



Eugene Jetts

September 20, 1954 - December 5, 2014

JETTS, Eugene. December 5, 2014. Age 60. Beloved husband of Melinda for 32 years. Loving father of Stefanie (Jason) Schienle, Jackie Jetts, Amanda Jetts and Chris Jetts (fiance' Celeste Sublett). Proud and loving Pa of Lincoln, Jackson and Hudson. Dear son of Elmina and the late Eugene and brother of Mary (Tom) Kopietz and John (Kim) Jetts. Mr. Jetts was the founder of Jet's Pizza; his leadership and dedication to excellence saw Jet's Pizza transform from a single store in Sterling Heights to one of the most successful national pizza franchises. Above everything else he accomplished in this life, Eugene loved his family. He was respected by all and will be greatly missed. Visitation Tuesday and Wednesday 2-9pm. Scripture service Wednesday 7pm at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc., 54880 Van Dyke (at 25 Mile Rd.), Shelby Twp. Instate Thursday 11:30am until time of 12:00pm Mass at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 44633 Utica Rd. (between Van Dyke and M-59), Utica. Private entombment, Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Twp. Memorial contributions are appreciated and will be used to establish a fund in Eugene's name that will provide financial assistance to those who need treatment for cancer. Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at WujekCalcaterra.com

Tribute Wall

MD

“ So sorry to hear about Eugene's passing. He and my Dad worked together at Chrysler back-in-the-day. My Dad was so proud of Eugene when he followed his dream and passion to be an entrepreneur. Eugene is gone but not forgotten.

Michelle Dunn
daughter of Hugh Allan

Michelle Dunn - March 17 at 02:09 PM

OH

“ Ophelia Highnee lit a candle in memory of Eugene Jetts



Ophelia Highnee - December 10, 2025 at 12:38 PM

MD

“ Mite B. DeCarburetor lit a candle in memory of Eugene Jetts



Mite B. DeCarburetor - September 20, 2024 at 08:58 AM

BM

“ *Barry MyCockinher lit a candle in memory of Eugene Jetts*



Barry MyCockinher - September 18, 2024 at 12:28 PM

HA

“ *Hugh Anus lit a candle in memory of Eugene Jetts*



Hugh Anus - September 18, 2024 at 12:27 PM

SB

“ *Seymour Buhtz lit a candle in memory of Eugene Jetts*



Seymour Buhtz - July 28, 2023 at 03:58 PM

DS

“ *"Very authentic man! Still missed!"*

Derrick Swann - December 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MP

“I was deeply saddened to hear of Eugene's passing. His sister-in-law was at the place I work at a few weeks ago. I asked her how he was. She stopped and said he passed away about 15 months ago. I was stunned he was always a very nice man. I'll tell you how I met him and came to the best pizza place EVER. In 1979/1980 my sister and I were driving home from work and we were a wee bit hungry. I said "I'll pull in here (14 and Ryan) and we can get a piece of pizza". My sister said "I want my own piece". Together we scrounged up 78 cents. (this was 1979/1980) We went in with quite a few coins and asked the man at the counter(Eugene) how much 2 slices were he said "Whatever you have in your hand" I replied "I only have .78 cents and each piece is 50 cents(again 1979/1980) each-we will just take one, could you please cut it in half" "Sure" he said. We paid the 52 cents (plus tax) and went to the car. I told my sister this pizza must be loaded with cheese, the bag was a little heavy. I opened that bag and there were two slices wrapped in those aluminum foil squares. I told my sister we can't take this we did not pay for it. I went back in and he had a huge smile on his face. I started to say "We only paid....." Eugene stopped me and said "I want you each to have a slice. You will love it and be a customer for life". We are my whole family. Aunts, Uncles, cousins, 2nd cousins, in-laws, outlaws. Everywhere I have traveled by car, there is a large pizza or two in the car with us. Breakfast, lunch and dinner for a couple days. I have spread the word about Jett's from Maine, Florida and Arizona and everywhere in between. I have never forgotten the kindness of a very nice man who owned a delicious pizza store. We ordered pizza every Friday night for years at that 14 & Ryan location. We have 2 with in 5 mile here in Macomb. God rest your soul Eugene!"

Michele Palazzolo - April 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

That's a great story from Michelle P. Eugene was truly a great guy. I grew up right there at 14 and Ryan. When we were teenagers we would be out carousing on a Friday or Saturday night and usually tried to make it by the store at closing time. We knew he discounted the leftover slices when it got a little bit later in the evening that's why we went. It evolved into Eugene would give us the slices and we would follow him to the bank and watch his back while he made his last nightly deposit from the store

Philip Bearse - November 30, 2023 at 12:30 PM

CL

“*Dear Melinda and family,
I am so sorry for your loss, I will always remember Eugene as a kind and generous man. Sending prayers your way.*”

Cinzia Locatelli - January 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NS

“*Melinda, John, Kim and families, I am so sorry to hear about Eugene. You surely have your own angel this Christmas. May the wonderful memories see you through. God bless all of you. Nancy Sheedy (your old neighbor)*”

NANCY SHEEDY - December 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“*On behalf of Jet's Pizza in Jackson, TN, we would like to send our condolences to the family during this difficult time. We were very fortunate to meet Eugene during the franchise meeting this year. He went above and beyond during a very busy time to offer us great advice and counsel. It is a rarity to find such a personal connection and we will truly miss him.*”

The Stewart - December 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VI

“Deepest condolences to Melinda and family from Virginia Edds-Pauley family.”

Virginia - December 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“Prayers for you and your family. Eugene, we were there the day you opened the doors and started the chain for the best pizza ever! Not only have my kids been raised on your pizza, but so have my grand kids, and now my great grand kids. I now live in West Michigan, but still eat that yummy pizza every week. God speed Eugene, may you rest in peace.”

Mary Ann May - December 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KI

“Leave a condolence or a memory.”

kim - December 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LD

“dear melinda and family,i was so sorry to hear of Eugene's passing.All of us enjoyed waiting on you's when you came in to Andiamos for dinner.We had a lot of laughs as we told story's. He made us feel like we were friends,and we always looked forward to seeing you all come in.I hope you will still come in soon so we can tell you how sad we all are and will miss eugene .Just wanted you to know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.”

Lois Dowell - December 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EZ

“*The Real Time Ordering team was so saddened to hear of Eugene's passing. Please accept our heartfelt condolences to the whole Jetts' family.*”

Edward Zimmerman - December 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“*We are so sorry for your loss. Eugene was a great man and his stories were hilarious. We are praying that God will bring your family comfort in during this difficult time through Jesus Christ our Lord and saviour.*”

Cornell family - December 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PD

“*Our deepest sympathies to Eugene's family and friends. Being around and talking (I loved his voice) to Eugene put me in great comfort and ease. Eugene took me under his wing and believed in me and my team. He was always made himself available to me to take a phone call, talk and was positive and uplifting. Eugene to us was a fun, strong regular guy who also happened to be an extremely smart and charismatic leader. You are greatly missed. Thank you for all you have done for all of us, my family and myself. Phil Damico, Family & Jet's Pizza Ft Myers.*”

Phil Damico - December 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM