



Eugene Peter Giannini Sr.

January 6, 1940 - November 8, 2021

Eugene Peter Giannini, 81, was born January 6, 1940 and born into eternal life November 8, 2021. He was a devoted husband, married to his wife of 57 years, Livia Anne Chiozza Giannini. Livia Anne went first, and now they are together again.

Gene was a top baseball player in the Memphis area. He graduated from CBHS in 1958. He was the All Memphis/All State shortstop. Gene attended the University of Alabama on a baseball scholarship and was all SEC through his junior year. Gene then signed up to play in the Basin League and from there he signed a professional contract with the Boston Red Sox. During this time, he also enlisted in the Army, where he was a construction engineer, and served six years in the Army Reserve.

In Spring of 1961, Gene reported to the Red Sox training camp and played 3 seasons until he decided to return to Memphis to be with his wife Livia Anne and his family, which were his pride and joy.

Gene worked for Holiday Inn for years as a contact sales manager and later for Serta Mattress Company, until retirement. He loved watching Alabama football and enjoyed playing golf.

Gene was a man of strong Catholic faith and a dedicated and loving father. Left behind with fond memories are his son Gene Giannini, Jr.; his daughters Cynthia Anne Giannini and Ali Giannini Rutledge (Joel); and his sister Theresa Ann Giannini Harrison (Terry).

Visitation will be 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, November 12, 2021, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Germantown. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m.

The family requests donations be sent to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Germantown, TN.

Cemetery

OLPH Columbarium
8151 Poplar Avenue
Germantown, TN, 38138

Events

NOV 12 Visitation 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church
8151 Poplar Ave, Germantown, TN, US, 38138-6138

NOV 12 Funeral Mass 11:00AM

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Comments



“ From a friend of my dad! Tom Gagliano

Yesterday afternoon, Nov. 8 2021, one of the greatest Christian baseball players in this area died, Gene Giannini. Gene was coached by my father, Tony Gagliano, at Christian Brothers High School. Gene played college baseball for the University of Alabama. He eventually signed professionally a contract with the Boston Red Sox although he never played in the majors. For the past seven years he was bedridden. He was a man of genuine faith in God and a genuine Catholic who lived his faith to the end. Gene endured purgatory on earth especially bedridden in the last years of his life. Although he never made it to the majors he played in the great game of life and was victorious. He now joins his wife and relatives in Heaven. Eternal rest be granted to you Gene and let perpetual light shine upon you until we join you some day in the Kingdom. Thanks for letting me be part of your life during those last years of your life here on earth.

Cynthia Giannini - November 10, 2021 at 09:31 AM



“ Joyce Wade lit a candle in memory of Eugene Peter Giannini Sr.



Joyce Wade - November 09, 2021 at 08:52 PM



“ Rest in peace Gene! My thoughts and prayers are with all at this time.

Joyce - November 09, 2021 at 08:54 PM