

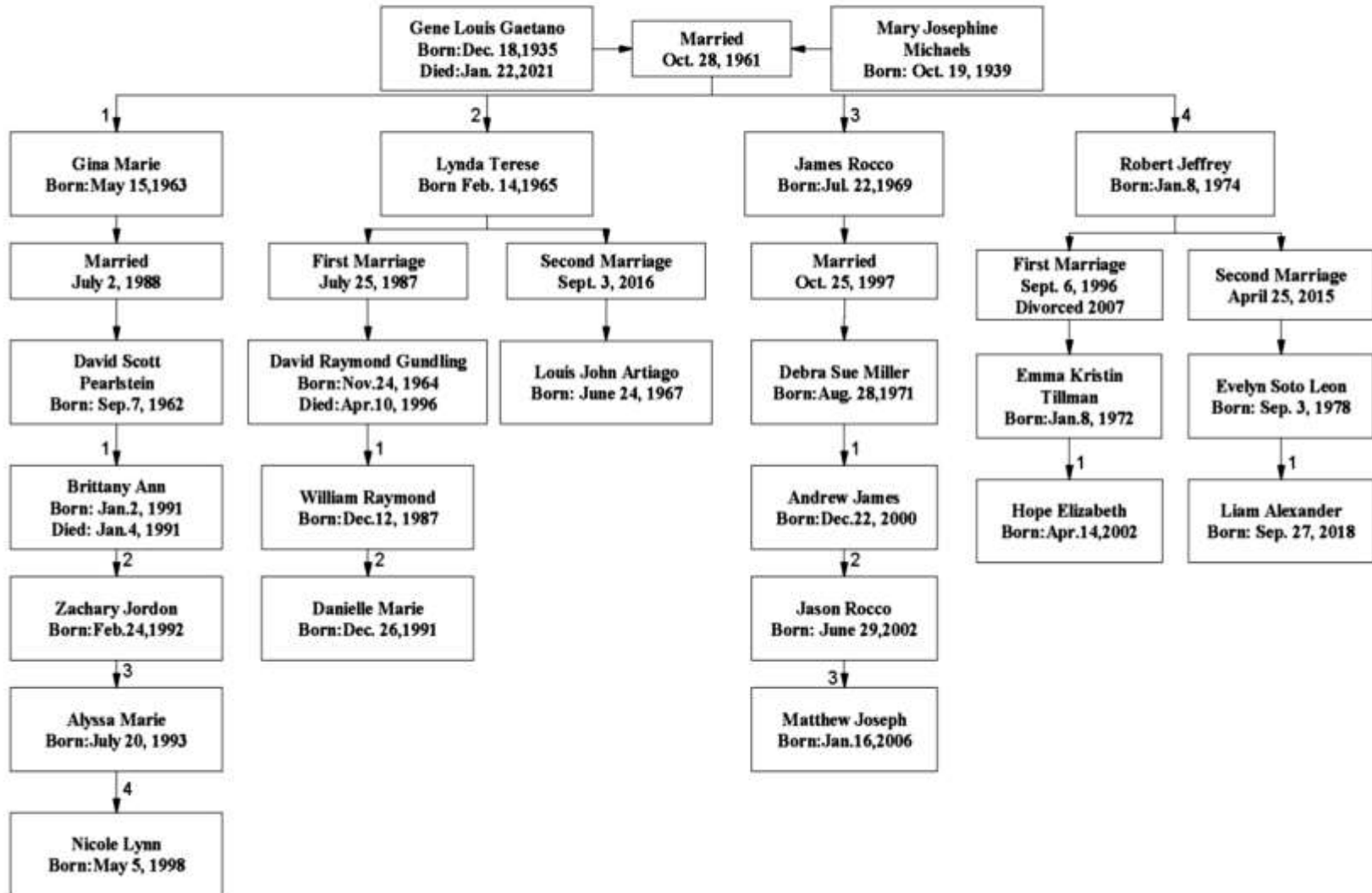
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Gene & Mary Jo “Michaels” Gaetano Family



Gene & Mary Jo “Michaels’ Gaetano: This Picture was taken at the 80th Birthday Party for Mary Jo hosted, by their children. It was held on Oct. 20, 2019 at a reception hall in the same subdivision where Gene and Mary Jo lived in Grays Lake ILL. (North of Chicago)

Decendants of Gene & Mary Jo "Michaeks" Gaetano





Wedding Party for Gene & Mary Jo “Michaels” Gaetano: Shown here, are Mary Jo and Gene as the wedding couple, (Left of Mary Jo), Linda Haywood (Friend of Mary Jo), Barb Gaetano, (Gene’s Sister) Elizabeth Michaels (Mary Jo’s Sister), Frances Michaels (Sister In-Law to Mary Jo), (On the Right of Gene) Jim Gaetano, (Gene’s Brother), Tom Michaels, Jim Michaels, Dan Pellittiere (childhood friend of Gene). Tom and Jim Michaels were brothers of Mary Jo.



Picture here, are **Mary Jo Michaels and Gene Gaetano on their Wedding Day** on October 28, 1961. They were married in St. Peter’s Church in Montgomery. Gene was from Chicago and that is where they made their home and raised their family.



Shown here, are the parents of the Bride and Groom: Pictured, on the left are Gus and Josephine Michaels (Parents of the Bride Mary Jo) and Rocco and Tillie Gaetano (Parents of the Groom Gene). This picture was taken in front of home of Gus and Josephine Michaels along Highway 50 in Montgomery.



Mary Jo “Michaels” & Gene Gaetano Wedding: Shown here, are Gene & Mary Jo “Michaels” Gaetano as they open Gifts at their wedding reception on Oct. 28, 1961. In back you can see the wedding party as they help to open the wedding gifts.



Here is a picture as Gene and Mary Jo Gaetano open gifts at the wedding reception. You can see the people on the right as they line their chair up for a front row seat to see the gifts as they are opened.



Gene and Mary Jo Gaetano, getting ready to leave on their Honeymoon. Picture taken in front of Mary Jo's parent's home in Montgomery in Oct. 28 of 1961.



Departing from Reception: Shown here, are Mary Jo and Gene Gaetano as they are getting into the back seat of his 1961 Chevy which was driven by his brother, Jim Gaetano. They were departing from the reception at St. Peter School. The Lady with her back to the camera was Mary Jo's mother, Josephine Michaels.



Gina Gaetano,
9 yrs. old, 1972



Lynda Gaetano.
1st Grade, 1971



Lynda & Gina in
1965



Gina at Grandma
Michaels in 1964



Picture taken in 1967: Gene and Mary Jo with
Gina on the left and Lynda on the right.



Lynda & Gina at the Baptism of their brother
Jim Gaetano in of 1969.



Mary Jo Gaetano & Gina in 1963:



Gene and Mary Jo holding Gina in 1964.



Gene & Mary Jo Gaetano & Children: Pictured here, are (L-R) Lynda Artiago, Jim Gaetano (in back) Gene & Mary Jo Gaetano, Gina Pearlstein, Bob Gaetano. Pictured taken at Mary Jo's 80 Birthday Party near her home at Grays Lake, ILL.



Picture of Gene & Mary Jo “Michaels” Gaetano Family: This Picture was taken at the Wedding Reception of Lynda & Louis Artiago, Sept. of 2016 in Chicago, Illinois. Pictured herem (L-R), (Jim Gaetano Family): Andrew, Jason, Debra (Miller), Matthew Gaetano, Gene & Mary Jo “Michaels” Gaetano, (David Pearlstein family): Nicole, Alyssa, Gina (Gaetano Pearlstein), David, And Zachary Pearlstein Ray Gundling, Lynda “Gaetano”, Artiago, (Husband Louis Artiago), Danielle Gundling, (Bob Gaetano Family): Hope, Bob and Evelyn (Leon) Gaetano



Gene and Mary Jo “Michaels” Gaetano at the reception on their 50th Anniversary on Aug. 8, 2011.



Gene and Mary Jo Gaetano: This picture was taken in the Fall of 2011 for their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



Pictured above are Mary Jo & Gene Gaetano. This picture was taken at their Son’s wedding (Bob & Lyn) in April of 2015 in Mexico.



Gene & Mary Jo Gaetano At Louie/Liz Home. Pictured here, are Gene and Mary Jo while at Louie & Liz home in Montgomery. This was one of the many visits they made to Montgomery and this was probably one in which Liz and Mary Jo were canning vegetable soup. This may have been in the summer of 2017.



Shown here, are Mary Jo & Gene Gaetano dancing at Brian & Waynette's Wedding Reception in June of 2018. They drove down from Chicago and stayed with Mary Jo's sister (Liz & Louie's Home) and then headed to Evansville for the Wedding and Reception.



Shown here, are Gene & Mary Jo Gaetano at Waynette & Brian Kavanaugh's wedding on June 16, 2018 in Evansville. Mary Jo did one of the readings during the ceremony. The Wedding & Reception were held on Saturday afternoon & Evening at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Evansville. Mary Jo and Gene received the honor as being the longest married couple at the reception.



Gene & Mary Jo Gaetano Family: This is a picture of all of Gene and Mary Jo’s children and grandchildren taken at different times but all put together. In the front, (L-R) are Hope Gaetano, Bob & Lynn holding Liam. In the middle front, are Mary Jo & Gene, next are Louis & Lynda Artiago and in back of them are Lynda’s two children, Ray Gundling and Shealyn Boland. Danielle Gundling is behind Lynn Gaetano. In back, Allysa, Nicole, David & Gina Pearlstein and son, Zack. Next are Jason, Jim, Matthew and Andrew Gaetano and in front of them is Debbie, their mother. As you can tell in this picture, Gene had cancer and passed away not long after this picture was taken.”

Shown here, are Mary Jo Gaetano and her younger sister Liz Kavanaugh at Mary Jo’s 80th Birthday Party on Oct. 13 of 2019. Liz surprised her sister as she traveled 6 hours to be there for her sister’s party. Liz and Mary Jo are the Michaels Sisters, daughters of Gus and Josephine Michaels. Liz traveled there with her husband Old Lou, and her son, Brian.





Pictured here, are Mary Jo & Gene Gaetano as they sit on their front porch in Grays Lake, Illinois in late April of 2020. The picture was taken by Liz Kavanaugh, Mary Jo's sister, who went to Grays Lake (north of Chicago) to help both of them, as Mary Jo had gallbladder surgery that did not go well. Mary Jo was in the hospital 3 times and took some time to recover and regain her health.



Gene was diagnosed with cancer just a month or so before this picture was taken. This was one of the last good pictures of Gene before he declined in health and passed away in Jan. of 2021.

Three Remaining Members of the Gus/Josephine Michaels Family: Pictured here, are (L-R) Tom Michaels, Mary Jo Gaetano and Liz Kavanaugh. This picture was taken on January 26, 2021 just after the Funeral of Gene Gaetano (Mary Jo's Husband). The family met for lunch after the funeral at a restaurant near Grays Lake, North of Chicago. Liz stayed with her sister after the Funeral and because of the snow and bad weather it was three weeks before she could get back to her home in southern Indiana. In fact, they were able to get to and from Chicago between snow storms.



Bob & Lynn Gaetano



Bob & Lynn Gaetano Family: Lynn holding son Liam & Bob. Also Hope Gaetano.



Shown here, are Bob Gaetano and his daughter Hope Gaetano. The picture was taken at the 50th Anniversary Party for Bob's Parents, Gene and Mary Jo Gaetano.

David and Gina Pearlstein



David and Gina Pearlstein Family: Shown here, are, (L-R) Alyssa, Nicole, David, Gina and Zachary Pearlstein.



David & Gina Pearlstein Family: this is a picture taken at Gene & Mary Jo's 50th Anniversary Party. In front on right is Gina (Oldest daughter of Gene & Mary Jo) and on the left is her husband David. In back their three children, Nichole, Zachary and Alyssa.



David & Gina Pearlstein Family: Shown here, are David and Gina Pearlstein (center) and their daughters Alyssa on the left and Nicole on the right. Their son Zachary was unable to stay for the funeral luncheon and was not present for the picture. This picture was taken after the funeral of Gina's father Gene Gaetano on Jan. 26, 2021.

Jim & Debra Gaetano



Jim & Debra Gaetano: Shown here, are Andrew, Matthew, Jason, Jim and in back is Debra. The picture was taken at the 50th Anniversary Party for Jim’s Parents Gene and Mary Jo Gaetano.



Jim & Debra “Miller” Gaetano: Pictured here, are Jim, Debra, Andrew, Matthew and Jason. Picture was taken at Andrew’s High School Graduation in the spring of 2019.



Pictured here is the Jim & Debbie Gaetano Family: This picture was taken at the Funeral Luncheon after the Funeral of Jim’s Father Gene Gaetano. Shown here are, (L-R) Jim & Debbie Gaetano and their sons in order from the oldest, Andrew, Jason and Matthew. Immediately after the luncheon the boys left to go back to their prospective school.



Shown here is Lynda "Gaetano" Gundling family. On the left is, Danielle and on the right, is Ray Gundling and in the center, is Lynda. Lynda was married to Ray Gundling, the children's father, and he passed away on April 10 of 1996, after battling cancer. He was just 31 years old when he passed away. Lynda was single for many years but in 2016 married Louis Artiago.

Wedding Picture of Louis & Lynda "Gaetano" Gunding Artiago. Louis and Lynda were married on Sept. 3, 2016 in Chicago. Lynda remained unmarried while raising her two children, Ray and Danielle. Louis had not been married before. Louis and Lynda reside in Chicago.



Louis & Lynda "Gaetano" Gunding Artiago_Pictured here, are (L-R), Louis & Lynda Artiago and Lynda's Children (when she was married to David Ray Gundling) Ray Gundling, Danielle Gundling. This picture was taken at Lynda's Mom's 80th Birthday celebration in October of 2019.



Lynda & Lou Artiago: Shown here, are Lynda and Lou Artiago at the Funeral Luncheon after the Funeral for Lynda's Dad, Gene Gaetano. Lynda's two children, Ray Gundling & Danielle Gundling, were also there for the Funeral Luncheon but are not in this picture.



**In Memory of
Gene Gaetano
Born: Dec. 18, 1935
Died: Jan. 22, 2021**

Gene Gaetano's Obituary 

On Friday, January 22, 2021, Gene Gaetano, loving husband of Mary Jo and father to Gina (David) Pearlstein, Lynda (Louis) Artiaga, Jim (Debra) Gaetano and Robert (Evelyn) Gaetano passed away at the age of 85. He died peacefully with his loving wife and family by his side. Gene was born in Chicago to parents Rocco and Tillie Gaetano. He is survived by his wife and children, as well as his 11 grandchildren.

Gene will be fondly remembered by family and friends as a loving father, proud patriot, and a man that loved his family and playing golf.

In lieu of flowers, people wishing to honor Gene can make donations in his name to Our Sorrowful Mother’s Ministry or Midtown Educational Foundation.

A visitation for Gene is planned for Tuesday, January 26, 2021 from 9 am to 10:30 am at Kristan Funeral Home, 219 W. Maple Ave., Mundelein, IL. A funeral mass will follow (11:00 am) at Saint Mary of the Annunciation Church, 22333 W. Erhart Road, Mundelein, IL. All are invited to attend. In lieu of attending in person, mass will be live streamed through the parish website. To send a flower arrangement or to plant trees in memory of Gene L Gaetano, please click here to visit our Sympathy Store.



Military Rites for Gene Gaetano: Shown here, the Military Rites for Gene Gaetano on Jan. 26 of 2021. In this picture, you see the military people as they salute the flag draped body just prior to the presentation of the Flag to his widow, Mary Jo Gaetano. Mary Jo is sitting in the chair and behind her are her son, Jim Gaetano and his sister, Lynda Artiaga. To the right of the casket, are pallbearers (L-R) Ray Gundling, Jason & Andrew Gaetano (grandsons, Jim’s sons).



Presentation of the Flag: Pictured here, is Mary Jo Gaetano (Seated on Chair) after receiving the US Flag from the Military Honor Guard. Behind her, is her son Jim, and on the right, are daughter, Lynda and John Kavanaugh (Nephew) in the background. Pallbearers off to the right. The presentation was made in the atrium of the church because of the 4-6 inch snow fall that morning. Gene passed away on Jan. 22 and the Viewing & Funeral was held on the morning of Jan. 26, 2021. The Funeral was held at St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church in Mundelein Illinois.

God hath not promised
 Skies always blue,
 Flower-strewn pathways
 All our lives through;
 God hath not promised
 Sun without rain,
 Joy without sorrow,
 Peace without pain.

But God hath promised
 Strength for the day,
 Rest for the labor,
 Light for the way,
 Grace for the trials,
 Help from above,
 Unfailing sympathy
 Undying love

In Loving Memory of
 Ray "David" Gundling—Kribley

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Born
 November 24, 1964

Passed Away
 April 10, 1996

Funeral Mass
 St. Walter's Catholic Church
 Saturday, April 13, 1996
 at 11:00 a.m.

Interment
 All Saints Cemetery

Funeral Card for David Gundling, who was married to Lynda "Gaetano" Gundling. David died of cancer on April, 10 1996 when he was just 31 years of age. He left a wife and two children. David and Lynda lived in Chicago, Illinois and David is buried there at All Saints Cemetery. Lynda "Gaetano" Gundling was the daughter of Mary Jo "Michaels" & Gene Gaetano and Mary Jo's parents were Gus and Josephine Michaels.