



Eugene "Gene" Katsanis

June 18, 1941 - December 22, 2021

Eugene "Gene" Katsanis, owner of ekat Advertising and Public Relations firm and 16-year Jefferson Parish School Board member, who represented Kenner, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 22, 2021, at the age of 80. He was a native of New Orleans, but resided in Kenner for 54 years. As a young man, Gene graduated in the F.T. Nicholls Class of 1959, assisted with the past reunions, and still continued to lunch with his fellow graduates monthly. He earned his bachelor's degree in journalism and public relations from Loyola University in 1964. Gene served in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged as a 1st Lieutenant in July 1973. Gene always had a heart for his community and worked hard to represent the children and teachers alike, on the Jefferson Parish School Board and in his many community activities. Even after his school board term expired, he continued to serve public education in many capacities. He was a founding member of the Kenner North Kiwanis and served the community in a variety of programs most recently leading the Park-A-Boo event. He served as president of the Kiwanis several times and was the current 2021-22 president. Gene also served as Key Club Advisor to the Haynes Key Club, was a member of the Kenner Lions Club and Knights of Columbus at Nativity of Our Lord, as well as too many other activities to mention. He was a parishioner of the Divine Mercy Catholic Church for many years and a faithful adorer in the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel.

Gene was the beloved husband of Janet Lambert Katsanis. Loving father of

Marc Steven Katsanis (Erica), Kristi Katsanis McKinney (Sean), and Candace Katsanis Franzo (Rick). Cherished Grandfather of Kyle McKinney (Lisa), Gracie Franzo, Lachlan McKinney, Cailyn Franzo, Emma Franzo, Liam McKinney and Hanna McKinney. Son of the late George Eugene Katsanis Jr. and Marie Fried Katsanis. Brother of Carol Katsanis Varnado and Kathleen Katsanis. Also survived by sister and brother-in-law Diane and Gary Rochelle, nephews Joey and Jared Rochelle, nephew Rodney Varnado, nephew Steven Carter, niece Stacey Carter, and many great nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Service at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 4337 Sal Lentini Pkwy., Kenner on Wednesday, December 29, 2021. Visitation will be held in church from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with the Funeral Mass to immediately follow at 1:00 p.m. Interment in Jefferson Memorial Gardens Cemetery, St. Rose, LA.

Arrangements by L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home. To share memories or condolences, please visit www.muhleisen.com

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Memorial Gardens Cemetery

11316 River Road
St. Rose, LA 70087

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Divine Mercy Catholic Church
4337 Sal Lentini Pkwy.
Kenner, LA 70065

Funeral Mass

DEC **29**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Eugene "Gene" Katsanis

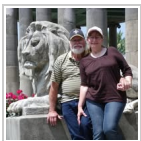
October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ Dear Janet, Marc, Kristi and Candi
We are so sorry you have lost Gene. He was such a soft-spoken and gentle, friendly guy. It was always a pleasure to be in his company. We know he will be greatly missed by all. We hope the memories you have of him will keep him close to you. May God give you comfort in knowing he will be watching over all of you. Our deepest sympathy.

Love,
Ms. Mae, Carolyn & Gail LaBorde

Ms. Mae, Carolyn & Gail LaBorde - December 31, 2021 at 12:08 AM



“ June McKinney lit a candle in memory of Eugene "Gene" Katsanis



June McKinney - December 28, 2021 at 07:52 PM



“ Gene was a wonderful friend to me. We served on PTOs together when our children were in school. I have some wonderful memories of him. God Bless and RIP.

Diane Spieler - December 27, 2021 at 03:43 AM

JR

“ So sorry to loose my friend. We attended High School together and were in many classes together in those three years. We had the Most fun writing for the school paper, “The Rebel Yell”. I saw him many times and was a member of the Lunch Bunch. We always got the Spinach Quiche. We laughed a lot at the luncheons and all enjoyed being together. Condolences to his family, he loved you all so much. All he talked about was his Family, especially those grandchildren. I will miss him. Jeanette Maysonave Riviere.



jeanette Riviere - December 27, 2021 at 01:32 AM

NP

Gene, we will miss you. We adore you forever. You are a big hero that cared for education, students and administration. You worked every single day for that. You made time to come around to schools to see in person. Where did you go, Gene? We are in deep sorrow. When would we ever see you? I know God will hug you with both hands. One day, I will come to see you also. With adoration and respect.

Nirmala Pandian - December 27, 2021 at 02:12 AM

VS

“ Claire and I first met Gene in the 1970's , to the best of our recall, per our and Gene's involvement in civic-political activities. Our respect and friendship for Gene and Janet grew more and more for many reasons. We gladly supported him in his campaigns and various & numerous activities through the decades. He was an elected public official that I had no reservations at all in supporting per his dedication, caring to assist all, do no harm and be totally Honorable. He will be truly missed as a friend, as a political-activist and advisor to many. Our Condolences to Janet and each of Gene's Love Ones, Friends, Kenner community and our Republican Party.
Vinson & Claire Serio

Vinson & Claire Serio - December 26, 2021 at 08:26 PM

GF

“ I enjoyed knowing Gene both in high school and college where we worked on the school news papers together. I last saw him at our 50 th college reunion. He was always full of energy and creativity. May he Rest In Peace. Condolences to his family.

Gaye Saucier Farris - December 25, 2021 at 08:05 AM

SR

Mr Gene Katsanis what a man of God. in 1995 when my baby die and my husband suicide Mr.Gene help me so my children's could go to school in my mother's school districts they wouldn't be left at home along .what a blessing he was .rest in peace with our Lord and savior.shirley Lee Riley

shirley Lee Riley - December 26, 2021 at 07:25 PM

MM

Gene and I had a great conversation a few days before he passed. I was totally shocked to hear the news We talked about his love for his family and all the work he was doing in the various organizations he belonged to. Gene was my good friend...Gene and I served on the School Board for many years. He was an outstanding Board Member. He was very smart and always did his homework. If you wanted to know anything about school law or Board policy, just ask Gene. He will be sadly missed by his wife and family. Kenner has lost a great citizen.

Martin B Marino - December 27, 2021 at 12:02 AM

PB

Janet, I'm so sorry to learn of Gene's passing. My sincere sympathy to you, your children, and all the family.

Phyllis Marroy Boudreaux

Phyllis Marroy Boudreaux - December 27, 2021 at 07:56 PM



A good, kindhearted, honest, family man. It has been a pleasure to have gotten to know him. Did me a good turn on numerous occasions. Worked hard for his family and our community. Great knowledge and wit. The life of all the parties! He will be sorely missed. Rest in Peace, Gene. All my condolences, Janet, Kristi, Candi & Marc.

June McKinney - December 28, 2021 at 08:09 PM