



## Eugene Giannunzio

January 2, 1949 - December 23, 2009

Eugene "Butch" Giannunzio, left this world on Dec. 23, 2009, in Bakersfield, after a short, but courageous bout with cancer.

He was born Jan. 2, 1949, in Iron Mountain, son of the late Joseph and Bethel (Coleman-McNabb) Giannunzio. Eugene honored his country at age 17 by joining the Army and being selected with flying colors to the Green Beret, 101st Airborne Division, where only 1 in a 100 were carefully selected.

He fought in the Vietnam War and survived, after being shot three times by the Viet Cong and left for dead. However he ended up on permanent disability and had a very hard life and wandered the country until his recent untimely death.

He was only seven years old when our father, Joseph F. Giannunzio died unexpectedly in 1956. A short time after our father passed on, he was sent to the orphanage in Marquette, along with our late sister, Jeannie "Larsen" Giannunzio, who died of cancer at the age of 47.

Brothers, Robert Giannunzio and Joseph Giannunzio then lived with the late Romeo and Josephine Giannunzio until graduating from Norway High School

Our beloved mother, Bethel Giannunzio, had much hardship raising the

children, passed away at the age of 54 of cancer.

Eugene is survived by brothers, David Giannunzio of Kingsford, Ronald Giannunzio, Jerry Giannunzio, Robert Giannunzio, and Joseph Giannunzio.

He is also survived by his six children living in various parts of the United States.

A graveside service was held today at 11 a.m. at the Iron Mountain Cemetery Park. Rev. Chad Ott officiated.

The American Legion Post 50 accorded full military honors for Eugene for the huge sacrifice he gave for our country.

The word "Goodbye" is taken from "God be with you" and we know "God" is with "Eugene".

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Eugene "Butch" Giannunzio online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ hello...it's almost two years to the day Eugene (Gino) has been gone...he was my best friend for many years...i met him over in Winona Minnesota back in the 1970's...we lived on the Mississippi river for a while...i have nothing but fond memories of having known brother Eugene...thank you for this tribute site...i'll always have him in my prayers...  
blessings to his remaining family...  
it was an honor to have known him...  
sincerely  
jimmy liggett...

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**jimmy liggett - northbrook , IL - friend and life brother** - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

dear Gene...just stopping by making the rounds on this Memorial weekend...not a day goes by that i dont think of you...you have etched your presence in my memory...thanks again for your bravery and your service...your friend and brother forever...

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**james j liggett** - May 24 at 12:30 PM