



## Eugene J. Sinnema

February 4, 2024

Eugene Joseph Sinnema, age 89, of Pittsgrove Township, NJ passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, February 4, 2024, surrounded by family. Born in East Paterson, NJ to the late Edmund and Elsa (Hoffman) Sinnema, he was raised in Saddlebrook, NJ, and was a graduate of Lodi High School in Bergen County, NJ. After High School, he served in the United States Army from 1956 to 1958. Gene worked as a nuclear technician and welder for PSE&G for 37 years until his retirement in 1996.

In 1958, he married Barbara Ann Platt and the two began their lives together in East Hanover, NJ, ultimately ending up residing at Palatine Lake in Pittsgrove Township where they became members of the Emanuel Lutheran Church in Friesburg. Gene enjoyed gardening and fishing. He also loved spending his winters in Florida with his wife Barbara. Between Jersey and Florida, Gene could always be found with his camera in hand, taking award-winning pictures of nature and wildlife.

Gene is survived by his three daughters, Ellen Filbey and husband Stephen of Alloway, NJ, Barbara P. Sinnema of Pittsgrove, NJ, and Trish Caldwell and husband Richard of Alloway, NJ; seven grandchildren, Erin Talarico and husband Kevin, Ryan Shainline and wife Stephanie, Ashley Brinneman and husband Marc, Gregory Filbey and wife Danna Lehneis, Stephanie Wright and husband Jack, Brooke Layman, and husband Patrick, and Paige Caldwell and

boyfriend Nick Edinger; six great-grandchildren, Griffin Shainline, Mackenzie Talarico, Brayden Talarico, Theo Brinneman, Isaac Brinneman, and Lincoln Layman; step-grandchildren; Samantha Garza and husband Benjamin and Stanley A. Wojciechowski and step-great grandchildren Dana, Nathaniel, and Raphael Garza; siblings, Edmond Sinnema and wife Terry, Doris Gammon and Elaine Gagliano and husband Eugene; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his wife Barbara Ann Sinnema, daughter Leanne Shainline, and sister Evelyn Uminger.

A visitation will be held on Monday night, February 12, 2024, from 6 to 8 PM at Adams Funeral Home, 64 Broad Street, Woodstown, NJ 08098. There will be another visitation on Tuesday morning, February 13, 2024, from 10 to 11 AM at the Emanuel Lutheran Church, 366 Cohansey Friesburg Road, Elmer, NJ 08318. The funeral service will follow the visitation at 11 AM. The interment will take place at Olivet Cemetery in Pittsgrove, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made in Eugene's memory to the Emanuel Lutheran Church, PO Box 363, Elmer, NJ 08318.

[www.adamsfuneralhome.org](http://www.adamsfuneralhome.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Olivet Cemetery

933 Centerton Road  
Pittsgrove, NJ 08318

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home  
64 Broad St.  
Woodstown, NJ 08098  
adamsfuneralhome@comcast.net

## Visitation

FEB 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Emanuel Lutheran Church  
366 Cohansey Friesburg Road  
Elmer, NJ 08318

## Service

FEB 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Emanuel Lutheran Church  
366 Cohansey Friesburg Road  
Elmer, NJ 08318



# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Trish, So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I worked with him for many years and he made everyday a brighter day. Always in a good mood and joking with the maintenance guys. He always had a positive outlook on life. I was proud to have known and worked with him.

Joe Hagan - February 12, 2024 at 04:02 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Eugene J. Sinnema.



February 10, 2024 at 05:14 PM

EG

“ Elsa G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eugene J. Sinnema.

Elsa G. - February 10, 2024 at 05:14 PM

CS

“ So sorry to hear of Uncle Gene's passing. Our deepest condolences to the whole family. Mike, Claire, Jake, and Carly Sinnema

Claire Sinnema - February 09, 2024 at 09:13 AM

CU

“ Curt and Gail Uminger, Glenn and Susan U purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Eugene J. Sinnema.



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**Curt and Gail Uminger, Glenn and Susan U** - February 08, 2024 at 05:04 PM

SU

“ Uncle Gene was the nicest guy and liked his cats as well as nature. I remember seeing him and Aunt Barbara at Seaside Park every year. Always an upbeat and had a great personality!! We will all miss him.

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**Sheryl Uminger** - February 07, 2024 at 07:45 PM

SU

“ Sheryl Uminger sent a virtual gift in memory of Eugene Sinnema



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**Sheryl Uminger** - February 07, 2024 at 07:41 PM

SU

“ I remember seeing him several years ago at Seaside Park. He had his impressive camera with him while we walked a path to a beach area. Great photographer-but also an uncle with a greater personality! He will be missed by all extended families! Sheryl Uminger



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**Sheryl Uminger** - February 07, 2024 at 07:35 PM

DE

“ Trish, Saddened to hear about Gene's passing. Our condolences to you and your family. He will missed! Denis Shumaker

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**Denis** - February 07, 2024 at 12:13 PM

RJ

“ Trish and family so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I remember him as one of the nicest people I met when I started work at PSEG in 1976. He always had a cigar and he was nick named Optimo as a result. RIP Gene

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**Robert Truhan Jr** - February 07, 2024 at 08:49 AM

KD

Trish & family sorry to hear about Gene. He was a very quiet but very strong person, always smiling. I worked with Gene in the early 1980's during outages. He invited my wife & I to his house ( house hunting). There were only homes around the lake then. More recently Gene would come to the retired union lunchs. Your Mom joined us twice & they had fun meeting everyone. Of course you have Don Hill (Lumpy) to thank for that. Our thoughts & prayers be with you & your family. Sincerely Ken Dunbar

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**Kenneth Dunbar** - February 08, 2024 at 10:24 AM

TH

“ Goodbye, Gene. First welder I met a PSEG and a really nice guy. Never had a bad word to say about anyone. Rest in peace.

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**Terry Hanna** - February 06, 2024 at 11:48 PM

SK

“ Trish and family, I'm sad to read of your dad's passing. My condolences to you and the family. Sincerely, Sheri Huston Keyes

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**Sheri Keyes** - February 06, 2024 at 08:35 PM