



Eugene Labay

July 20, 1938 - June 8, 2020

Eugene Benedict Labay, 81, of San Antonio, joined his lord on June 8, 2020. He was born on July 20, 1938 in El Campo to the late Ben and Cecilia Orsak Labay.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine Sue Labay, children Eugene Michael Labay, Joan Labay-Marquez and husband Felix, Paul James Labay and wife Sonia, David Lawrence Labay, Patrick Bennett Labay and Steven Vincent Labay and wife Angela; grandchildren Steven James Marquez, David Michael Marquez, Brian Christopher Marquez, Mary Sue Rachel Marquez, Andrew Benjamin Labay and Matthew Christian Labay. Eugene was preceded in death by his parents; son, John Kevin Labay and brother, Lawrence Labay.

He graduated from El Campo High School in 1956, earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in 1960 and Juris Doctor from St. Mary's University in 1965. He began his legal career as a Briefing Attorney with the Texas Supreme Court and then went on to practice law with Cox and Smith Inc. He was a former trustee with the Czech Heritage Society, former director and board member of the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center Inc. and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Czech Heritage Society of Texas in 2016.

Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. Friday, June 12 at Triska Funeral Home in El

Campo. A Rosary and service will follow at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Gabriel Oduro-Tawiah officiating. Burial will follow at St. John's Cemetery in New Taiton.

Pallbearers will be Michael Labay, Paul Labay, David Labay, Steven Labay and Patrick Labay and Chris Ermis.

Memorial donations in memory of Eugene may be made to The Czech Heritage Society of Texas at <https://czechheritage-texas.org/>.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681.

Cemetery Details

St. John Catholic Cemetery

1843 CR 469
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
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Funeral Service

JUN 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My Father's birthday approaches. Every day is a day missing him. I wish I could share every memory of my Dad as a protector and friend and teacher and father. Too many great memories to share. I will miss our days of hunting and fishing. Of grilling by the pool. Drives in the hill country. Letters from him while at summer camp. As a son, I could not have felt better protected or supported or loved. I miss you Dad. Every day. LOVE YOU - Pat*

Patrick Labay - July 19, 2022 at 05:03 PM

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Thinking about you Dad. Summer approaches. TX hillcountry rain. Flowers. Bluebonnets. I miss you. Every single day.

Patrick Labay - April 01, 2025 at 07:23 AM

JR

“ *My deepest sympathies to Gene's family and close friends. Gene was the finest lawyer I ever met and had the pleasure of working with during my career at Frost Bank. Always the gentleman and a truly decent and honorable man. May he Rest In Peace. John W. Robb*

John W. Robb - June 13, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to the Labay Family. Gene had a dedication to Cox & Smith Law Firm and to the Czech Heritage Society. I enjoyed working with him on matters dealing with the Czech Republic.*

Robert Braubach - June 12, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Eugene Labay.*



June 11, 2020 at 04:53 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of my former boss's passing. He was a hard working but kind and caring person. My heartfelt condolences to his wife Kathy and his sons. May he rest in peace.*
Christel Villarreal

Christel Villarreal - June 11, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ *Gene was an old college friend and later a well known SA attorney. Always a nice guy, smart and just a great guy to know. May his soul rest in peace.*

John J Kuntz III - June 11, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ *Dear Joan, Felix, and family,*
You are in my prayers during this difficult time. Sending you all lots of love and peace.
Melissa Molina

Melissa Molina - June 10, 2020 at 06:53 PM

SF

“ Dear Joan and Family,

Please accept my deepest condolences. Know that all of you are in my prayers. Sending you love, light, prayers, and peace.

Sandy Guzman Foster

Sandy Guzman Foster - June 10, 2020 at 06:45 PM

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“ Dear Joan and Family,

Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of your Dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. God bless you and give you the peace and comfort of wonderful memories shared with the entire family.

Blessings and peace,

Itza

Itza Casanova - June 10, 2020 at 06:34 PM

SG

“ Dear Joan and family, please accept my deepest condolences. I'm praying for peace and love to surround you during this time.

Stephanie Grote-Garcia - June 10, 2020 at 12:45 PM