



## Eugene "Gene" Plonka

November 26, 1944 - June 2, 2018

Eugene "Gene" Plonka, 73, of Bradley passed away on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on November 26, 1944 in Germany, the son of John and Victoria (Gorna) Plonka. Gene married Sharon Peterson on November 1, 1969 in Chicago.

Gene was a Tool and Die Maker in the Chicago area for many years. He was a fan of the Chicago White Sox and Chicago Bears and enjoyed golfing.

Gene loved his wife, family, friends and home with a passion. He shared the love of music and dance with all whom he loved.

Gene served with the United States Navy on USS Sylvania from 1964-1966.

He is survived by his wife Sharon Plonka, of Bradley; one son Eric (Donna) Plonka of Steger; two daughters Sherry Friend of Bradley and Jackie (Chico) Gaytan of Bourbonnais; one sister Christine (Donald) Ghezzi of Crete; five grandchildren Sheila, Briana, Erick, Ian and Jaxon; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2018 from 4-8pm at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Funeral service will be on Friday, June 8, 2018 at 11am at the funeral home. Cremation rites will be accorded following the services. Inurnment will take place at a later date at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood. Memorials may be made to the family wishes.



# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CA

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Carolina** - June 06, 2018 at 04:11 PM

CA

“ *I'm so sorry about Gene's passing. I wish I would've had the opportunity to know my mom's cousin. Love/Carolina Hudson with family*



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**Carolina** - June 06, 2018 at 03:57 PM

RB

“ *Rosalie B. purchased the Footprints Tribute Blank et for the family of Eugene "Gene" Plonka.*

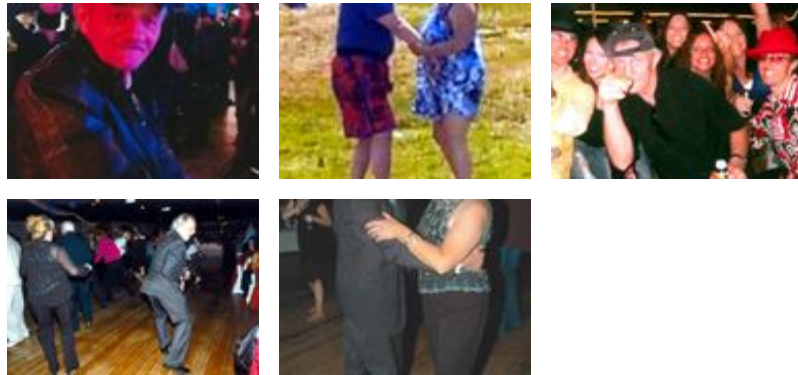


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**Rosalie B.** - June 06, 2018 at 02:42 PM



“ 100 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - June 06, 2018 at 08:10 AM



“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Christine Ghezzi - June 04, 2018 at 10:47 PM



“ Charlene Savarino purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Eugene "Gene" Plonka.



Charlene Savarino - June 04, 2018 at 09:28 PM



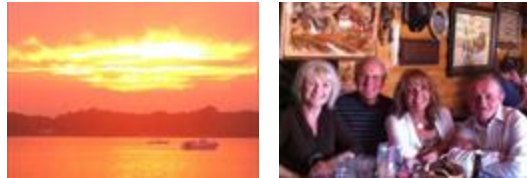
“ *Rest peacefully Uncle Gene. You were always so fun-loving, welcoming, and treated us with love and kindness. I always felt at home with you. I'll always cherish the wonderful memories of my childhood growing up with you, Aunt Sharon, Eric, Sherry, and Jackie. My forever love of the oldies and doo-wop I also owe and give thanks to you for. God bless and prayers to all. ❤️*

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**Charlene Savarino** - June 04, 2018 at 08:20 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Christine Ghezzi** - June 04, 2018 at 04:04 PM



“ *My condolences go out to Sharon and family. I have known Gene most of my life. He was a great guy and fun to be around. I will always remember Gene and my Uncle Hoagy tearing up the dance floor. May god Bless Sharon and her family. Rip my friend.*

*Phil Favia and Family*

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**Phil Favia** - June 03, 2018 at 09:54 PM

Janet Fortin

“ Janet Fortin lit a candle in memory of Eugene "Gene" Plonka



Janet Fortin - June 03, 2018 at 09:43 PM

Janet Fortin

So sorry for your loss. Prayers to Sharon and the family

Janet Fortin - June 03, 2018 at 09:44 PM

CG

“ Christine Ghezzi lit a candle in memory of Eugene "Gene" Plonka



Christine Ghezzi - June 03, 2018 at 07:24 PM