



## Eugene Rhoda

June 12, 1955 - November 9, 2020

Eugene (Gene) Rhoda, age 65 of North Judson went to be with his Lord and Savior on

November 9, 2020. He was born June 12, 1955 in Winamac, Indiana to Fred Rhoda and Sally

Strycker Rhoda. On December 22, 1973 he married Jill Klampe Rhoda who survives. He is also

survived by his son Brad Rhoda and daughter by marriage Shasta Rhoda of North Judson, son

Derek Rhoda of North Judson, grandchildren Megan Pitts and grandson by marriage Mavrick

Pitts of Knox, Morgan, Tinley and Ryder Rhoda of North Judson, adopted grandson Julian

Godinez of Knox and great-grandchildren Dallas and Waylon Pitts, sister Bonnie Stalbaum of

North Judson and brother Mike (Sue) Rhoda of Rochester, IN. He was preceded in death by

his parents and brother Larry Rhoda.

Eugene worked for Arcelor Steel for 38 years before retiring in 2011. He coached Little League

baseball for twelve years and was a volunteer fireman for the North Judson Fire Department for

several years. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, loved to garden and

spend time outdoors.

He loved to spend time with the grandkids, all of whom had Papa wrapped around their little fingers.

Visitation will be Thursday, November 12 from 4-7 p.m. at O'Donnell Funeral Home. Funeral

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 13th at Valparaiso Nazarene Church

where Eugene was a member. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Celebrate Recovery

c/o Valparaiso Nazarene Church, 2702 E Glendale Blvd, Valparaiso, IN 46383.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family & Friends

NOV 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Donnell Funeral Home, Inc.  
302 Lane Street  
North Judson, IN 46366  
(574) 896-2149

## Memorial Service

NOV 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Valparaiso Nazarene Church  
2702 E Glendale Blvd  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Uncle Eugene was more like a brother to me. He was always there for me especially during my confusing early adult years. I just wished we had lived closer and could have spent more time together. You shall be missed! Until we meet again enjoy all the fishing heaven has to offer and save some bass for the rest of us.*

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**Drew Baske** - November 13, 2020 at 10:25 AM

MK

“ *Eugene was the perfect friend. He had the smile that you knew came from his heart and the hug that showed how much he cared. I have been lucky enough to have known him since high school when he dated my best friend. Love to his family and many friends. Our lives were so much better to have had Eugene with us for these short 65 years.*

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**Mary Ann Krzyzanowski** - November 12, 2020 at 12:33 PM

BS

“ *My sympathy and love to you, Jill, and to your family. I pray that God will always hold you in His everlasting arms and give you His peace as you mourn your loved one and look forward to a heavenly reunion.*  
*Hugs, Beverly Skibbe*

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**bev skibbe** - November 12, 2020 at 10:02 AM

JB

“ *Judy Baske sent a virtual gift in memory of Eugene Rhoda*



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**Judy Baske** - November 11, 2020 at 08:34 PM

JB

*My brother-in-law was one in a million and I will miss him so much. He, Larry and my husband are up there bragging about all the fish they caught. In each story, the fish will get bigger and bigger! Love him*

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**Judy Baske** - November 11, 2020 at 08:36 PM

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“ *Angela Rater lit a candle in memory of Eugene Rhoda*



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**Angela Rater** - November 11, 2020 at 02:21 PM

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“ *My Uncle Eugene was the kindest, considerate, caring and affectionate person. He would help anyone in need, including animals as well. He had a heart of gold. Thoughts and prayers for the entire family for healing . I can say I had the best Uncle ever. Love your niece Angie*

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**Angela Rater** - November 11, 2020 at 02:21 PM

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“ Eugene was a special man. My thoughts and prayers are with Jill, Brad, Shasta and the entire family. He is with our Lord now and healed...I can even see him and my dad having a chat. Hugs to you.

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**Theresa** - November 11, 2020 at 01:02 PM