



Eugene Alexander

September 4, 1946 - December 25, 2025

Eugene Alexander was born in Columbus, Georgia on September 4th, 1936 to the late Lurlean Pace and Joseph Alexander. He was the older sibling to his late sister Patricia, born three year later. After suffering the loss of his mother, Eugene lived with his grandparents, Eula and Vester Pace in Detroit, Michigan.

Eugene graduated from Pershing High School, and then enlisted in the United States Army on August, 26, 1959. During his military service, Eugene was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany where he learned to speak German. He also had the opportunity to travel to the Netherlands, France, and Belgium. He was honorably discharged on July 31, 1965.

Upon returning to Detroit, Eugene worked for the United States Postal Service.

A few years later, he accepted a position at Detroit Edison. He worked there for over 30 years, moving up within the company while having the opportunity to earn an Associates Degree in electrical engineering. In 1968, he married his wife, Juanita. They had two children, Leah and Corey, and resided in a home on the west side of Detroit. Eugene remained in this home until 2017.

Eugene loved jazz music. In addition to his impressive jazz record collection, he enjoyed playing the piano and singing. During the 1980s, he had a few opportunities to perform at jazz clubs in the Detroit area. Eugene was also active in sports. During the 1960s, he played baseball, then joined a bowling league during the 1970s. Golf, however, became his true passion which he played until he was in his early 70s. He was affectionately known among other golfers as “Gene the Machine.” When he was no longer able to play 18 holes of golf, Eugene volunteered at a Stacy’s Golf Range just to be around other golfers.

In 2017, Eugene was diagnosed with dementia, and required assisted living care. He moved to Helping Hands at Bailey’s Senior Care Home in Franklin, Michigan. While there, he was adored by his caregivers who affectionately treated him like “an uncle.” In January 2024, Eugene’s physical health declined, and he began receiving hospice services. One of the highlights was their music therapy offering. These sessions renewed his interest in singing and playing instruments.

On the morning of December 25, 2025, Eugene made his transition peacefully at Helping Hands at Bailey’s. His sister younger Patricia preceded him in death. Eugene leaves to cherish his memory: wife Juanita M. Alexander, daughter Leah Alexander, son Corey Alexander, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was also loved by his caregivers, friends, and those who knew him well in the community.

Tribute Wall

LA

“ 3 files added to the album Leah's photo memories



Leah Alexander - January 01 at 11:39 PM

KH

Wonderful pictures ❤️

Kristina Hetling - January 04 at 10:15 AM

BA

“ Sending our deepest condolences of the passing of your beloved father. May his memory be a blessing that soothes your heart during this time of mourning.



Bernetta Avery-DeNyse - December 31, 2025 at 01:13 PM

SB

“ Sereniity Baley lit a candle in memory of Eugene Alexander



Sereniity Baley - December 30, 2025 at 03:53 PM

SB

“ I learned your strength
even when your body grew tired.
I learned your courage
when pain tried to speak louder than hope.
Some days we smiled,
some days we simply breathed together
and somehow, that was enough.
You trusted me with your care,
your dignity,
your final chapters.
That is a gift I will never take lightly.
Though you are no longer here,
you remain with me.

Rest now.
You've earned your peace.
Thank you for letting me walk beside you
for eight beautiful, meaningful years.
You were never “just a client.”
You were a part of my heart.
And you always will be.

Love Latesha

Sereniity Baley - December 30, 2025 at 03:53 PM

LA

This is beautiful! Thank you!

Leah Alexander - January 01 at 11:42 PM

IT

So sad to learn of Gene's passing. We had several conversations through the years at DTE mainly about golf. He was always good at giving advice to help with my game. I must say too, Gene had a very good singing voice, quite the balladeer.

Rest in peace "Gene The Machi

Richard Talbott

Ira Talbott - January 02 at 10:07 AM