## Eugenio (Gene) Pino Sept 21, 1948 – March 03, 2022



Eugenio "Gene" Pino of Fairfield Glade, TN, passed away peacefully March 3, 2022, with his family at his side.

Gene was born Sept. 21, 1948, in Las Vegas, NM. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1969 serving as an aviation electrician and drill instructor. After being commissioned into the Officer Corps in 1976, he served as a ground combat artillery officer. Gene proudly commanded Marines at the company, battalion and regimental level. He served as the Director of Joint Training, Education and Exercises for NORAD and U.S. Northern Command, retiring as a Colonel in 2004.

Gene served in the DOD Civilian Senior Executive Service from 2004 until retiring to Tennessee in 2010. His time was soon filled with family, friends, golf, gardening, Stephen Ministry, Marine Corps League, serving on various community and church committees, and walking his dog, "Morgan."

Gene leaves behind his wife of 48 years, Janiece Pino; daughter, Renee Pettit and husband, John; son, Jason Pino and wife, Kimberly; and son, Justin Pino; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brothers, Mariano Pino and Adrian Pino; sister, Joanne Almanzar and husband, Mike; and a multitude of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Gene will be remembered, loved and honored for his kind and generous spirit, strength, and endless energy.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, March 26, at Fairfield Glade Community Church, 521 Snead Dr., Crossville, TN, at 2 p.m.

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