



## Eugene (Kazmierkiewicz) Kazmier

February 11, 1937 - January 6, 2020

On Monday, January 6, 2020, Eugene (Kazmierkiewicz) Kazmier, loving husband and father, passed away at the age of 82. Gene was born on February 11, 1937 in Manville, NJ to Martin and Stella Kazmar. He served his country honorably in both the US Navy and New Jersey National Guard. On December 2, 1961, he married Shirley Verboczki, also of Manville, and raised a son, Eugene and daughter Lisa. He worked as a truck driver for Hemingway Transport Inc. in Bridgewater, NJ, and Marchello's Trucking Company in Hillsborough, NJ.

Gene enjoyed life, was fun loving, and in earlier years, loved riding his motorcycle. He could strike up a friendship with just about anyone, and could always make you laugh. Even during his recent hospital stay, the nurses commented on how he was always cracking jokes and making everyone on the staff laugh. He was one of those people where no one was a stranger and everyone would become his friend.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Steve, Chester, John and three sisters, Irene, Genevieve and Dolores. He was also preceded in death by his beloved Mother-in-law, Mary Kemp and sister-in-law, Joyce Lawson.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley, son Eugene Kazmier and wife Gina, his daughter Lisa Kazmier, and his loving family, brother-in-law, Stephen Verboczki, sister-in-law's, Marlene and Robert Soriano, Mary and Steven Klink, and several nieces and nephews.

Among the list of friends that his family wishes to thank for their longtime friendships with are: his National Guard Sergeant, John (Sarge) Sudul, who remained his dear friend throughout the years, his good friends, Don, George and Joe Erdek, Derek Nittoli, Russell Zydiak, Tom Simo, Ron Oakley, and the late Joe Pizza, just to name a few. He was well known at Romeo's Barber Shop in town and it was often one of his social meeting places where he spent time talking with local customers and making friends with them all. He was a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses and had many wonderful friends within the faith.

Services will be private and his family's wish is that you honor Gene by remembering all the great memories of his humor, his outgoing, friendly personality, wit, and charm. He will be greatly missed by all his friends and family who loved him. Arrangements are under the direction of the Ketusky Funeral Home, 1310 Brooks Blvd., Manville, NJ. A celebration of his life will be planned on a future date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to: St Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memorials Processing, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959

My friend of many years...

I love you man!

Knew you would be there whenever I dropped in...

No schedule, no plan,

No reason to explain,

Always a welcome...

A chance to go back to Manville

We became young again whenever we met..

Can't ever recall a disagreement

Never a crossing of swords,

How can that be?

Now, years later,

We are still fine friends,

So many years of life to share,

Not together, nor ever apart

A friend in mind never departs...

~ Don Erdek~

# Tribute Wall

KL

“ Uncle Kaz was a good person. He had kindness and compassion for other people.  
I am sitting here thinking about him and his crazy sense of humor. He was the life of a party and never boring. The last time I visited back in 2017 when my Grandma passed away he made me feel welcome. Rest in peace

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**Karen Lawson** - March 12, 2020 at 06:49 PM

 Laura  
Amsbury

“ Uncle Eugene, thank you for welcoming me to come meet you for the first time. Thank you for sharing your stories of my mom and dad and of you and your wonderful family. I enjoyed sharing our "sea stories" and admire you greatly.

I am so very grateful to have met you. We can all "wish" we met earlier, knew each other longer, or even spent more time together. Regrets get us no where. So I rejoice in the time I did spend with you and your lovely wife, Shirley.

Thank you for opening your hearts and home.

Love,  
Laura Jean Amsbury (Dolores's youngest daughter: Laura Jean Cuthbert)

Should anyone want to reach out to share some experiences with my Uncle, Aunt, or even my mom, Aunt Tootsie, Aunt Irene or anyone.....I'd love to hear from you.  
My email is: [ljamsbury@gmail.com](mailto:ljamsbury@gmail.com)

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**Laura Amsbury** - January 27, 2020 at 01:59 AM



“ *My father John Sudul was smiling from ear to ear just now! He was sad to see his friend go...but also happy that he is resting in peace. We want to be included in Gene's memorial service and I can be reached at 619-721-5959. Thank you Lindsay Sudul*

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**Lindsay Sudel** - January 14, 2020 at 09:45 AM

MK

“ Some people enter your life and you are forever changed because of them. They can be show offs or show ups!

*My earliest memory of Kaz was when he was dating my oldest sister, Shirley. He came to my mom's home in his white navy uniform with the navy cap. I was 7 years old. He married my sister in 1961, I was nine years old.*

*Kaz was a show up... he showed up when others like my own absent father did not. My mother was a single mother, raising five children. Kaz showed up when my mom worried...."how can we shovel ourselves out from the snow" but Kaz always showed up. He showed up when he took me to the house he was building for his family and showed me how to hammer a nail into the floor boards so they would be permanent. He showed up for holidays...brought my sister and me baby chicks and rabbits for Easter. He showed up unexpectedly when I was walking down our street holding hands with my first boyfriend....he told me that he was watching me!! He showed up when I had my babies and would go home to visit my mom. My children adored him, they remember his stories and his wit! He showed up when my mother was ill with Alzheimer's....he stayed with her...he took care of her when I could not.*

*Kaz DID life....he didn't roam through it He took care of business... his wife, his children and he always showed up when we needed him.*

*My heart is saddened with his passing. I should have taken the time to visit him when I knew how ill he was. I knew better because he taught me that showing up is what a person does when they love someone. I hope he knows how much I loved him. “*

*There is an African saying, "It takes a village to raise a child". Both Kaz and my sister Shirley were my village and I will be forever grateful to them. Rest in peace sweet brother in law. Love you lots,  
Mary*

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**Mary Klink** - January 14, 2020 at 08:18 AM



Ken  
Mitzen

“ *we will miss him so much.....*

*Ken Mitzen and Cheryl Chambers*

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**Ken Mitzen** - January 13, 2020 at 02:39 PM

DW

“ To my Dear Cousin's, Shirley, Lisa, Gene and Gina,

*You know how much my heart hurts for you all....Kaz was so good to my Mom, always came to visit, and i truly appreciated that he always remembered her....She'd give him a hard time, because that was just her way, but he would just laugh because he knew deep down she loved him....I'll bet when he finds her up in Heaven, she'll still give him a hard time, but i'm sure she'll give him a big hug first!*

*Always in our hearts....Shirley, you know how much i love you and please promise me you'll call whenever you feel like talking or stop over my house....You know i'm always here for you....*

*My mind and thoughts are cloudy these days,... i'm so sad about Kaz and in a few days, it will be the anniversary of Mom's passing, so at the moment, i'm at a loss for the right things to say... i thought these words were beautiful and i hope they give you some comfort.....Love you always...*

*When I get where I'm going  
On the far side of the sky  
The first thing that I'm gonna do  
Is spread my wings and fly*

*I'm gonna land beside a lion  
And run my fingers through his mane  
Or I might find out what it's like  
To ride a drop of rain*

*And when I get where I'm going  
There'll be only happy tears  
And I will shed the sins and struggles  
That I've carried all these years*

*And i'll leave my heart wide open,*

*I will love and have no fear  
And when I get where I'm going  
Don't cry for me down here...*

*When i get where i'm going...  
And i see my Maker's face  
I'll stand forever in the light  
Of His amazing grace....  
Hallelujah*

*Rest in Peace Kaz....Say hello to God and Mom for me...*

*Love Always,*

*Darleen*

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**Darleen Walter** - January 11, 2020 at 10:24 PM

PZ

“*Dear Lisa and family, so sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you.*

*Sincerely, Pattie Zamorski*

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**Patricia A Zamorski** - January 11, 2020 at 12:32 PM

LF

“*My sincere condolences to Shirley and family on the passing of my cousin Gene. I have many fond memories of growing up with him in the 40s and 50s. Rest In Peace.*



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**Leona Fasano** - January 10, 2020 at 09:49 PM