



## Eugene "Gene" W. McClarney

April 11, 1929 - March 15, 2024

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Eugene "Gene" W. McClarney, 94, of Indianapolis, passed away Friday, March 15, 2024 in Indianapolis. Gene was a longtime resident of Indianapolis. His parents were Mary Blonnie (Dixon) and Holt McClarney. He is survived by his companion, Barbara Ritter. Gene is also survived by two children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild from his marriage to Bertha (Davidson) McClarney who passed away in 2008. Also surviving are two additional sons from a previous marriage.

Gene was the owner of McClarney's Famous Restaurant from 1978 until he retired in 1993. Located on the southside of Indianapolis and well known for their home-cooked meals and family friendly service, McClarney's Restaurant started in 1928 as a lunch-car owned and operated by George and Lucille McClarney, eventually partnering with Wayne McClarney. Gene joined the family business in 1954 after returning from service in the United States Air Force. In 1978, Gene purchased McClarney's Restaurant from his family.

Gene was also an enthusiastic and talented photographer who pursued his hobby with great devotion and attention to detail. Gene earned growing recognition in several photography contests and often displayed his work at many art galleries and shows. Gene's photography hobby inspired him to travel the world and photograph many interesting and exotic places, including the southern hills of Indiana. Gene was a member of the Columbia Club of Indianapolis and a founding member of the Lake Lemon Conservancy District.

The family would like to express their gratitude to caregivers: Bruce Webb and Nina Antonio, as well as Doug Rose. The family would also like to thank their dear friends, Ben and Jessie Miller and Gloria and Dean Eller.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at Washington Park East Cemetery, 10612 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46229. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46229

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 28. 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Sheree Mills purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Eugene "Gene" W. McClarney.



Sheree Mills - March 31, 2024 at 09:26 AM

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“ Sheree Mills planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eugene "Gene" W. McClarney.

Sheree Mills - March 31, 2024 at 09:26 AM

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“ I was Gene's neighbor for many years. You couldn't ask for a better neighbor or friend. He was always there for you with supporting words and kindness. He will be missed.  
With deep condolences, Sheree Mills

Sheree Mills - March 31, 2024 at 09:20 AM

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“ GOD Speed Geno... Lake Lemon and the neighborhood will miss you you always made a good strawberry pie man. Rip Gene peace to the family Barb Ritter for doing such a nice job keeping Gino rocking and rolling at Lake Lemon.



Tom Sands - March 21, 2024 at 01:23 PM