



## Lt. Col. Eugene J. Sacco USAF (ret)

January 23, 1928 - September 6, 2022

Lt. Col. Eugene J Sacco USAF (ret) died peacefully at age 94 on Sept. 6, at his home in Jupiter Inlet Colony, preceded in death by brothers Pat and Carl, daughter Sally and son Steven, survived by wife Betty, daughter Stacy and sisters Rita Chorniewy and Emily Taylor.

He grew up in Springfield, NJ and joined the Navy at age 17 for 10 months, just as WWII was ending. Eugene attended Seton Hall University, earning a degree in Chemistry. He then joined the Air Force flying 86 missions in Korea and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was then sent to Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo, Texas, where he became a flight instructor and met future wife Betty. The Air Force provided him entry into the Masters Program in Meteorology at NYU and Texas A&M, where he received his Graduate Degree.

His young family was soon stationed in Alaska, then Southern California and he later retired in Florida. Gene spent another 20 years working as a pilot for the Environmental Protection program in PB County scanning the area for illegal burning. They called him the “spy in the sky.”

Still not yet ready to retire, “Geno” then worked 12 years as a starter on the golf courses at BallenIsles Country Club.

Mass will be held for Eugene at St Jude Catholic Church in Tequesta, Sept 14 at 10:00 AM. His interment with Military Honors will be on September 22 at the South Florida National Cemetery at 1:00 PM.

# Cemetery Details

## South Florida National Cemetery

6501 South State Road 7  
Lake Worth, FL 33449

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

SEP **14.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Jude Catholic Church  
204 US Hwy. #1  
Tequesta, FL 33469

## Interment with Military Honors

SEP **22.** 1:00 PM (ET)

South Florida National Cemetery  
6501 South State Road 7  
Lake Worth, FL 33449

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lt. Col. Eugene J. Sacco USAF (ret)*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *I worked with Gene at BallenIsles, but our friendship began years earlier when BallenIsles was PGA National. He was always a good friend with fun stories he would tell about his friend and neighbor Perry Como. I enjoyed our golf rounds together and I will miss him. I know you are in a better place now Geno, may you rest in peace.*

**Cal Bettis** - September 09, 2022 at 08:09 PM



“ *Lt. Col. E.J. Sacco, my brother. What comes to mind are thoughts of his kindness, love and protection. Always there with his great knowledge and caring. Missing him is something I must endure but thoughts of him will always bring a lasting smile and gratitude. Peace "Eug."*

**Rita Chorniewy** - September 09, 2022 at 04:14 PM