



Gene Edward Barsaleau

May 31, 1952 - June 13, 2025

We sadly announce the passing of Gene Edward Barsaleau on June 13, 2025. Gene would want to be remembered as “a kind, caring father, husband, person... and a pretty damn good guitar player.” He was born on May 31, 1952, at Fort LeJeune, NC to Eugene and Augusta (Possocco) Barsaleau, and was raised in Stafford, Connecticut, where he developed a lifelong love of outdoors and nature.

Gene became a Boy Scout, earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and later gave back as a Scoutmaster. A 1970 graduate of Stafford High School, Gene went on to become a mechanical engineer. He enjoyed a fulfilling career and the opportunity to travel the world through his work with MTI, eventually retiring in 2020. Music was a central part of Gene’s life ever since his father gave him a guitar at the age of 12. Over the next five decades, he played in many bands and eventually led his own Voodoo Night Train alongside close friends and a nephew he proudly taught to play.

Gene and Andrea first met in the 1980s and reunited in 2002. They were married on August 21, 2004, in the middle of a tropical storm. Together, they weathered life’s ups and downs, sharing many great adventures on their Harley, camping, attending concerts, traveling cross-country, enjoying good food, and sipping fine wine. They created a joyful life together in their beautiful home, embracing a laid-back lifestyle.

Gene will be deeply missed by his loving wife, Andrea Poirier; his mother, Augusta "Gussie" Barsaleau; his brother, Geoff; and his four children with his first wife, Susan Greene: Jeremy, Michael, Heather and her husband Justin, and Derek and his wife Hailey. He also leaves behind 13 grandchildren, 5½ great-grandchildren; his father-in-law, John Poirier; extended family including Suzanne, Kyle, John, Michael, and Melissa; many nieces and nephews; his little buddy George; a treasure trove of friends; and his extensive guitar collection.

He was predeceased by his father, Eugene Barsaleau; brother, Glenn; first wife Susan Greene; mother-in-law, Shirley Poirier; niece, Samantha Poirier; and many beloved pets.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to any pet rescue of your choosing.

Those wishing to celebrate Gene's life are welcome to join us at their home on Friday June 27, 2025, from 4:00–9:00 PM.

New England Funeral & Cremation Center, 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please visit Gene's memorial page at www.nefcc.net for expressions of sympathy.

Tribute Wall

MO

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. He taught me guitar. He was my cousin. May he rest in peace.*

Mark Ostrowski

Mark Oatrowski - July 08, 2025 at 02:22 PM



GM

“ *Rest in Peace, Gene.*

George Murray - June 20, 2025 at 02:09 PM



MH

“ *I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Gene was a wonderful man and I know he will be deeply missed. Huge hugs to the entire family.*

Michelle Halbreich - June 20, 2025 at 10:15 AM

KH

“ *kathleen hartley lit a candle in memory of Gene Barsaleau*

kathleen hartley - June 19, 2025 at 09:10 PM



SG

“ Our most sincere condolences.

Lori & Steve Gianantoni



Stephen J Gianantoni - June 19, 2025 at 12:56 PM

EM

“ Ed & I are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with you and your family.

Sincerely, Ed & Brenda 🙏

Ed & Brenda McDade - June 19, 2025 at 10:56 AM

AL

“ Ray and I send our deepest sympathies to Andrea and their families. We will forever cherish the memories we have of our times with Gene and his beautiful wife Andrea ☐

Alicia - June 18, 2025 at 09:38 PM

SC

“ Rest in Peace Geno, many good times were had playing in Second Time Around and Osiris with you for over 15 years. You will be missed. Keep on rocking, it's always what you did best.

Scott Campbell - June 18, 2025 at 07:17 PM

DM

“ *Debra Martorelli lit a candle in memory of Gene Edward Barsaleau*



Debra Martorelli - June 18, 2025 at 06:08 PM

GR

“ *Gary Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Gene Edward Barsaleau*



Gary Reynolds - June 18, 2025 at 04:46 PM

PF

“ *Peter Ference lit a candle in memory of Gene Edward Barsaleau*



Peter Ference - June 18, 2025 at 04:33 PM

PF

R. I.P. Gene God Bless to all his family

Peter Ference - June 18, 2025 at 04:35 PM

JC

“gene and i played on stage one night at a blues jam back around 2018-2019 i think it was. even though we had never played guitar together ..it sounded like we had rehearsed. he laughed when i told him to me he looks like John Mayal. and later that night when i was leaving i waved good bye saying..."good night john"..he smiled and waved back.

john cartelli - June 18, 2025 at 03:54 PM

JT

“Gene was a big part of my life, a great musician, and a real friend. He'll be missed by more people than we know. - Jim Tripoli

James Tripoli - June 18, 2025 at 02:37 PM



“Cheri Bradley lit a candle in memory of Gene Edward Barsaleau



Cheri Bradley - June 18, 2025 at 01:45 PM

SH

“POOR GENE..MAY HE REST IN PEACE DREAMING OF GUITARS...

Steve Hopko - June 18, 2025 at 01:23 PM

RM

“ *My summers in Stafford were shared with many friends who I hold dearly, Gene was one of them we had lots of fun times and as adults we ran into each other in our professional life, I will miss him RIP buddy.*

Rick Miner

Rick Miner - June 18, 2025 at 12:15 PM

PS

Gene grew up with the colburn rd gang. He was always the best friend and boy scout Rip Gene play the guitar to the Angels Paul Soucy and family.

Paul Soucy - June 19, 2025 at 09:05 AM

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Rip Gene play the guitar to the Angels

Paul Soucy - June 19, 2025 at 09:07 AM

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Rip Gene The Soucy family

Paul Soucy - June 19, 2025 at 11:07 AM