



Gene (Eugene) T. Michaux passed away at the age of 75 in his home in Hudson, Florida on December 29, 2021, with his wife and friends by his side. Gene was born on August 3, 1946, and grew up in South Plainfield, New Jersey, and often shared stories about his friends and the fun times he had growing up there. He loved to play the guitar and sing and formed a band with some of his friends called the Sahara's. They became good enough that they were asked to play at local high school and church dances. Their biggest hit was The Bullwinkle Bounce a Sahara's original written by the band. It never made the top 40, but you can find it on YouTube.

Gene received a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Newark College of Engineering in NJ. He began his career at Owens Corning Fiberglass and was with them for a number of years. Gene and his team were instrumental in the development of the machinery that was used to create the customized insulation for the Alaskan Pipeline. Gene also worked for Certaineed Fiberglass, Congoleum, and Sybron Chemicals.

Gene was an avid Auto Cross and SCCA race car driver. He raced as an amateur and professionally for a number of years. He held numerous track records at Limerock, Pocono and Summit Point racetracks for his class at the time.

Gene was an enthusiastic sailor, and was happiest on the water spending time with Chrissy on their boat ***Lady in Red***. He was a former officer of the Farragut Sportsmen's Association in Camden, NJ, and past Commodore and Race Director with the Hudson

Beach Yacht Club. He has many trophies for sailboat races at Hudson Beach Yacht Club and Gulf Harbors Yacht Club.

Gene was the current president of the ***West Pasco Model Railroad Association***. Gene and the members of the train club developed and maintained a program to help Boy Scouts earn merit badges and set up displays to run the trains. They also created a large display every year in December to run trains at Tampa Fairgrounds for an annual train show. Gene also held seminars for members of other model train clubs on wiring train decoders and installing electrical resistors. He loved sharing his knowledge and teaching other people.

In addition, Gene was an active member of the Second Amendment Club. Gene loved fishing with his brother, grandchildren, nephews, and nieces.

Gene was always laughing and sharing stories and was happiest when he was surrounded by family and friends. When he was in the hospital, he would entertain the doctors, nurses, staff, and visitors with his humor, and maintained a positive attitude throughout the last months of his life.

He was predeceased by his father Eugene H and mother Amelia D. (Zych) Michaux.

He is survived by his wife Christine (Crowell), daughters Kimberly Michaux, Meghan Anderson (John) and son Stephen Michaux (Alicia) as well as four grandchildren, Alexander & Brandon Michaux and Vivian & Rex Anderson, his brother Gary (Janice) and nephew Gary (Kerri) and niece Rondi Michaux (Eric Yanega) as well as his many other nephews.

A celebration of Gene's life will be held on February 5, 2022, at Sea Ranch Civic Association, 13711 Veronica Drive, Hudson Florida 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

Messages and favorite memories about Gene can be posted on the National Cremation Society website: [www.nationalcremation.com](http://www.nationalcremation.com)

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In lieu of flowers, please donate to:

***Gene Michaux /Dave Rose Memorial Scholarship***

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or

***Tampa General Hospital Foundation Cardiac Care Unit***

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The family would like to thank the Doctors and staff at **Tampa General** and **AdventHealth-Connerton** for giving us two more months to laugh and hang out with Gene. They took great care of him. A special thank you to Happ and Jeri Harrison for their love and support throughout the last 3 months and helping facilitate Gene's journey home so he could see one last sunset. I couldn't have done it without you.

***Genes's philosophy in life: Attitude is the difference between adventure and ordeal.***