



Mr. Eugene "Gene" Canton, Jr.

January 7, 1944 - December 8, 2024

Eugene "Gene" Joseph Canton, Jr. passed away on December 8, 2024, at home surrounded by family. Gene resided in Lutherville, Timonium most of his adult life. After college, he was an elementary school teacher at Hampton Elementary, before he dove into his antiques and fine art passion full time. He was an expert in 19th century furniture and antiques in particular. He sold a number of pieces to well-known museums such as the Baltimore Museum of Art and some celebrities.

Gene loved musicals, ballets etc. His family has fond memories as Gene introduced his nieces to musicals at a young age. He was also an avian breeder for many years, working with canaries. Gene's beloved 30-year-old African grey, Asia lives with Gene's sister Elizabeth Bayliss, along with their little shaggy dog Benji.

He is survived by his sister Elizabeth Bayliss, his nieces Elizabeth Speer, Grace Bayliss and Addie Jones and Alethea Fabiszak. Nephew Clinton Jones. Grand Nephews Sabien Novak, Christopher Speer and Caleb Speer.

A visitation to be held Thursday December 19th, 2024, at 11 AM EST with a funeral service to follow.

Cemetery Details

Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens

200 E. Padonia Road
Timonium, MD 21093
<http://www.dulaneyvalley.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.
6500 York Road
Baltimore, MD 21212
(410) 377-8300
general@mwfuneralhome.com

Prayer Service

DEC 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Gene Canton was a great teacher. He was my 4th grade teacher at Hampton Elementary school. I was very athletic and he really built me up in that area. Greek dodge was one of his specialties and he showed me every trick in the book. He also convinced my mother that dresses were no longer an option. He would read us books every day. The last one I remember was Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. He was a very patient teacher and always had kind words. I remember him fondly. May you rest in peace my favorite teacher.*

Patricia Salmond Fahey - January 24, 2025 at 07:58 PM

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That was lovely words....only wish my brother Gene will see them from heaven. He loved teaching at Hampton.

Elizabeth Bayliss (Gene's sister) - September 27, 2025 at 04:44 PM

CJ

“ *Dear Uncle Gene you were like a father to me. With all the mistakes I made in life it was your teaching of love and morals that help me overcome the darkness in my life. I never got to right the wrongs between us and am so sorry for that. I love you always.*



Clinton Jones - December 20, 2024 at 12:45 PM

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“ We send our prayers condolences to the family. Mr. Gene will be greatly missed his kind words and funny stories will stay close to my heart. He helped me in more ways than one. The phone calls just to say you were on my mind today the help and information he shared was beyond measures. The endless stories that we just sat and laughed about. We never made it to get that drink, but I will drink one for the both of us. Rest in Paradise you beautiful soul.
Renee and Darryl White

Renee White - December 16, 2024 at 12:04 PM