



Eugene Fred "Geno" Heissler

June 24, 1931 - July 5, 2020

Eugene Fred "Geno" Heissler, age 89, of Louisville, passed away on Sunday, July 5, 2020. He was born on June 24, 1931 to his late parents Bill and Hallie Heissler. Geno had a wonderful gift of making people smile wherever he went. As a heart transplant recipient of 29 years, he could be seen waving to the crowd as he rode on the Second Chance at Life float during several Pegasus Parades. Geno loved to dance as a member of the Rat Racers Bop Club and enjoyed Sunday afternoons at the Bingo Hall. He was also a proud Korean War Veteran and member of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

In addition to his parents, Geno was preceded in death by one child, Sheila Doran; grandson, Bradley Heissler; and two brothers, Donald and William Heissler.

He is survived by his children, Debbie Sheppard (Merle), Mike Heissler (Debbie), and Karen Howell (Keith); eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be private due to the current social distancing restrictions and burial will follow at Louisville Memorial Gardens West.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations to Second Chance at Life. To donate, visit secondchanceky.org

Cemetery Details

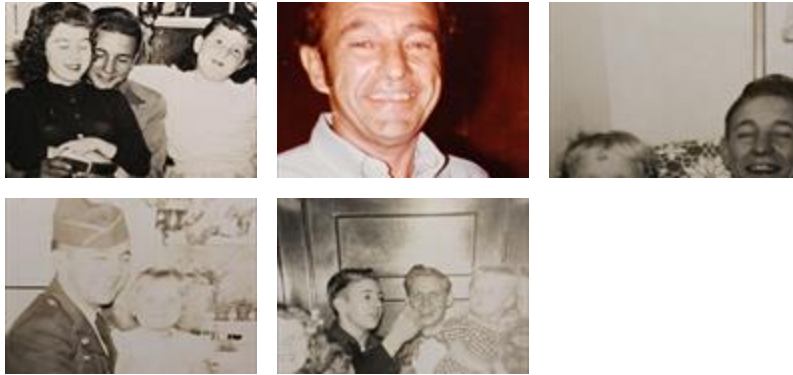
Louisville Memorial Gardens West

4400 Dixie Hwy
Louisville , KY 40216

Tribute Wall

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“ I am sure Gene's family have never seen these photos. He was a "fixture" at my grandparents house when I grew up. The very best dancer I ever saw. I still have the teddy bear he and my Mother won in a contest at the old Calico Club when I was 2 years old. He was a terrific guy who will be missed by many.
Bonnye Hedger Wintergerst



Bonnye Hedger Wintergerst - July 11, 2020 at 04:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eugene Fred "Geno" Heissler.



July 09, 2020 at 10:19 AM

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“ Prayers for the family, Gene or papaw as we called him at bingo, was very special to me. He always had a smile, kind words, laughter that was contagious, and sweet spirit towards all. I will miss my Superman. Thanks B for sharing him with his bingo buddies.

Sherry and Greg Reese

Sherry Reese - July 08, 2020 at 08:20 AM

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“ Geno was a great friend and will be missed by many. I always enjoyed being around him at all the dances and at Churchill Downs. My sympathy goes out to all of his family. Rest in peace.

Ed Logan

Ed Logan - July 07, 2020 at 06:11 PM



Barbara McGrath

“ RIP Gene. Heaven has gained another guardian angel. You were such a great guy and will be missed by many. Sending prayers for your family and friends.

Barbara McGrath - July 07, 2020 at 12:34 PM

JA

RIP uncle Gene. So many memories from my childhood. Know that I have thought of you often. I want to thank you for choosing my name. Being the first grandchild and first niece I was a little spoiled. Still have the doll you bought me from Korea. It's seen better days. Love to my cousins and the loss of you.

Janet Anderson - July 07, 2020 at 03:13 PM