



## Eugene Joseph Wilcox

November 27, 1955 - June 17, 2012

11/27/1955 - 6/17/2012

Someone asked me if they thought my brother, Gene, was in Heaven.

"The man loved fun and Heaven is where all the joy's at," I replied.

Eugene Joseph Wilcox died the day he was to meet family at Disneyland for a celebration of the union between his niece and her new husband. Since many felt Genes' presence at Disney that night we believe he came despite the fact he was traveling 'light.' He loved family, amusement parks, trains, music, movies, traveling...the whole life experience! He never tired of listening or lending a helping hand to anyone who might need it; generous to a fault, judgments left to God.

Gene worked as an ophthalmic technician for 27 years and will be missed. He lived as if the world was a roller-coaster ride to delight in and will be sorely missed by all who got the chance to ride with him for a ways.

ATTA BOY GENE!!! WE LOVE YOU.

GOD SPEED.

Rosary: 6/28/12 Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Chapel, 15 E Sola, SB 3PM

Funeral Mass: 6/29/12 St Raphael Church,

5444 Hollister, SB 10AM

Contributions can be made to: Wounded Warriors Fund, the next homeless person you meet or in the form of a reconciliation with someone who has wronged you.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

JUN **28**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Welch-Ryce-Haider - Downtown  
15 E. Sola St.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 965-5145  
info@wrhsb.com  
<https://www.wrhsb.com>

## Funeral Mass

JUN **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Raphael Catholic Church  
5444 Hollister Ave.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93111  
<http://www.straphaelsb.com/>

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ I am so saddened to learn of Gene's passing. Mary and I were college friends from SDSU. Whenever I would visit in SB Gene was always up for some fun, and laughs. WE hit State Street like none other. Beautiful happy memories, sweet friend, always with a smile on my face.

*Sending loving and healing hugs to all of you,  
Alyce Botwinick*

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**Alyce botwinick** - July 29, 2012 at 11:11 PM

JS

“ Thank you for being a great listener. I will really miss all our great talks by the mailboxes and over the fence. You were always there for us when we needed help. You would stop what you were doing and come help us. We are proud to not only call you a neighbor but a friend as well. You will be missed by all that were lucky enough to know you. Their will always be a place in our hearts for you.



*Rest in Peace,*

*Jim and Renee Stuckrad*

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**Jim and Renee Stuckrad** - June 29, 2012 at 03:06 PM



“ *It was always the little things he did that made me smile and help brighten a tough day. My heart and sincere sympathies goes out to the Wilcox family during this time. Gene was a great man with a vibrant personality. Heaven not only has one more angel, but it is also brighter now.*



*Love,  
Tiffany Erbland*

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June 29, 2012 at 01:17 AM



*We remember Gene lovingly as a kind, gentle and quiet man. Our sincerest condolences go out to Gene's family and friends. We know he is with God.*

*Love,*

*Bettye Fargo and Family*

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**Kathy Giraud** - June 29, 2012 at 11:49 AM

RV

*Although I never met Gene face to face. He was one of the nicest people to work with. He will be missed,*

*Peace and Love  
Rose Vallera  
Lombart Instrument,  
Norfolk, VA*

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**Rose Vallera** - June 29, 2012 at 12:07 PM

CM

*Gene was a good hard working man who loved to laugh and have fun. I will really miss talking and working with him. God bless him and his family and friends. I will be praying for him.*

*Connie Macias  
Lombart Instrument  
Norfolk, Va.*

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**Connie Macias** - June 29, 2012 at 01:08 PM

LA

*Gene became my friend through his sisters Mary and Julie who I grew up with. He was always there to support me in any way he could! When I was a single parent, he was there to help me out of many a financial bind. Such a sweet, loving and FUNNY man. Once I got married, I saw him less often, but he has always been in my heart! He will always remain in my heart! Love you Gene! Super special person! not only to me, but to my family! <3*

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**Lori Asaro** - July 03, 2012 at 10:30 PM

LA

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**Lori Asaro** - July 03, 2012 at 10:30 PM

SL

*So many special childhood memories with Gene in Santa Barbara!! Such a sweet person, just like his dad... My condolences to the whole family.. God Bless you, Gene..*

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**susan (wagner) lampson** - July 04, 2012 at 01:39 PM

VN

*I miss you*

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**vicki novelli** - July 22, 2013 at 02:20 AM

VN

*What can I say to ultimately express my heartfelt gratitude and joy in having Gene Wilcox as a friend. He was the friend who never forgot your birthdays, the friend who never judged your poor decisions... I miss his laugh, his political views, the way he opened your mind up to not only see the other point of view... But to somehow invoke the under-dogs feelings.... Gene made me love the moments in the day... He asked me and reminded me to forgive myself... Even when I could not even know where to begin. I know the world is a better place having Gene in earth... But I also know when it rains Gene is dancing naked in heaven! I will never say goodbye to you because you are my guardian angel! Thank you Gene for your friendship... I miss you so Vicki*

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**vicki novelli** - July 22, 2013 at 02:27 AM