



## Dennis "Gene" Sams

October 27, 1942 - June 4, 2024

Dennis Eugene "Gene" Sams, age 81, of Carneys Point, passed away on June 4, 2024. He was born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma to his parents Glena and Mitchell Sams. Gene attended Pennsville High School graduating Class of 1960.

He served in the National Guard 1959-1960 then was activated to the Army during the Berlin Crisis until 1966. He worked as an Electrician in Union #351 over 50 years in companies such as Xerox and Atlantic Electric. He worked for Towboat US for a few years. He and his wife owned the Musical Bar for 23 years. Gene worked at the Corner Bar in Woodstown part time after retirement.

He was a member of Salem Boating Club for over 50 years and a member of Pennsville VFW #1952. He enjoyed boating, camping, fishing and the Philadelphia Eagles. He was predeceased by his parents and son Derek. Gene was married to Gloria (nee Griffith) Sams for 53 years. They had two sons Derek and Mitchell and five grandchildren, Nicole, Seth, Sabrina, Kloe and Derek, Jr.

Friends and relatives are invited to his service at 11:00 am with a visitation from 10am-11am on Saturday June 15th at Ashcraft Funeral Home 740 South Broadway Pennsville, NJ. After the service friends and family are invited to the Salem County Veterans Cemetery. Afterwards a get together for a Celebration of Life luncheon will be held at the VFW 171 S Broadway, Pennsville, NJ 08070.

Family wants everyone to dress casually and bring your “Gene” stories.

# Cemetery Details

## Salem County Veterans Cemetery

719 NJ-45  
Pilesgrove, NJ 08069

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ashcraft Funeral Home (PV)  
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Pennsville, NJ 08070  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

JT

“ *What huge loss for everyone who knew Gene and Gloria my memories will last me a life time. Couldn't ask for a nicer man he's the only man I let get away calling me James Thomas. John (JT) Thomas.*

John M Thomas - June 29, 2024 at 03:30 AM

DL

“ *Special thoughts to the family..Gene was the best!! Always with a friendly smile.I will miss my dance partner this year...peace to you my friend.love you*

Dianne Luciano - June 18, 2024 at 07:13 AM

NW

“ *Gloria and Family~ I am So sorry of Genes passing. Gene was a Very Special Cousin and I will miss him greatly even though we lived at distance; as knowing he is not around to call anymore. He was always fun and one of those Fun memories I have of my 'Cuz' was him bursting out his front door when he was about 18 yrs of age and stopping at his little convertible car..singing and started dancing then jumped in his little car and backed out of the drive with his radio Blasting, he laughing, waiving and took off. I was 8 yrs old watching this and he was truly ..Gene, Gene..the Dancing Machine!! And always had a Heart to Care about others. Much Love to Gene, Gloria and Family. Gods' Comfort to All~~ Nancy Walters*

Nancy Walters - June 15, 2024 at 10:41 AM

NW

*age wrong..i was age 10 when first watching Gene dance and just enjoy his young life...So Fun!:) A Very Special Memory~*

Nancy Walters - June 15, 2024 at 10:54 AM

LB

“ Sorry for your loss. Gene was a great friend and one of the funniest men I met. Too many stories to tell as you all know. Rest in peace Gene you will always be remembered and missed.



Lori L Bradley - June 15, 2024 at 09:35 AM

RP

“ Someone so special will never be forgotten, Gene left a huge footprint on all of our hearts. We looked forward to coming back to Pennsville Dec & Aug to pick Gene up for an adventure, he was the best story teller around, when Gene had fun everyone had fun. We are sorry for your loss and pray your loving memories will help carry you through this difficult time. Rest in peace Gino, my former business partner, brother, and friend we will meet again. Ray & Linda Poeta

Ray & Linda Poeta - June 13, 2024 at 07:01 PM

AF

“ I’m so sorry to hear this. “Uncle Gene” was so fun when we were kids. Tons of memories from the campground, family stuff. He was such a kind person with a BIG personality. It’s been a long time since I’ve seen him but I’m sure he hadn’t changed. All my love to Mitch, the kids, Aunt Gloria, Pam, Renee, and the rest of the family. Xoxoxo

Allison (Fahrner) Ferraro - June 13, 2024 at 01:50 PM

SF

“ So sorry to hear of Gene's passing. I have heard many stories of Gene trying to keep Joe Fretz in line, the most amusing is the time Gene drove Joe home from Butch Slater's. Joe's family moved so much that Joe's friends were unable to keep location straight. Gene dropped Joe off, parked Joe's car and walked to his home. When Joe woke up at noon the next day, he thought someone had stolen his car. Poor Gene was one move behind and Joe's car was safe at the wrong address. Together, they were a formidable force. My delight would be if those two friends could reconnect in the Hereafter and all the '60's boys could continue their friendship. God's blessings on all the many who loved and will miss Gene.  
Sheila Fretz

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**Sheila Fretz** - June 13, 2024 at 08:41 AM

LS

“ Condolences to his family and friends. You will be missed.  
RIP Gene



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**Leona Sayers** - June 13, 2024 at 01:19 AM

CW

“ RIP Gene, So Sorry for your loss Gloria and Family, Thoughts and Prayers to y'all



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**Cheryl Foster Williams** - June 12, 2024 at 04:47 PM



“ So sorry to hear this. Gino was our neighbor at the trailer park for a while. He was one of the good guys RIP

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**Jim Plerhoples** - June 12, 2024 at 04:11 PM



“ Iam so sorry to hear about Gene's passing, He was a very nice person and will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers to the Sam's family. RIP Gene

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**Robin Sebell** - June 12, 2024 at 03:34 PM



“ I first met Jean working at the Deepwater powerhouse and what a character and friend and great Union electrician all wrapped up into 1. I will always remember him as Jean the Sandman when he used to bring in hoagies for the guys on the job. I remember when the powerhouse was wrapping up and we were dismantling the temporary power and light and a few stringers disappeared when Jean was starting up his business, and then when we had a party at the end of the job, the general foreman attended and recognized the temporary lighting that used to be on the job site was now Hanging in The bar... What a great time for everyone... He will be missed... RIP brother... Tom Mattingley member of the IBEW for over 53 Years this year... IBEW/439/351

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**Tom Mattingley** - June 12, 2024 at 01:47 PM



“ Our condolences, Gene was a great guy.... George and Joan Gresk

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**joan Gresk** - June 12, 2024 at 01:19 PM

BM

“ Sorry for Gene,s passing he was a well liked Union Brother and friend of all. Ben,Milford,Aguirre,and Royce

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**Ben Merighi** - June 12, 2024 at 01:06 PM