



Gene Anthony Rapone "Rocky"

November 25, 1939 - September 6, 2020

Gene Anthony Rapone "Rocky", 80, of Fairmount section of Philadelphia, passed peacefully surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his wife Loretta Rapone (nee Imperatore), son Geno Rapone (Tanya) and daughter Nicole McGrath (Tim). Gene is also survived by his grandchildren Madison, Michael, Tim and Matthew, his brother Joseph Rapone, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Frank and Edna Rapone (nee Cattani).

Gene attended St. Francis Xavier School and was a 1957 graduate of Bishop Neumann High School. He proudly served his country as a medic with the U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division. He returned to Philadelphia upon completion of his service and joined the Philadelphia Police Department in 1965. While working full time as a policeman, he earned an Associate's Degree from Temple University, a Bachelor of Science degree from the Philadelphia College of Textiles & Sciences, and an MBA from Drexel University in 1972. He was a 1989 graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA.

Gene had many assignments with the Philadelphia Police Department and rose to the rank of Captain. He served on several law enforcement boards and was Vice-President of Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 5. The culmination of his 38-year career was as Commander of the 8th District in Northeast Philadelphia. He found a post-retirement career as a fraud investigator with the Pennsylvania Office of the Inspector General and retired again in 2017. He is fondly remembered by his friends and co-workers as a "cop's cop."

The only thing he loved more than being a policeman was being a husband, father, and grandfather to his beloved family.

Relatives and friends are invited to his Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 11, 2020, in St. Francis Xavier Church the Oratory, 2319 Green St., Phila., PA. Friends may call at the Dinan Funeral Home, 1921-23 Spring Garden St., Phila. on Thursday evening September 10 from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. and also on Friday morning September 11 from 8 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Interment Calvary Cemetery, Conshohocken, PA. In lieu of flowers the family asks donations be made in Rocky's memory to "St. Francis Xavier School," 641 N. 24th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130. Condolences may also be sent to www.dinanfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Gulph & Matsonford Rds.
P.O. Box 12
W. Conshohocken, PA 19428

Previous Events

Viewing in Funeral Home

SEP 10. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Shelly-Dinan Funeral Home inc.
1923 Spring Garden St.
Philadelphia, PA 19130
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SEP 11. 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gene Anthony Rapone "Rocky"*

February 03, 2023 at 04:11 AM

AH

“ *I remember when we were kids and Gene fell on my back and broke his leg at the Art Museum. We been cousins for a long time. RIP Gene*

anna Hlywiak - September 11, 2020 at 08:55 AM

GL

“ *My Dad George Shock Fulmer and I are sorry to hear about your loss of your Husband Rocky—prayers to you and your Family*



George Fulmer/Denise Fulmer Lagocki - September 10, 2020 at 09:56 PM

JC

“ *Rest In Peace, Rocky 🙏 you will be missed at the family parties & the neighborhood. We're glad you passed with your family at home. Your family meant the world to you. Say hello to my dad. Love ya, Joe & Joan Cotton XOXO*

Joan Cotton - September 09, 2020 at 09:10 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gene Anthony Rapone "Rocky".*



September 09, 2020 at 11:43 AM

JK

“ *Rocky was a good guy, good supervisor.*

John Kane - September 09, 2020 at 09:34 AM

TG

“ *Chip Goya Charles*
Sorry Tom. Joe Murray talked about Rocky a lot. They're together now.

THOMAS GARVEY - September 09, 2020 at 12:15 AM

TH

“ *Our sincere sympathy on the loss of your dear loved one. May he be surrounded in Eternal love.*

The Van Horn Family

Tom and Evelyn Van Horn - September 09, 2020 at 12:01 AM