



## Eugene Patrick Carrabine

September 23, 1933 - December 4, 2020

Eugene P. Carrabine, age 87 of Valparaiso, passed away peacefully, December 4, 2020. He graduated from Emerson High School, Class of 51, and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame, where he also played for the Fighting Irish football team. He was a Navy veteran. Gene worked for The American Water Company for many years and officiated both Big 10 and NFL football. He was also a member of St. Paul Catholic Church. Gene was a Gary city councilman, a member of Rotary, Catholic Order of Foresters, Knights of Columbus, Gary Old Timers Athletic Association, Merrillville School Board, and was an inductee to the Indiana Football Hall of Fame.

He was preceded in death by siblings- Richard, Martin, Luke, and Leo Carrabine.

Gene is survived by his loving wife of 66 years- Dolores; children- Cary (Kathy) Carrabine, Casey (Ami) Carrabine, Cara (Dillon) Carrabine- Dalton; 8 grandchildren- Kyle, Courtney, Carly, Ciara, Colton, Carson, Mia, Raegan; 2 great-grandchildren- Sloane and Gannon; siblings- John (Jerry) Carrabine, and Mary (late Carl) Rusca; many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at St. Paul Catholic Church, 1855 Harrison Blvd., Valparaiso, IN. Private burial at Calumet Park Cemetery. Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point, entrusted with funeral arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Paul Catholic Church. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)



# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Catholic Church  
1855 W.Harrison Blvd.  
Valparaiso, IN 46385

# Tribute Wall

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“ Our deepest condolences to the entire Carrabine family. This was surely a man who led an exemplary life. He will be remembered by anyone fortunate enough to have known him.

May God bring you comfort,  
Donna and Jim Coady

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**James Coady** - December 08, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugene Patrick Carrabine.



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December 07, 2020 at 08:02 PM

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“ Thank you to everyone for you notes of kindness. It is greatly appreciated. For anyone considering attending I would ask that you please choose a safer option due to COVID-19. The funeral mass will be live streamed on the Saint Paul Catholic Church Community YouTube page at 10a. There will be safer times to gather and meet as friends when all this passes.

Thank you, Casey Carrabine

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**Casey Carrabine** - December 07, 2020 at 06:55 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Eugene Patrick Carrabine.*



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December 07, 2020 at 06:03 PM



“ *My deepest condolences. He was such a wonderful man. Always working with me and cara on basketball moves and shots. My heart goes out to all. 🙏🙏❤️*

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**laura stefanelli** - December 07, 2020 at 05:31 PM

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“ My wife and I send our deepest condolences to the family of Gene Carrabine.

*As retired Superintendent of Merrillville Schools, I just wanted pass along my appreciation for the life of Gene Carrabine as School Board member.*

*Gene was on the School Board when I was hired in 1984. I learned so much from him about how important it was to plan for progress and improvement.*

*It was during Gene’s tenure that the vision for the complete renovation of Merrillville Schools began. With his, and other Board Member efforts, Merrillville became a template for school facility and technology advances in both Northwest Indiana as well as throughout the State.*

*Gene also had a wonderful belief in making plans and decisions that were in the best interest of students, as well as the community. I will be forever thankful for my association with him and what I learned from him.*

*Sincerely,  
Dr. Tony Lux, Allyson Lux*

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**Anthony Lux** - December 07, 2020 at 12:32 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to the entire Carrabine family. Gene was a wonderful person and a fantastic football official.

*Lou Lindinger*

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**Lou Lindinger** - December 06, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ *I knew the man as a football coach at St. Lukes & he was a good friend of my fathers. We lived half a block from his parents house on Ohio St in Gary. He was a well known athlete from Emerson High School with names like Bob T Briggs The Karras Brothers on the Eastside of Gary, IN. He was a good man with principles. We could use a good dose of men like him these days.*

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**David Briggs** - December 05, 2020 at 09:00 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugene Patrick Carrabine.*



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December 05, 2020 at 01:38 PM