



Eugene E. "Gene" Fochtman

August 9, 1948 - March 18, 2025

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved father, Eugene (Gene) E. Fochtman, who passed away on Tuesday, March 18th, at the age of 76.

Gene was born on August 9th, 1948, in Alpena, Michigan. A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, he will be dearly missed by his loving family and friends.

Gene was known for his kind heart, sense of humor, and strong work ethic. He was always tinkering—taking things apart and, more often than not, putting them back together, fixed and ready to go. A highly skilled mechanical engineer, he dedicated many years to Wirtz Manufacturing Company.

Family was Gene's greatest priority, sometimes to a fault. He encouraged and supported each of his three children in a way that suited them best, allowing them to grow and thrive in their own unique ways. He loved his wife with all his heart and worked tirelessly to ensure she had a wonderful life, caring for and helping her every day.

Gene was never one to ask for help—he quietly shouldered whatever came his way, always taking care of everything and everyone without complaint. He and his wife, Joan, were an unstoppable team, overcoming any obstacle

together. Though a man of few words, you always knew he was there for you and that he loved you—no matter what.

Gene is survived by his loving wife, Joan Fochtman; his children, Jason (Meghan), Brian (Angie), and Nicole, along with her beloved dogs, Chitza, Eva, Skyler, and Xander; and his cherished grandchildren, Colleen, Andrew, and Michael.

A celebration of his life will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church - 1331 7th St. Port Huron on Monday, March 31, 2025, at 10:30 AM, with Mass to follow at 11:00 AM. His memory will forever be treasured by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers please consider, please consider making a donation to support the search for a cure for MS in memory of Eugene Fochtman.

<https://donate.nationalmssociety.org/campaign/In-Memory-of-Eugene-E-Fochtman>

Jowett Funeral Home is privileged to serve the Fochtman family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1331 7th St.
Port Huron, MI 48060

Funeral Mass

MAR 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To the family of Gene Fochman
Really sorry for your loss of your husband, and father (gene).
I worked with Gene in the engineering dept at Wirtz Mfg Co, rubber
division, in the designing area for about 22 years along with about 12
others. good man, polite, caring, thorough in his work. Gene had a
unusual short little laugh I miss that. There are a few others that
have passed recently, I'm missing all of them too, but never in
thought. I will remember all of them forever. Again truly sorry for your
loss. take care Gene, you're in good hands up there.
YOURS TRULY
RON MORRIS

RON MORRIS - March 21, 2025 at 12:11 PM

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To Joan, Jason, Brian and Nichole. I am sorry for your loss. Gene was a
great brother as I was growing up. I
still have the memories. I shall miss him but I will never forget him.
Yours Truly, Mike Fochtman

mike fochtman - March 28, 2025 at 04:55 PM

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Gene was my big brother. He was always patient and soft spoken. I
remember sitting with him in the garage and handing him tools while he
was trying to keep various older cars on the road. I could always count
on him to help me with my math homework. He was good at math and
like I said very patient to get the concept acrossed to
me. I will miss and remember him fondly and always. God bless and
keep you and yours
Your Sister Pat Niepoth

Pat Niepoth - April 17, 2025 at 06:37 PM