



Gene "Geno" Masi

October 21, 1955 - May 22, 2026

Gene "Geno" Masi, age 70, of Willoughby Hills, Ohio, passed away peacefully on May 22, 2026, at Reserve Care Hospice in Cleveland, OH. Born on October 21, 1955, in Cleveland, OH, Gene lived a vibrant and wholehearted life filled with curiosity, adventure, and a deep devotion to his family and those he loved.

He was the beloved son of Dorothy Argentieri Masi and the late Eugene Masi. Gene is survived by his loving sisters, Debbie Gifford (Rick, fiancée) and Laura Cline, who treasured his humor, his warmth, and his steady presence. He also leaves behind his loving significant other, Merry Ann Dietrich, who brought joy, companionship, and comfort to his life.

Gene was a proud uncle to Mark Gifford (Alisha), Jesse Gifford (Beth), and Michael Cline, and a cherished great uncle to Warren, Elizabeth, Caroline, James, William, and Ethan Gifford. Each of them held a special place in his heart, and he delighted in watching the younger generations grow.

Gene spent the majority of his career as an Industrial Engineer with TRW in Euclid, Ohio, where he was known for his sharp mind, problem-solving skills, and dedication to his work.

Coming from an artistic family, Gene had a natural love for music. He enjoyed

singing with the East Side & West Side Barbershop Chorus's, where his voice and camaraderie added richness to every performance. His passions were as wide ranging as they were spirited: slalom ski racing with the Euclid Hi Rise Ski Club, drag racing at Thompson Drag Raceway and other Ohio tracks, water skiing, boating, film acting and family camping trips that created lifelong memories. And no gathering was complete without Gene stepping up to the microphone to sing his favorite karaoke tune, "Mack the Knife," a moment that never failed to bring smiles to those around him.

Gene will be remembered for his adventurous spirit, his quick wit, and the way he made people feel welcomed and treasured. His family and friends will forever carry with them the laughter he sparked, the stories he shared, and the love he gave so freely.

His memory will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday May 28, 2026 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday May 28, 2026 at the funeral home.

Interment will be in Whitehaven Memorial Park in Mayfield Village, OH.

In memory of Gene, memorial contributions may be made to Reserve Care Hospice, PO Box 72700, Cleveland, OH 44192; or online at <https://reserve-care.org/>

Send flowers and offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Cemetery Details

Whitehaven Memorial Park

615 SOM Center Rd.
Mayfield Village, OH 44143
(440) 442-1400

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ I'm so glad I got to see Geno in December of 2020 after the passing of my former husband Jim Haven. Geno was always a very good friend to me and Jim. Geno Machine Gun Masi was so cool for our St. Valentine's Day Massacre parties! He always made us laugh, he was a fine gentleman, spoke well of others and was always available to help. I will always have fond memories of Geno. He will be missed by many. Donna Haven

Donna Haven - May 30 at 02:59 PM

TW

“ Thom & Jan Wunderlich purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of Gene "Geno" Masi.



Thom & Jan Wunderlich - May 27 at 11:46 PM

TW

“ Thom & Jan Wunderlich planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gene "Geno" Masi.

Thom & Jan Wunderlich - May 27 at 11:46 PM

JG

“ *Geno was always fun to be around; and more, he was an inspiration to all of us that appreciated a good show. The last big barbershop show we did last fall could very well have been in his honor, as much as much as it was celebrating several choruses continuing a tradition (we stole the script from the ones he put together for our Hotel Harmony and USO shows). We all will miss you - rest in peace and harmony Geno.*

Jon Gaylord - May 27 at 05:40 PM

JR

“ *Sang with Geno in a barber shop group known as Erie Sound. He was always the "ham" and leader of the group. His jokes... his charisma ...his friendship just flowed out of him every time you were with him. What a huge loss this is for everybody who knew him. Rest easy my good Friend*

Jim Riley - May 27 at 01:56 PM

CR

“ *Dr. Mukherjee and I would like to offer our heartfelt condolences to the family of Eugene Masi during this difficult time. It was an honor and a privilege to care for you. Thank you for trusting us with your care. You will be deeply missed.*

Chondra Robinson, RN BSN Cleveland Clinic Taussig Cancer Center

Chondra Robinson - May 27 at 10:09 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Gene "Geno" Masi.*



May 27 at 09:17 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gene "Geno" Masi.

May 27 at 09:17 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gene "Geno" Masi.*



May 26 at 11:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gene "Geno" Masi.

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“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gene "Geno" Masi.*



May 26 at 06:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gene "Geno" Masi.

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“ The Savastano Girls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gene "Geno" Masi.

The Savastano Girls - May 26 at 04:09 PM



“ Rick, JoDee and Ricky Mazzocco purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gene "Geno" Masi.



Rick, JoDee and Ricky Mazzocco - May 26 at 01:31 PM



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Rick, JoDee and Ricky Mazzocco - May 26 at 01:31 PM



“ My most fond ski club memories usually involve Geno. A great friend that will always be remembered.

Manny - May 26 at 11:38 AM

JT

“ From energetic toddler to Superman on Halloween, I have many memories of a kind, special cousin. Gene - Gone too soon.
Baci - Joan (Ticconi)

Joan Ticconi - May 26 at 09:08 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gene "Geno" Masi.



May 25 at 05:21 PM

SH

“ Sandra H. purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Gene "Geno" Masi.



Sandra H. - May 25 at 04:27 PM

SH

“ Sandra H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gene "Geno" Masi.

Sandra H. - May 25 at 04:27 PM

GN

“ Geno was a long time friend and ski/softball buddie. Always had a smile.

Guy V. Nerren - May 25 at 01:52 PM

HC

Dear Masi Family, we are so very sorry to hear of our friend Geno's passing. He will be remembered for the many smiles and laughs he shared with his Hi Rise Ski Club friends. We will never forget how he was the Alberto Tomba of our ski club and his great skiing skills. May your happy memories of dear Geno bring you comfort during this difficult and sad time. Your Hi Rise Ski Club friends.

Hi Rise Ski Club - May 26 at 04:09 PM

RH

We have known Geno for more than 40 years through Hi Rise ski club. Geno always had a smile on his face and had something to laugh about. He was the heart and sole of our club. In later years, we often ran into Geno at Put-in-Bay. It was always so much fun to see him... there was always old stories to tell and things to laugh about. ..

Ray and Chris H - June 06 at 11:45 AM

SK

Geno (Gene) & Dorothy were our old next door neighbors from Prasse. We remained close with Gene after we moved away. We had fun with him in the flats, on his boat, many car shows and our/his Halloween parties and visiting with Dorothy for her birthdays. He was always a nice, warm, fun and funny guy to be around and we always enjoyed spending time with him. We are sorry we were away and couldn't attend. We send our deepest condolences to Dorothy, Debbie, Laura, and families and MaryAnn as well.

With sympathy, Scott, Lisa & Matthew K.

Scott, Lisa & Matthew K. - June 08 at 11:25 AM

DK

I remember Geno from a few ski trips I did with Hi Rise many years ago when I was a member. RIP.

Don K - June 08 at 12:07 PM