



## Eugene R. Lombardini

August 7, 1930 - February 21, 2014

EUGENE LOMBARDINI LORETTO- Eugene R. Lombardini age 83 of Loretto, passed away, Friday, February 21, 2014 at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay, WI after a short illness. He was born on August 7, 1930 in Loretto, the son of the late Fred “Butch” and Rose (Simonetti) Lombardini. Eugene attended Loretto School and graduated from Vulcan High School in 1949. He served his country in the U.S. Marine Corp. during the Korean Conflict, then attended Northern Michigan University receiving his Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Education. Eugene was a teacher at Vulcan High School and after consolidation Vulcan Middle School for 30 years, teaching history, science, Michigan history, and drivers’ education, until he retired in 1987. He also was the baseball coach and scoreboard operator at basketball games for many years. Eugene was an avid fan of the Detroit Tigers, Lions and Michigan Wolverines, and had been an outstanding baseball player for the Loretto Blackhawks in his younger years and lived on those years following the Tigers. He married Joann Geline on April 18, 1959 in St. Stephens Church in Loretto, and they enjoyed 54 wonderful years together. His friends and relatives enjoyed the fruits of his large vegetable garden each year and he always loved his golf foursome each summer at Oak Crest and having camp fires with family and friends in his back yard, but his favorite activity of all was deer hunting at the family camp Ponderosa with his son Tony. Eugene is survived by his wife Joann, daughters Gina of Marquette and Lisa (Paul) Schultz of Kingsford; son Tony of Vulcan; brother Donald “Blackie”(Darlene)

Lombardini of Hamilton Lakes; sisters-in-law Lucy (Tom) Krajna of Milwaukie, WI, Joyce Geline of Franklin, WI and Nancy (Doug) Cook of Kingsford; brother-in-law John (Barbara) Geline of Loretto; numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 25 from 3-7 p.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway. Interment will be held on Wednesday, February 26 at 10 a.m. at the Norway Township Cemetery. Family request that flowers be omitted.

# Tribute Wall

TK

“ *My children, myself and Dallas are saddened by Eugene passing, he was a real gentlemen and one great person. My condolences to Jo Ann and her family we will keep him in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Tom and Dallas Klement** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *Gina:  
Wanted to express my sincere sympathy on the loss of your father. It was nice to read that he was an NMU grad. Hope you find comfort in fond memories and in knowing that your family is in the thoughts and prayers of many. Take care, Kristi Evans*

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**Kristi Evans** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *So sorry for your loss. Had lots of good times at the black hawk camp with Euge. and a few good hunting stories. He will surely be missed. My prayers are with you.*

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**Kevin Romiit** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *Eug. Tom is going to really miss his casino partner. He loved coming for a visit just so you could go to the casino. I will miss my brother-in-law and another old friend from Loretto. I hope when you get to heaven they have lunch ready at noon. Love and will greatly miss you. Your bestest sister-in-law Lucy*

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**Tom & Lucy Krajna** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mr. Lombardini was one of my favorites. He was why I tried to be a Marine. I still remember Michigan Cities and the Lyrics to the Battle of New Orleans as a result of his teaching style. He had a great laugh and an infectious smile. He will be missed but I know he is looking down and smiling on all of us. God Bless to the family during this time.*

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**Christie Mitchell (Trinoskey)** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ *Lisa and family, So sorry for your loss. Prayers to you and your family at this time.*

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**Judy** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *Tony, so sorry for you and your families loss of such a wonderful man. please know my thought & prayers are with you at this time, your friend always,  
karol*

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**karol** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Treasure the precious memories you have of Eugene--I still think of him as Mr. Lombardini. Enjoyed having him as my drivers' education teacher. Keep the faith, Joanne!*

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**Judy Janssen** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JJ

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**jEudy janssen** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Very sad to hear the news. Growing up in Loretto, he was always one of the guys I looked up to. Followed him and all the Blackhawks during those fun baseball years. He made Little Loretto a better place. God Bless.

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**Jim Bonetti** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ My wife and I were so sad to hear of Mr. Lombardini's passing Friday night. He was a great teacher and person. I realize that even more now that I have been in education for the past 21 years. He was and still is an awesome role model for me to look upon. When he found out I that I received my first teaching position, he told me, "I hope you have a student someday just like you were, haha." Well I have! But I would just like to say to him now, "I hope I turn out to be half the teacher you were and have half the respect of my students that I have for you." Thank you Mr. Lombardini for all you have given me and the thousands of students who have passed through your classroom doors. You will truly be missed but not forgotten. May God bless you now and your entire family. RIP

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**John Hogberg** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *As a former student, I was saddened to read of Eugene's passing. Michigan History will never be the same. Please accept my condolences.*

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**Allan Huntley** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Sending prayers to your family during this difficult time. May God continue to be with you and you find comfort from him! Psalm 29:11*

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**Cindy Tahlier Walters** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM