



Eugene E. Phaneuf

September 9, 1937 - February 1, 2020

Eugene E. Phaneuf of West Hartford died Saturday morning, February 1st at St. Francis Hospital. He was born in Norwich on September 9, 1937 the son of Ernest and Diana (Gouin) Phaneuf. He graduated from Willimantic State Teachers College in 1959 where he met his wife, Carol (Peters) Phaneuf. They were married July 23, 1960. Gene spent 30 years working as an educator and administrator for the State of Connecticut Vocational School System, retiring as director of Vinal Tech High School in Middletown. Eugene was ordained a Catholic deacon in the Archdiocese of Hartford and served at St. Thomas The Apostle Church in West Hartford until his retirement. He also served as head of religious education at Holy Spirit Parish in Newington and later St. Thomas The Apostle Parish in West Hartford. Gene and Carol were also involved in Marriage Encounter and Marriage Preparation Classes for the Engaged. His professional life was also punctuated with his commitment to Camp Hazen YMCA in Chester Connecticut. Starting as a counselor in college and returning in various roles years later, Gene and his whole family have been committed to making Camp Hazen a welcoming place for families ever since. He was predeceased by his wife of 50 years Carol (Peters) Phaneuf, Brother Rene N. Phaneuf, Sister Noella B. Martin, Daughter Carla Jean Phaneuf, and Son in law Michael H. Jones. He is survived by his children, Michelle Phaneuf, Denise Learned and husband Michael, Jeanne Jones, Diane Connell and husband Thomas, Paula Clement and husband Stephen, Michael Phaneuf and wife Gabriella Fatone, and Christopher

Phaneuf. Pepere will remain forever in the memories of his 10 grandchildren and great granddaughter. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Camp Hazen YMCA Phaneuf Family Endowment Fund at <https://camphazenyymca.campintouch.com/ui/forms/donor/Form>. Funeral services will be Saturday, February 8, with the celebration of his Mass of Christian burial at 10:00 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave. W. Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Friends and family may call Friday from 5-8 p.m. at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. W. Hartford.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 7. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle
872 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT
(860) 233-8269

Tribute Wall

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“ <https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/9LPJDR86775DZCN2>

Chris Molloy - February 07, 2020 at 08:02 AM

LG

“ Gene and I attende Willimantic State Teachers and lived in Beckard Hall. We both played basketball on the school team. He was a junior and I was a freshman. Gene was a good guy and a friend. He was close friends with Tom Kelly and Bill Hardgraves, fellow juniors. While I taught in Rocky Hill, I would bring my sixth graders over to Goodwin Tech and give them an opportunity to see an alternative to regular high school. Gene would set up the visit for me and it was always a pleasure to see him.
My condolences to all of his family.
Len Grossman

Len Grossman - February 04, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eugene E. Phaneuf.



February 04, 2020 at 10:37 AM

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“ So many fond memories of family experiences at Camp Hazen. Gene played such a significant role in developing the programs which produced life long memories. ALL positive! So sorry to receive this news. Love and prayers sent to all family members.
Don and Nancy Rankin

Don and Nancy Rankin - February 04, 2020 at 08:52 AM

MJ

“ Very sorry to hear of Gene's passing. Prayers and blessings to his family. I was a camper at Hazen when he was Director and his daughter was a LEA. I have many fond memories.

Matthew Joslyn - February 03, 2020 at 07:37 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Eugene E. Phaneuf.



February 03, 2020 at 05:04 PM