



Eugene Joseph Gotway

September 4, 1949 - April 19, 2024

Eugene Joseph Gotway, 74, died at 12:56 p.m. Friday, April 19, 2024 at St. Louis University Hospital. Born September 4, 1949 in Carrollton, IL, he was the son of Cletus and Lucille (Zipprich) Gotway. Mr. Gotway was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. He was a pharmacist for St. Joseph's Hospital in Alton and later for OSF St. Anthony's Health Center in Alton. On May 26, 1973 he married the former Mary Margaret Wittman at St. Mary's Catholic Church. She survived. Also surviving are a daughter, Judith McCart (Richard) of Wood River, a son, Joseph Thad Gotway of Alton, two grandchildren, Natasha Mary McCart and Dalton Kevin-Wayne McCart and two brothers, James Gotway of Missouri and Jerome Gotway of Indiana. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Alton. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to OSF St. Anthony's Health Center or St. Mary's Catholic Church. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

525 East 4th Street
Alton, IL 62002

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

APR 24. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
4th and Henry Street
Alton, IL 62002

Tribute Wall

VU

“ *Mary and family, My heartfelt sympathy..Many memories from St.Joes and St.Clare's. Hugs and prayers..RIP Gene.*

Virginia Ulett - April 26, 2024 at 10:49 AM

NE

“ *Gene was one of my favorite coworkers. He was a great pharmacist and a true gentleman. He will be remembered always. Thinking of Mary and family.*

Nancy Elson - April 25, 2024 at 10:53 PM

RL

“ *Gene was a great guy,always friendly and could make you laugh,missed seeing him and other friends after i retired.*

Rosemary Lando - April 25, 2024 at 10:41 PM

LS

“ *I really liked Gene. He was always very nice and funny. There are not many men in the world today as awesome as Gene. My thoughts are with the family. God bless*

Lori Surratt - April 24, 2024 at 01:45 PM

LS

“ *Lori Surratt lit a candle in memory of Eugene Joseph Gotway*



Lori Surratt - April 24, 2024 at 01:43 PM

PK

“ *Loved working with Gene. Saw he and Mary many times at church. My condolences to his family. Sadly I will miss his services tomorrow. I will always remember him , for the sincere and kind person that he was. God's blessings 🙏🕊️*

Pam Kodros - April 23, 2024 at 08:20 PM

WR

“ After Gene announced that he was "retiring", I worked with him as his replacement in the pharmacy for an additional 10 years. Initially at St. Clare's Hospital providing meds for Oncology, Re-hab, and Extended-care patients and then at the new OSF/Moeller Cancer Center at St Anthony's campus.

I am eternally grateful to Gene for his support and guidance while I was still "learning the ropes" at St. Clare's and then for his continued support at the Cancer Center as a relief pharmacist. My appreciation for his assistance on extremely busy days and covering for my days off can't really be adequately expressed.

As the weeks and years passed, Gene became much more to me than the guy to turn to when I need to get some time off.

I became good friends with him and developed a wonderful relationship that felt very much like a son would look upon his father.

I became very protective of Gene as his health declined, but he always wanted to work "whenever I needed him". I felt it was necessary to limit him to once a week to be sure that he didn't overdo it because Gene really enjoyed coming to work at the Cancer Center and interacting with everyone here.

I could go on and on...but to bring this to a close, all I can say is that I doubt that there will be a day that I don't think of Gene when I walk into the Cancer Center pharmacy.

I will miss our conversations and especially his joking and teasing with the nurses.

Gene was loved by many and will be missed by all.

Goodbye Gene, at least for now...

Wayne Wesselmann RPh.

WAYNE T. WESSELMANN RPh - April 23, 2024 at 05:59 PM

AS

“ Thinking of the Gotways during this difficult time. Special love to Judith and her family. Pax, Anna Floerke Scheid and family

Anna Floerke Scheid - April 23, 2024 at 05:46 PM

HG

“ To a life well lived. Gene knew how to make people laugh. He was a great father, husband, uncle and brother.

Heidi Gotway - April 23, 2024 at 04:59 PM

MW

“ My deepest sympathy to Gene’s family. I worked with him at St. Clare’s Hospital. He was a wonderful guy, good friend and a great pharmacist. He will truly be missed by all who knew him 😊

Maggie Wilson - April 23, 2024 at 02:36 PM

SW

“ My condolences to Gene’s family. I’ll never forget how kind he was to my father. He was such a caring person, and he will be missed greatly.

Susan Wallbrown - April 23, 2024 at 01:53 PM

GM

“ I used to work with Gene at St. Clare's hospital. But I also went to St. Mary's with his kids, Judith & Joseph, who were a few years younger than me. At the hospital, he would come by and pick up his mail and tell a joke or two and chat for a little bit. He was always a nice fun guy! Often, we'd chat in the back of church before 5:15 mass. A couple of times he bragged about getting off easy after going to confession. He said he committed 3 murders that week and only had to say "7 Hail Mary's and 3 Our Father's." :) I'm sure going to miss his humor and our chats.

Geoffrey Moehn - April 23, 2024 at 12:51 PM

JG

“ With Gene as my older brother, he always blazed the trail in life ahead of me...going to grade school, high school, and college. He always made it easier for me to make those transitions.

I will dearly remember all of the fun times that we had as kids growing up. He was not only my brother, but he was also my best friend when I was young.

He always cared for others, especially for his family and his extended family. We will all miss him greatly. His memory will last forever for us.

Jerry Gotway - April 23, 2024 at 07:54 AM

RT

“ I worked with Gene at St. Clares. He had such a great sense of humor. He picked on me all the time. And if you needed anything over the counter in the pharmacy he took care of you. He was such a good man. Prayers to his beautiful wife and family.

Reguna Talbert - April 23, 2024 at 02:07 AM

AW

“ My deepest condolences to Gene's family and friends. He was a fantastic uncle to me. He has done some assorted tasks for my father, Bert Wittman, who still resides in Illinois. I spent many nights with his daughter, Judith. I am currently in San Antonio, Texas, but wish that I could be at his funeral, to show him my love and everlasting respect. RIP, Gene



Amy Wittman - April 22, 2024 at 08:00 PM

LH

“ What a nice guy!! My sympathy to his wife and family.

Linda Haar - April 22, 2024 at 02:19 PM

TJ

“ I was a year younger than Gene when attending Calhoun High School. Our lockers were near each other, so I saw him daily. He was such a smart guy -- always on the honor roll, and so diligent about his school work. My deepest sympathy to all of his family. Theresa (Flanigan) Johnes

Theresa Johnes - April 22, 2024 at 02:03 PM

JG

“ I already miss my brother Gene greatly. He was a terrific brother and friend. I will miss our emails, texts and phone calls. Our family gatherings will of course never be the same. I always went to him for advice. He had a great sense of humor even when he had health issues. He took wonderful care of our parents when they got older. He loved his family dearly and took great care of them. He was so blessed to have Mary as his wife...he married not only a wonderful person, but a nurse to help him with his ailments, and a saint to get him where he is now.

Jim Gotway - April 22, 2024 at 01:27 PM