



Eugene Jay Wilbur

September 29, 2011 - September 29, 2011

Eugene J. Wilbur March 3, 2011 - September 29, 2011 Eugene J. Wilbur, 94, lifelong resident of The Valley, in Syracuse, New York, died Thursday, September 29, 2011 at Loretto Cunningham. Born in Syracuse, New York, he was the son of the late Burt and Pearl (Foland) Wilbur. He was a graduate of Onondaga Valley Academy and he retired in 1977 after 35 years of service as a fireman with the Syracuse Fire Department. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and especially spending time with his family. Eugene is survived by his daughter, Barbara J. Westerlund of Sandy Creek, New York; two sons, Gary (Rosalea) of Cazenovia, New York and Thomas (Cynthia Mahar) of Syracuse, New York; nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Rita Kahl Wilbur in 2001; one sister and three brothers. Eugene's family wishes to thank the staff on the 10th floor at Loretto Cunningham for all of their loving care. Calling hours will be held Monday, October 3, 2011, 9:00 11:00 a.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York 13205. A funeral service will be held Monday, October 3, 2011, 11:00 a.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York 13205. Burial will follow in Onondaga Valley Cemetery, 2500 Valley Drive, Syracuse, New York. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eugene Jay Wilbur*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - September 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Remembering living on Ida Ave, over 60 years ago. Learned some things about hockey from "Lefty," and went thru 13 years of school with Tom. Now that is all almost 50 years ago. I went thru the place you are now about 32 years ago. Life is a journey; sometimes not pleasant, but it does continue. My condolences to all, Carl B.*

October 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *To my dear great-uncle,
Even though I never met you you are still in my thoughts and prayers. R.I.P
Eugene Jay Wilber. Grandma and Grandpa are missing you.*

*Hugs and Kisses,
M. FitzPatrick*

October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“”Those Days I came down to cut the lawn two times a week sometimes I will never ever forget You would wait for me to get done on the back porch with A "Cold One" we would talk for bit I would put the mower back in the garage and sweep up the driveway and head home awaiting the next opportunity to here that old voice of yours Hey Jayse... A True man and even better firefighter did what they do best he never gave up the Fight We say by to you tomorrow and hold you in our Hearts Forever.....

October 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To the whole Wilber Family, We would like to just take second to say how truly sorry we are for ur loss of a great father, grandfather,great grandfather and firemen. We love you all and now he is resting with his beautiful wife.

October 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ The family of Jimmy & Maggie Smith and Stan & Helen Smith are all sorrowful to hear of Gene"s passing. Thoughts of that whole OVA group gathered at the camps at Otisco Lake and the close friendships that were emulated for us kids back then bring not only tears at the remembering at this sad time, but also such warmth and love! May these wonderful memories bring you all comfort during your time of grief.

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“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to your family during this time of sorrow. May he rest in peace.*
Mark Bartowski (SFD Ret.)

October 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gene and I worked together for 27 years, we hunted and fished during those years. He was a great friend and fireman, a fantastic person to work with and with a wonderful sense of humor. My sincere condolences to the family. Gordon Maycumber, Dep. Ch. Ret. SFD*

October 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Gary & Rosie

*we are sorry at your loss, Dad was a great guy and a Big Indiana supporter,
we shall always remeber him in our prayers. our condolences to your entire family*

Merilee and Vince Palerino

September 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To The Wilbur Family -

You are all in my thoughts & prayers.

With Deepest Sympathy

September 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To The Wilbur Family

Our sincere sympathy in the passing of Uncle Gene - our family patriarch. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the whole family. He was a great man. Proud to be his nephew.

September 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My sympathies to the Wilbur Family, Tom and Cindy, you are in my thoughts today

September 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Tommy and Cin , Tom and Moe , and to all the family ... From my family I wish guys all well and hope happier memories come to mind , to get ya through the tough days. " May The Road Rise To Meet You And The Wind Always Be At Your Back" Mr. Wilbur .

September 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom & family, deepest condolences from Richie Robinson & Family on the loss of your Dad. May God bless you.

September 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ The Officers and Members of the Mattydale Fire Department join in extending Heartfelt Sympathy to you and your family at this Time of Sorrow.

September 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Family of Eugene Jay Wilbur:

The officers and members of Syracuse (NY) Fire Fighters Association, Local 280, IAFF, join in extending heartfelt sympathy to you and your family during this most difficult time. May happier memories help to sustain you and bring you comfort through this period of sorrow.

Syracuse Fire Fighters Association, Local 280, IAFF (Syracuse, NY)

September 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM