



## Eugene "Gene" Charles Haran Jr.

May 12, 1948 - May 28, 2023

Eugene (Gene) Charles Haran Jr. passed away on May 28, 2023 at the age of 75 with his family by his side. He recently celebrated his 75th birthday on May 12th. Gene was originally from Staten Island, New York. He graduated from Curtis High School in 1966. Gene served his country in the Air Force during the Vietnam War from 1968-1972 and was stationed in Southeast Asia. He enlisted when he was 19 years old. He comes from a long line of military veterans, which includes his parents. They served in Italy and Africa during WW2. After the Vietnam War, Gene became a building engineer in Manhattan, and spent 20 years as a property manager in NYC before relocating to Florida. Once in Florida, Gene had a Pepperidge Farm route, before retiring fully around 10 years ago.

Gene is survived by his loving wife Ellie, son James (Laura) and daughters Laura and Ianna. Gene has five living siblings Kathleen Iosue (Albert), Deborah Williams (Gary), Timothy Haran (Kim), Kevin Haran (Ann), and Kenneth Haran (Kelly). Gene was also a step-father to Adrian Mitchell (Samantha Lou). Gene is predeceased by Eugene Charles Haran Sr. (father), Lois Haran (mother), Sean Haran (brother), Mary Spinelli (sister), and Margaret Quinlan (sister). Gene was the loving grandfather to six grandchildren and had many nieces and nephews.

Gene enjoyed spending time with his family, giving back to veterans through

volunteering as a guardian on Honor Flights and through the DAV. In addition, Gene loved movies, reading, being outside, rock music, and grilling. Gene could light up a room with his sense of humor and gift of storytelling. It will be forever missed. Gene was most proud of giving back to veterans in his spare time as he previously spent time as a curator at the Smedley Museum in Orlando. Most recently, Gene flew with a guardian on an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. in October, 2022.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday, June 9, 11:00 AM at Beyers Funeral Home in Lady Lake, Florida with inurnment to follow at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida with Military Honors.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Central Florida Honor Flight, 5036 Dr. Phillips Blvd. #191, Orlando, FL 32819

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Lady Lake, Florida.

# Cemetery Details

## Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue  
Bushnell, FL 33513

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory - Lady Lake  
134 N US Highway 441  
Lady Lake, FL 32159  
(352) 753-4444

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eugene "Gene" Charles Haran Jr.*



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**Beyers Funeral Home** - June 07, 2023 at 08:26 AM

MS

*Dear Ellie: we send our sympathy to you & your family. Our hearts are saddened. The Peace of Jesus be with you. Blessings, Mike & MaryAnn Summers*

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**Mary Ann Summers** - June 09, 2023 at 03:40 PM

RR

*My brother James worked with and was friends with Gene. James said he was a great guy, he was always there for his friends! Prayers for Gene and his family God bless Bob Ritter*

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**Robert G Ritter** - June 09, 2023 at 07:14 PM

NC

*With sincere sympathy. Peace.... 🌹*

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**Normajeon Dierking Cesario** - June 14, 2023 at 09:24 PM

JR

“ To Ellie and the entire Haran Clan (as Gene mentioned on many occasions),

*Please accept our heartfelt condolences for your great loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all and may God provide to all of you, the understanding, guidance and comfort during this difficult time in your life.*

*As most of you already know, I met Gene through work years ago when he first came down to Florida and we immediately became friends. The friendship then developed into a long lasting Brotherhood because Gene had that unique ability to make you feel at ease with his funny personality, his witty remarks and we shared a very similar upbringing.*

*I will always remember Gene as a very thoughtful, considerate and caring human being who truly loved his entire family immensely. To give you a better understanding of his love for family, he was very proud of his heritage and I practically knew everyone in his family even though I hadn't met everyone at the time!*

*I think I can speak for all of us and say that a man like Gene is very rare because not only did he serve his country honorably, Gene delivered above and beyond as a Husband, Father, Brother, Grandfather, Mentor and Friend.*

*Yes, God has truly blessed all of us by navigating Gene into each and every one of our lives as he traveled through life's journey here on this earth knowing that when the time is right, we shall all reunite when God's timetable is fulfilled.*

*This is how I see it... Years ago an evangelist wrote the following verse in my Bible at a church that I was attending. I've come to realize the special meaning of this verse and it now makes total sense to me.*

*Romans 8:28 KJV - And we know that all things work together for*

*good, to them that love God, to them who ARE THE CALLED... according to His purpose (not ours)... God has called Gene home where there is no more suffering and no more pain. Gene served his time here on earth and I thank God for his great friendship, he is truly one of a kind and I will never forget him.*

*I love you Brother, with all of my heart!!!*

*James & Debbie Ritter  
Jacksonville, Fl.*

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**James Ritter** - June 11, 2023 at 11:16 AM

KI

*Thank you, James. I am Gene's older sister and I am so happy that you appreciated Gene's special attributes, his unique sense of humor, and his good nature. Everyone I know enjoyed his company, and he was much loved by all of us siblings. He spoke so often of your fishing expeditions!  
Sincerely, Kathleen Haran Iosue*

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**kathleen iosue** - June 12, 2023 at 12:59 PM

KI

“ *Dear Ellie, Al & I will send a gift to the Honor Flight in Gene's memory* ❤️

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**kathleen iosue** - June 09, 2023 at 10:16 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" Charles Haran Jr..*



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June 08, 2023 at 02:43 PM

RR

“ Our condolences to Ellie and the Haran family.  
Gene was our best friend since we moved to Florida almost 12 years ago.  
We always had so much fun with him and his family.  
Gene you will be greatly missed, fly high our friend. Love you!

Ramon and Stella Rivera - June 02, 2023 at 10:23 PM

SS

“ Jim and Laura, we are sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We made a donation in Eugene's name to the Honor flight. The Spaethe Family



Sarah Spaethe - June 02, 2023 at 11:43 AM

JK

“ Our sincerest condolences to our Haran family. We will always remember Gene as a fun loving story teller and lover of our country. We have made a donation to Central Florida Honor Flight in his memory.



Julie (Haran) Kunz - June 02, 2023 at 11:09 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eugene "Gene" Charles Haran Jr..

June 01, 2023 at 04:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" Charles Haran Jr..



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