



## Eugene Richard Crouse

March 5, 1944 - January 10, 2024

Eugene Richard Crouse, 79, formerly of Bradenton, FL passed away at Oconee Memorial Hospital in Seneca, SC on January 10, 2024.

He was born on March 5, 1944 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard and Marie Crouse. After graduating from St. Edward High School in Lakewood, OH, Eugene enlisted in the US Navy where he served as a seaman on the USS Nitro which was part of the USS Enterprise fleet. He used the skills he learned in the Navy to start his career as a machinist and eventually a computer repair technician. Eugene retired from Pinellas County FL School District teaching adult education classes in both soldering and computers.

Eugene found great joy in the company of his beloved wife, Janet Crouse, who predeceased him in 2018. Their partnership was a source of strength, laughter, and shared adventures as highlighted in the fact that they were both competitive tennis players. Eugene was a ranked singles USTA 70 player both in the state of Florida (38) and nationally (403). His nimble moves on the tennis court were a testament to his skill and commitment, and he cherished the moments spent in friendly competition with friends and fellow enthusiasts. Eugene also enjoyed supporting Janet in competitions around the world with the Survivors In Sync Dragon boat team out of Sarasota, FL including a memorable trip to Florence, Italy where he watched the team rank 4th out of 125 teams.

Off the court, Eugene was known for his warm smile and kindness. His presence lit up any room, and his spirit will be sorely missed by all who had

the privilege of knowing him. His family is very thankful that in the past few months, Eugene was able to visit with each of his sisters. Life was always an adventure, and he wasn't ready to slow down. Most recently, he enjoyed learning about frisbee golf with his grandson. Eugene leaves behind a legacy of love, sportsmanship, and cherished memories that will forever be etched in the hearts of those who knew him.

Eugene is survived by a son Richard Crouse (Anna Marie) of Seven Hills, OH; daughter, Andrea Crouse of Brunswick, OH; son Kevin Crouse (Kathy) of Seneca, SC; daughter, Rebecca Palmer of Port Charlotte, FL; daughter Amy Liberi (Bob) of Dallas, TX; sister Patricia McKain of Venice Beach FL; twin sister Margaret (Richard) Bradford of Clemmons, NC; sister Elizabeth (Phil) Bahler of Huntington Beach, CA; sister Mary Peterson of Fairview Park, OH; twelve grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In honoring Eugene's memory, let us remember the passion with which he approached each day and the joy he brought to the world. A memorial service with full military honors will be held on February 13, 2024 at 11AM at Sarasota National Cemetery with Pastor Stephen Gaulke from Concordia Lutheran officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Survivors In Sync Dragon Boat team in Sarasota, FL (<https://www.survivorsinsync.org/donate>). Mountain View Funerals and Cremation Seneca Chapel is assisting the Crouse family.

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ I am related to Eugene crouse I need financial help I am 65 I am Karen crouse I am disabled I am in a wheelchair I have cancer please try to sponsor me I need \$5,000 to complete my medicine and my treatment I'm in the cancer research in Florida my card is 8555 bank of comerci



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**Karen Crouse** - February 27 at 01:53 PM

DB

“ Gene and Janet were such a delight and all of Survivors In Sync looked forward to time with them on and off the boat. Gene was so supportive of Janet and all of the SIS team. He was always smiling and enjoying every moment of life. RIP dear Gene.  
Dana and Vance Bauer

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**Dana Bauer** - February 15, 2024 at 04:42 PM

KC

“ This past month without you around has made our world a lot quieter. I keep looking over to your chair wondering where you are. We made one of your favorite meals Sunday evening. It felt weird not having you sit beside us at the dinner table. I still have your jar of apple sauce in my refrigerator. I smile when I see the bowl of hershey kisses in the den. The cats are wondering where their "treat man" went and look depressed when we don't open the cabinet door to give them a cookie. And poor Daisy misses you petting her head.

I will miss your comments about the Super Bowl this weekend. Yes, I know they hit each other too hard. But it is football. I do hope you were able to catch some of the Australian Open - it was some great tennis. Give everyone up there a hug for us. We miss you terribly, but are grateful for the time we had with you. Bubbles Up Papa Gene. See you on the flip side.

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**Katherine Scales Crouse** - February 06, 2024 at 04:53 PM

PP

“ We were very close friends with both Janet and Gene. Took many vacations together. The most memorable was a rafting trip down the Grand Canyon on the Colorado River in 2007. As a couple they were so happy and so much fun to be with. Thank you Gene for all the memories. Pete and Mona Peterson

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**Pete Peterson** - January 23, 2024 at 07:38 PM

RC

Dad, losing you was unexpected and it hurts. We never had the chance to create memories together. However, as your first born, I have found with my faith, I have forgo you Dad. I love you and always will. I truly do hope you rest in peace and in Gods loving hands. Until we meet again, I love you Dad. Your son, Richie.

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**Richard Crouse** - January 24, 2024 at 08:18 PM

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*Gene now joins his sweet wife Janet. Her passing a few years ago was truly sad and now they are together again. RIP Gene.*

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**Bob Richards** - February 05, 2024 at 12:02 PM

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*Thank you, Mr. Peterson, for sharing your memories. Wish I had more time with my dad to create those memories. Miss you more each passing day Dad, thank you for the Flag they presented me. We will talk when we see each other again. Love you Dad.*

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**Richard E Crouse** - February 14, 2024 at 08:21 PM