

Celebration Of Life

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 ~ Twelve O'clock Noon
Pipkin Braswell Chapel of Peace ~ 6601 East Colfax Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80220

Pastor Eric Cook, Officiating and Eulogist

Processional.....Whitney Houston Recording

“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Parting Memories.....Funeral Directors

Selection.....Jennifer Hudson Recording

“Amazing Grace”

Comfort from the Scripture.....Minister

Old Testament/New Testament

Prayer of Solace.....Minister

Selection.....Marvin Sapp Recording

“He Saw The Best In Me”

Acknowledgements, Condolences, and Obituary.....Pipkin Braswell Director

Honoring Eugene.....(Two Minute Remarks)

Selection.....CeCe Winan Recording

“Don't Cry For Me”

Eulogy.....Pastor Eric Cook

Recessional.....Walter Hawkins Recording

“Going Up Yonder”

Active Pallbearers

John Gloria ~ Jason M. Gonzales ~ John Bonillas
United State Marine Corp.

Honorary Pallbearer

Larry Garcia

Final Resting Place and Committal Service

with the U.S. Marine Corp Salute of Honor and Bell Honor Salute
Ft. Logan National Cemetery
Denver, Colorado

Acknowledgement

During a time like this, we learn how much
our friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy
will always be treasured. May God richly Bless each of you.

The family of Eugene Gonzalez

Pipkin Braswell

“When Someone You Love Becomes A Memory;
The Memory Becomes A Treasure.”

Repass: Pastor Cook's residence at 5969 South Helena Street., Centennial, Colorado

A Man of Service and Honor



Eugene Gonzalez

June 19, 1961 ~ July 11, 2023

Gunnery Sergeant (E7)

United States Marine Corp. (Retired)



Life's Journey

Eugene Gonzalez

To plant a seed in one's heart...to root it in love...

To nourish it with time spent together...

Yields a blossom that will flourish forever.

Eugene Gonzalez was born on June 19, 1961, in San Antonio, Texas to his mother, Mary Gonzalez. He was the third child born in the family. He was raised surrounded by his brother, Johnny and his sisters, Sylvia, and Rose Marie. As a child, he loved playing with toy soldiers. This would invariably lay the foundation for his later pursuit in the military. Eugene loved his mom and the time spent with family and friends. When he was young, he was one who didn't have a fondness for the dark, whether indoors or outside.

Eugene received his early education by graduating from Lanier High School. He furthered his education by earning a master's degree from Regents University in Denver, Colorado. On November 17, 1982, Eugene enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. While serving his country, he was stationed in Seoul, Korea, Okinawa, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and Camp Pendleton, California. He earned many awards, citations, and medals, to include an NMCCM ribbon, the NMCAM w/gold star, MCGCM w/silver star, NDSM w/bronze star, an SDDR w/2 silver stars, NUC w/bronze star, a Rifle Marksman Badge, and a Pistol Sharpshooter Badge just to name a few. He served his country with honor and distinction and was honorably discharged at the rank of Gunnery Sergeant (E7) after serving 21 years of dedicated service. He was truly a proud Marine Corp Veteran.

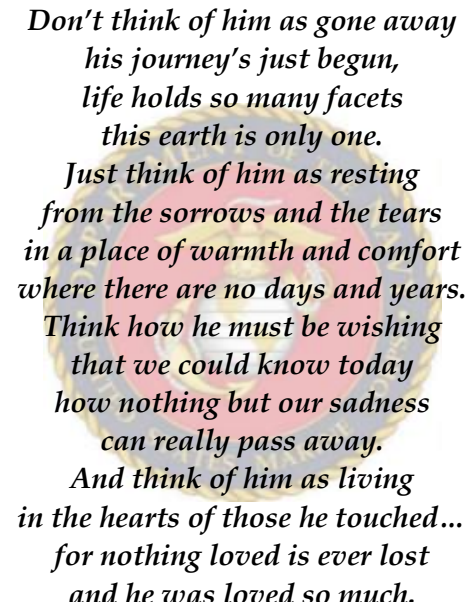
On January 27, 1987, Eugene married Oki Mun. To this union, two sons, Joshua and Jacob were born. He was a loving and devoted husband and father, who took great pride in the care and nurture of his family.

A man of faith and belief in the Lord, Eugene was a member of Ray of Hope Ministries. He joined the church under the pastoral leadership of the Pastor Eric Cook on October 8, 2011. He served his church and the Lord as a member of the Usher Board. His wife was a true prayer warrior and fervently prayed for 25 years for Eugene's salvation. They also believed that God would heal Eugene of cancer. Being surrounded by such strong prayer warriors, he was able to live an additional 12 years. To God Be the Glory!!!

Eugene was a fun-loving man, who enjoyed life and those he encircled. In his free time, he enjoyed working out, driving his truck, running marathons, and spending quality time with family and friends. He will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to have known this kind and wonderful man. To know Eugene was to love him.

Eugene Gonzalez departed this life to the embrace of the Lord on July 11, 2023, in Denver, Colorado. Those left to cherish his memory and mourn his loss include his loving and devoted wife, Oki Gonzalez; 2 sons, Joshua L. Gonzalez, and Jacob J. Gonzalez all of Aurora, Colorado. 1 brother, Johnny Ray (Debra) Gloria of Fayetteville, North Carolina; 2 sisters, Rose Marie (Larry) Gonzales and Sylvia Ramirez of San Antonio, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews, uncles, cousins, other relatives, and many friends.

His Journey Has Just Begun

A decorative graphic of a pair of light blue, feathered wings with intricate patterns on the inner sections, positioned on either side of the central text.

***Don't think of him as gone away
his journey's just begun,
life holds so many facets
this earth is only one.
Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.
Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.
And think of him as living
in the hearts of those he touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost
and he was loved so much.***

