



Gene Paul Montalbano

September 29, 1928 - December 27, 2022

Egidio Paolo (known as Gene) passed away peacefully on December 27th at the age of 94. He

was born on September 29, 1928 to Francesco and Rosalia Sciortino Montalbano in Brooklyn,

New York where he grew up. In 1952, he received a Bachelor of Economics degree from Drake

University in Des Moines, Iowa. At Drake, Gene also met his loving wife Marcia to whom he was married for 67 years.

He worked for the Federal Government for 40 years, as an FBI Agent and Director of Security

for the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory in Schenectady New York. Gene was a very proud

Marine who served on active duty for 2 years and then in the Reserves for 25 years, retiring at

the rank of Major. He and Marcia lived in Albany, New York for 42 years where they raised their

3 children. They moved to Bend in 2003 and loved living in Central Oregon.

Gene is survived by his wife Marcia and his children: Meredith Montalbano Savadove, Michael

Montalbano, Mark Montalbano, Gary Savadove, Anne Montalbano and Laurie Helms. He is

also survived by 6 grandchildren whom he adored: Michael Montalbano, Meredith Montalbano

Zamary, Nicholas Montalbano, Sofia Montalbano, Lucas Montalbano and Jake Zamary. In

addition, Gene also had many nephews, nieces and friends whom he dearly loved.

He was a parishioner of St. Francis Catholic Church and a member of the Central Oregon

Military Officers Association of America, the Marine Corps League and the American Legion.

Gene was also active in volunteering at the Family Kitchen, the Tower Theatre and Kids Center.

He enjoyed the outdoors, and in his earlier life was an avid skier, fisherman and hiker. But the

thing he most cherished was time with his family and friends.

A Funeral Mass in his memory will be held on Friday, January 6th, 2023 at 10:00am at the St.

Francis Historic Church in downtown Bend. In lieu of flowers, the Montalbano family requests

that any donations be made to Central Oregon Veterans Outreach (COVO), 61510 South

Highway 97 #10, Bend Oregon 97702, www.covo-us.org.

Tribute Wall

WC

“ Gene, your bright light of goodness, honor & love of family shines in your legacy of your grandchildren. I am profoundly grateful to you and Marcia.

With love, **Suzanne Montalbano and Steven G. Costell** - January 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ With loving memories of Gene Montalbano,

Marcia Bradford Sommer - January 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I only wish I could plant this tree, it would be on top of Gore mountain a place that Gene and I spent many a day together. Bye Gene, love u

Don and Maureen hannah - January 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Dan and I loved Uncle Gene very much. Sending our love to all.
Love Dan and Kathy Cooley

Anonymous - January 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Although we are far away, we will hold you close in our thoughts and in our hearts today and always. With heartfelt condolences.

Rick, Gloria and Angus - January 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Meredith...Eric and I send our love and prayers for comfort for you, your sweet Mom, and all the family. Your Dad always made us feel loved and welcomed into your family. We will always be grateful for that . Love you!!

Patti Amering - December 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ So sorry for your loss Auntie Mere & family. We love you and are thinking about you all.

Love, The Hurley kids Katie, Wayne, Danny, Tricia & Thomas - December 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Wishing you all peace. I'm sorry for your loss.

Jack Chiasson - December 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ We hold you all close in our thoughts and prayers. Condolences to the Montalbano family.

Steve, Kristine, Erick, and Noah St. Onge - December 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ My Uncle Gene was an icon. It's hard to imagine him gone. He will be missed, but lovingly remembered for making us laugh. What a gift! R.I.P. Uncle Gene! From another Iowa niece, Susie Samuelson Crist

Susie Crist - December 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LW

“*My Uncle Gene was and continues to be much loved in his family. To me he was filled with life, energy and great wit! Such a warm smile and laugh that always showed his interest in others and drew people in. It wasn't until I was a young adult that I knew about his government work, serving both in the FBI as well as the Marines. Having a good looking, warm and expressive Italian nature, he could also be a great teaser. When my husband and I first got engaged. I remember Uncle Gene telling him that he had him "checked out" and that "he was going to keep his eye on him". Whether true or not (I'm sure it was said in jest), it served to put that touch of "fearful respect" in his soon-to-be nephew's thought that he'd better watch his P's and Q's with me. But having a great sense of humor himself, Roger (my husband) quickly felt welcomed and part of the family.*

When our families got together for holidays and reunions, Gene's presence always charged and enlivened the atmosphere. With the help of my sweet and dear Aunt Marcia, of course, Uncle Gene raised three beautiful and successful kids. Together they passed along that respectful, caring, giving and intelligent fun nature to their children, my three cousins, Meredith, Michael and Mark, with whom all the family cousins developed a special and enduring friendship, most especially myself. Uncle Gene's commanding legacy of love and life will continue to touch many lives, be greatly appreciated by so many, and cannot be forgotten. I feel so blessed to have had him in my life! My love and support extend to everyone in his family.

Laura Wichlacz

Laura Wichlacz - December 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Gene Paul Montalbano - December 29, 2022 at 12:00 AM