



## Francis E. McNelis

September 13, 1942 - August 9, 2023

Francis E. McNelis "Gene" on August 9, 2023 of Sewell. Age 80. Beloved husband of Elissa (nee Sacro). Loving father of Michelle (Tim) Lieze of Deptford. Cherished brother of Dan (Kathy) McNelis of Illinois, Tom (Leticia) McNelis of Illinois, Don (Jean) McNelis of Illinois, David McNelis of Illinois, Nick (Liz) McNelis of Illinois, Chris (Mary) McNelis of Illinois, Pat (Marie) McNelis of Illinois, Marie (Stan) Bralken of Illinois, Ginger (Jim) Gates of Illinois, Monica Kleimaier of Illinois, Kathy (Scott) Borton of Illinois, Madonna (John) Vlnar of Illinois, and Mary (Bob) Geary of Illinois. Devoted grandfather of Timothy Jr. (Harleyann) Lieze and Alexia Michelle (Christopher). Great-grandfather of Jocelyn with a great-grandson on the way. He is survived by many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Iva Esther (nee Foley) and Francis James McNelis, his brothers Tony and Bob McNelis and a sister, Cecelia McNelis.

Francis was born in Paxton, IL and was a U.S. Navy Veteran. He served 10 years in the Navy and did two tours of Vietnam. He was the owner of South Jersey Check Cashing and Westville News. He enjoyed going to casinos, travelling, spending time with his family and his friends from the VA, and whitewater rafting.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a viewing on Saturday, August 19, 2023 from 9am to 11am in The Chapel at BOUCHER FUNERAL HOME, 1757

Delsea Drive, Deptford, NJ 08096.

Funeral Service 11am in The Chapel of the funeral home.

Interment Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Williamstown.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America by accessing <https://vva.org/donate/>.

For condolences, please visit [www.boucherfuneralhome.com](http://www.boucherfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery

240 S. Tuckahoe Road  
Williamstown, NJ 08094  
(856) 401-7660

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**AUG 19.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Chapel at Boucher Funeral Home, LLC  
1757 Delsea Drive  
Deptford, NJ 08096  
(856) 464-1097  
staff@boucherfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.boucherfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

**AUG 19.** 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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## Interment

AUG 19. 12:45 PM (ET)

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Williamstown, NJ 08094  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & Gloucester County Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Francis E. McNelis*



**Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & County Cremation Service** - August 16, 2023 at 05:20 PM

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“ *Gene and I were shipmates 60 years ago, both assigned to the same unit in Japan. We became close friends on and off base. I will always remember him as a great guy: modest, funny and smart. Best of all he was a very sincere man. My sincerest condolences to his family and friends, he will be missed.*

**Kenneth Smoot** - August 23, 2023 at 03:25 AM

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“ *Michelle, my sincere condolences to you and your family. I remember Mac coming home on leave with Bob all those years ago, and you both stopping in to Ferndale to visit. I know he treasured their friendship and will be missed.*  
*Laurie (Poulin) Bob's sister*

**Laurie** - August 18, 2023 at 09:43 AM

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“ Gene was a great man.A great father and husband.I loved gene, you could talk to him about anything,he always had smile on his face.Loved his daughter Michelle very much and always had good things to say about her.Gene was always around.The good memories will always be in my heart.R.I.P.Gene.Untill we meat again ❤️🥹

Donna Dean - August 17, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Francis E. McNelis.

August 16, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Francis E. McNelis.



August 16, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ 121 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & County Cremation Service** - August 16, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ *Gene was an embodiment of selfless devotion not just to family but to friends and others. He will be missed.*

**Frank Sacro** - August 15, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francis E. McNelis.*



August 12, 2023 at 12:48 PM



“ *Ginger Gates lit a candle in memory of our oldest brother.*



**Virginia Evelyn Gates** - August 11, 2023 at 04:57 PM

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“ *Kelley Lynch-Blackshaw lit a candle in memory of Francis McNelis*



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**Kelley Lynch-Blackshaw** - August 11, 2023 at 02:08 PM