



## Eugene J. Sakal

March 29, 1931 - December 28, 2016

Eugene Joseph Sakal, 85, husband of Mary Rose (McGuigan) Sakal, of Phoenixville died Dec. 28, 2016, in Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care at Phoenixville Hospital after a brief illness. Born March 29, 1931, in Phoenixville, he was the son of the late John S. and Mary C. (Klup) Sakal, and lived in Phoenixville his entire life, graduating from Phoenixville High School, Class of 1949. He and his wife were married 63 years. Mr. Sakal was a lifelong member of Sacred Heart Church, Phoenixville, where he was active in the Holy Name Society, serving Sunday breakfast for many years as chief cook. When the parish closed in 2012, he became a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Phoenixville. He retired as a captain in the U.S. Army/Pennsylvania National Guard 111th Infantry Regiment, in which he served from 1949-1969. He'd worked as a purchasing agent at Boiler Engineering, Phoenixville, and Amerind-MacKissic, Parker Ford, after which he was a self-employed painter.

Cooking and baking were Mr. Sakal's passions. He was a cook at Mickey Rooney's Downingtown Inn in the 1960s and 1970s and later worked in the Ursinus College cafeteria. Family and friends knew him for his Sunday breakfasts at home and for the Polish and Slovak desserts he baked during the holidays, as well as his homemade Irish cream. He was also an avid woodworker.

Surviving with his wife are six children: Joseph E., husband of Diane (O'Malley); David F., companion of Aniko Cochran; and Maureen A., wife of

Richard Mark Kirkner, all of Phoenixville; Ellen K., wife of Robert Petrecz, of Collegeville; Brian J., husband of Patricia (LaRocca) of King of Prussia; and Mary Jean, fiancée of Timothy Cornelius, at home. Also surviving are a sister, Anna Broncato, of Bethpage, N.Y.; nine grandchildren, James, Patrick, Taylor and Tyler Sakal; John, Robert and Hannah Kirkner; and Adam and Justin Petrecz; and multiple nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a son, James Michael, and brothers John A. and Richard P. Sakal.

Friends and family may call Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, 610 S. Main St., Phoenixville. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Church, 148 Church St., Phoenixville, with the Rev. John J. News officiating. Interment will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Phoenixville. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the charities of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Cemetery

1258 Fillmore Street  
Phoenixville, PA 19460

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 2.** 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc.  
610 South Main Street  
Phoenixville, PA 19460  
(610) 933-3572  
<https://CampbellEnnisKlotzbachFuneralHome.com/>

## Visitation

**JAN 3.** 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

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## Mass

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JAN 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
148 Church Street  
Phoenixville, PA 19460

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eugene J. Sakal .*



January 01, 2017 at 06:01 PM



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**Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home** - December 31, 2016 at 10:19 AM



*Pop, I miss you everyday.*

**MJ Cornelius** - September 16, 2017 at 09:03 PM

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“ *Mary Rose & Family, So sorry for your loss. Did not know Gene well, but the few times I was in his company, he was a pleasant man. God Bless You.*

**Barbara Connelly** - December 31, 2016 at 09:21 AM



“ *My condolences to the Sakal family. I pray you find comfort in your faith and each other.*

**Harold Gaugler** - December 31, 2016 at 07:11 AM



“ *Special prayers to all of you tonight. Our community and your family said goodbye to a true gentleman. Thinking of all of you in this time of grief*

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**Dave Gautreau** - December 30, 2016 at 10:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eugene J. Sakal .*



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December 30, 2016 at 10:01 PM



“ *To His beloved wife and family, No greater riches of a man is that of the love and respect of a loving and wonderful family and caring friends. Thank You for being a great and special brother-in-law and a wonderful, loving and caring husband to our sister. Rest in Peace good friend, you will remain in our hearts always. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Rich and Maxine*

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**Richard and Maxine McGuigan** - December 30, 2016 at 03:51 PM



“ *Mary Rose and family: Lots of good memories of Gene at Sacred Heart breakfasts, picnics and social events. Always a gentleman with a smile and kind words for all. May he rest in peace.*

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**Leslie Staab** - December 30, 2016 at 03:42 PM



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Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - December 30, 2016 at 02:51 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugene J. Sakal .



December 30, 2016 at 10:43 AM



“ Mrs. Sakal and Family,  
I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Sakal's passing. He was a true gentleman and was always so kind to me during my tenure as music director at Sacred Heart. Please accept my deepest sympathy. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Denise Wisneski

Denise Wisneski - December 30, 2016 at 06:05 AM



“ Dear Sakal family: My thoughts & prayers are with you all during this sad time. May the Grace of God give you comfort knowing that you had a great father. Thank you, Mr. Sakal for you service that you have done in your life. ~ Patty Dakota Quinn & family

Patty Quinn - December 30, 2016 at 05:17 AM