



## Eugene J. Kirchner

September 27, 2011

KIRCHNER, EUGENE J., 83, of Louisville, entered eternal rest on Tuesday, September 27, 2011, at Baptist Hospital East, embracing the love of a family who cherished him so deeply. Gene takes his place in heaven with, Pearl, his wife of 58 years, who he missed so much in the past two years. Gene was born January 3, 1928, in Louisville, attended St. Brigid grade school and graduated from St. Xavier High School. He served in the Navy at the end of World War II before returning to attend U of L and going to work for the Courier-Journal Circulation department in 1948. For 39 years, Gene managed paper carriers throughout Kentucky and Southern Indiana. It was common in his later years for Gene to meet a doctor or businessman who had carried papers for him and said he was the nicest boss ever. After retiring from the C-J, Gene decided to work part time for his friend Leon at Able Insurance Co., but still took time to travel the country with Pearl. He retired for good in 2005 to help care for her, later visiting her daily in the nursing home. As his eyesight began to fail him, Gene had many great neighbors, friends and relatives who helped take care of the house and took him to dinner, the theater and other events and appointments. Over the years, Gene also enjoyed bowling -- actually proud that his wife and kids usually beat him -- as well as fishing, movies, reading the paper every day and playing pinochle at large family gatherings. He truly enjoyed making \$2 bets at Churchill Downs, picking family members' names or whatever sounded lucky that day. Throughout his life, Gene remained devoted to his Catholic roots, never missing Mass and

faithfully keeping Holy cards and statues around his home. His mail each day had a dozen requests from missions and charities that he donated to on a rotating basis. He was a meticulous planner, thinker and well-informed individual. Gene's passing will leave the world a little less patient and a little less kind. He was a generous and gentle man who always put others' feelings ahead of his own. He was a dear friend and a sweet father. He also was preceded in death by his parents, Justina and Edward Kirchner; a brother, Edward "Bud"; and sister, Dorothy Baumgarten. He is survived by four children, Linda Ulanday (Joe) of Lexington, James (Beverly) and Stephen (Betty), both of Louisville, and David, of Birmingham, AL, and Kabul, Afghanistan; two sisters, Evelyn Keller and Justina Baker (Robert); and one brother, Robert (Linda), all of Louisville. He has four beloved grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. His funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Monday at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 3509 Taylor Blvd., with entombment to follow at Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Saturday and 1-8 p.m. Sunday at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Hwy. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the American Cancer Society or one's favorite charity. Online condolences to [www.owenfuneralhome.com](http://www.owenfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was very sorry to hear that your dad passed away,he was always so kind to us and a great neighbor. I am glad that I was able to see and talk to him a couple of years ago when I was in town for the state track meet, as always he was very gracious and kind when I stopped by the house. I know that Pearl welcomed him with open arms and that dad was there to greet him as well.

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**Kevin Whitman** - June 28, 2018 at 04:20 PM

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“ To Linda,  
  
You have my deepest sympathy,  
  
Sincerely,  
John  
502-718-7492

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**John Manning** - June 28, 2018 at 04:20 PM

DB

“ I enjoyed working with your father at the CJ&T for many years, and bowling with his son. My condolences to your family

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**Doug Belongia** - June 28, 2018 at 04:20 PM

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“ I extend my sympathy to the Kirchner family. Mr. Kirchner was my first boss. I carried newspapers for him for 3 and one half years from 1964-1967. During this time there were several contests promoting new subscriptions. My cousin and I both sold 30 new subscriptions and won a trip to the World's Fair in New York City in 1964. Mr Kirchner was a true gentleman. He did not scold his young carriers. Instead he praised us for good works. It was indeed a pleasure to know him and carry newspapers for him. I am sure he was a better father, grandfather, and wife. My condolences to you his family.

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**Ed Ackerman** - June 28, 2018 at 04:20 PM