a little Kid running around with Gretchen on the Ohio Farm. To me Gene was a remarkable man. He was always inquisitive and tried to learn everything he could about whatever subject matter he pursued. I was always impressed about his strong conservative Catholic faith, his devotion as a father and a husband. I know he loved Joanie and Mary Jo and all his children. I have nothing but good memories about my friend and I will miss him and wish I could have spent more time with him.

*Mark Bryant*

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**Mark Bryant** - November 11, 2021 at 12:25 PM

MK

“ I worked with Gene many hours at Wanapum Dam on fish ladder control equipment and all kinds of other electronically controlled equipment. A super great guy who was always fun to work with. Very sorry for your loss Butterly Family. Respectfully Mike Kerr

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**Mike Kerr** - November 10, 2021 at 09:24 AM

MJ

“ I came to love him late... but I loved him with all my heart💔

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**mj** - November 08, 2021 at 12:08 PM