



Eugene A. Schiavo

September 16, 1942 - December 21, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Eugene Allen Schiavo, age 83, who left us peacefully on Sunday, December 21. Eugene passed away at his home, surrounded by family with his daughter by his side. A beloved father, grandfather, and friend, Gene lived a life full of dedication, passion, and kindness.

Gene was born in Crystal Falls, and graduated from Crystal Falls High School in 1960. During his high school years, he excelled in athletics, particularly football and basketball. It was at this time that he began dating Marjorie Jacobson, an Iron River girl who he would spend the rest of his life with. The high school sweethearts married on November 24, 1962 and celebrated 57 years of marriage.

Gene went on to obtain a bachelor's degree in education from Western Michigan University. Gene and Marge then spent some time in Milwaukee, where Gene taught Industrial Arts at the VA Hospital. Eventually, they moved back to the U.P., settling in a house in Kingsford where they would live for over 50 years.

Gene's dedication to supporting individuals with disabilities shaped his life's work. He worked for the State of Michigan for nearly 30 years as a Rehabilitation Counselor. After retiring in 1994, he and Marge would winter in

Lakeland, Florida, where he remained active and made several lifelong friends.

Throughout his life, Gene participated in sports, where he won many trophies over the years in bowling, golf, and fast pitch softball. He often talked of the days he pitched in the fast pitch leagues and he recorded his 3rd hole in one at 79 years old.

When his grandchildren began their athletic endeavors, Gene could be found in the stands cheering them on. He was proud of his son in law when he became a high school coach. Gene did not miss many of his games and enjoyed following his teams, often accompanying them on the bus to road games.

Gene loved the outdoors. For many years, he participated in an annual canoe trip with his family and friends, an adventure he cherished deeply, enjoying both the solitude of nature and the laughter shared with loved ones. He looked forward to his Novembers at camp with his brother and nephews. He often prepared the meals and enjoyed his role as "Camp Cook."

Gene was also an accomplished musician. He could play several instruments, many of which were self taught. It all began with the accordion that he learned to play at 8 years old. During his high school years he played the clarinet in the concert band, pep band and the marching band. He also played in the Crystal Falls Lions marching band for many years.

But beyond his athletic and musical achievements, Gene was best known for his selflessness and commitment to helping others. Whether volunteering or working directly, Gene devoted much of his time to helping those in need, leaving a lasting impact on the lives of many. He served on Community Mental Health and Kingsford Housing Commission Boards. He devoted decades of

volunteerism as a Kingsford, Crystal Falls, and then a Norway/Vulcan Lion, which included serving as a District Governor for the service organization.

He is survived by his daughters, Elizabeth (Jon) Lorenzoni of Kingsford, Gina (Gary) Hoaglund of Quinnesec, six grandchildren, Alex, Olivia, Grace and Ella Lorenzoni, Danielle and Casey Hoaglund; four great- grandchildren, Treyton, Madison, Porter and Riley. A sister-in-law, Merle Schiavo, one niece, Julie (Mark) Aho, three nephews, Gregg (Wendy) Schiavo, Jon (Mary) Schiavo and Jeff (Jackie) Schiavo and special friend, Diane Lutsey. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie, son, Daniel Schiavo and brother Bernard "Pinky" Schiavo.

A celebration of Gene's life will be held at Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home from 11:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday, December 27.

Gene will be remembered not only for his love of life and sports but also for the kindness and compassion he showed to everyone he met. He will be missed deeply, but his spirit will live on in the hearts of those who were fortunate to know him.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Gene Schiavo online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 27. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home

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Tribute Wall



“ *Scott Pancheri lit a candle in memory of Eugene A. Schiavo*



Scott Pancheri - December 30, 2025 at 08:39 PM

KF

“ *Cousin Gene was a kind caring man my sympathies to the family.*



Kathy Olson Forsberg - December 27, 2025 at 04:34 PM

BF

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*
~ *Barbara and Sons*

Barbara Frechette - December 27, 2025 at 09:07 AM

JP

“ *Jon LeMire and Pam Powell purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Eugene A. Schiavo.*



Jon LeMire and Pam Powell - December 26, 2025 at 11:27 AM

SV

“ I am truly saddened to hear of Gene’s passing. We worked together at the Vocational Rehabilitation office from 1974 through 1977. In later years when I retired, our paths crossed again in Lakeland, FL where Gene and Marge were my neighbors until they went back north permanently. He was truly a great man.

Susan Dore’ Bianchi Voorhees - December 25, 2025 at 01:50 PM

KM

“ Gene was a classmate of mine. He was always so thoughtful and kind. He and Marge met my brother-in-law at the nursing home in Kingsford, where Marge and Hugh were residents. My last conversation with Gene was at the nursing home on the day he was told Marge didn’t have much time left to live. We spoke for at least 1/2 hour. He will be welcomed with open arms into his eternal home. I had heard that his health had been failing in the last couple of years, which made me very sad. Enjoy paradise, Gene! My sincere condolences to his family.

Kathleen Norena McCole - December 24, 2025 at 05:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eugene A. Schiavo.



December 24, 2025 at 03:07 PM

KP

“ Liz Im so sorry about your Dad honey. He was a wonderful person

Kathy Patrick - December 24, 2025 at 10:57 AM

DZ

“ Liz, Jon, and family,

I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending my deepest condolences to you all during this very difficult time.

Dina Zietlow - December 23, 2025 at 10:27 PM