

**SP4 Gene Marlin Kanouse I**  
**AEHC featured person for the week of Feb 14, 2021**

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March 25, 1948 – February 15, 1973

Died this week in 1973 –SP4 Gene Marlin Kanouse I is buried in our cemetery's Section 6, Row 18, Lot 127, Space 1.

Summary of our research: Gene Marlin Kanouse I was born March 25, 1948 to Ralph Elvert and Martha (Miller) Kanouse.

Ralph Elvert Kanouse lived most of his life in Michigan. He was the son of Ralph and Neva Dorice (Kitson) Kanouse of Michigan. During the late 1940's to early 1950's, he went to school at Marion College in Indiana and lived in Marion and Muncie, Indiana areas. Ralph married Martha Ruth Miller a Rush County native during this time frame.

Martha Ruth (Miller) Kanouse was the daughter of Reverend Carroll N. and Florence (Morris) Miller. Rev. Miller grew up in Walker Township. This branch of the Miller family came to Rush County prior to 1833.

Gene M. Kanouse I's Great Great Great Grandfather, John Miller was born in Maryland in 1752. He served as a Private in the Pennsylvania Regiment during the Revolutionary War. He married Margaret (Bowier) born in Pennsylvania. John and Margaret were living in Kentucky in the early 1800's. All ten of their children were born in Kentucky. The family moved to Rush County, Indiana around 1833. John died in 1835 and Margaret passed away in 1836. They are buried in Hurst Cemetery in Homer.

One of John and Margaret's son, Alexander Boyer Miller was born in 1802. Alexander married Hanna Morrison in 1824 in Kentucky. They also moved with his parents and other family members to Rush County. In 1833 one of their sons, John B. Miller, was born and according to some records, John B. Miller was born in Indiana. Alexander and Hanna are both buried in Hurst Cemetery in Homer.

John B. Miller married Sarah A. Clingman in 1870. Sarah's family had moved to Rush County from Kentucky. John B. and Sarah's son, Burton was born in 1874. John B. and Sarah are also buried in Hurst Cemetery in Homer.

Burton married Mirtie (Zike) in 1896. One of their sons, Carroll Notre, (Gene's Grandfather) was born in 1902. Burton and Mirtie Miller are interred in the Mausoleum at Rushville East Hill Cemetery.

Carroll Notre married Florence (Morris) in 1927. Their daughter, Martha Ruth (Gene's Mother), was born in 1928. Carroll N. became a minister and served in churches in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. Rev. Carroll N. and Florence Miller are interred in the Mausoleum at Rushville East Hill Cemetery.

Martha Ruth married Ralph Kanouse around 1947. Ralph had served in the Armed Forces from 1945-1947 during the end of WWII. Gene Marlin Kanouse was born on March 25, 1948.

Gene M. Kanouse I married Martha Ann Scott of Shelbyville in 1967. She is the daughter of Elwin and Margaret (Lake) Scott. They had a son, Gene M. Kanouse II in 1970.

Specialist 4 Gene M. Kanouse I was a Veteran of the Vietnam Conflict and was awarded the Bronze Star for his heroic service in a combat zone. He was reported missing from a training exercise at Fort Bragg in North Carolina Feb 15, 1973. His body was not recovered until February 8, 1975. He was brought home and buried at Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

At the time of his death, he was survived by his parents (Ralph E. Kanouse, Michigan and Martha (Miller) Gwinnup, Shelby County IN); son (Gene M. Kanouse II); ex-wife (Martha (Scott) Kanouse) they were divorced according to death certificate; paternal grandparents (Ralph and Neva Kanouse, Michigan); maternal grandfather (Carroll N. Miller, Florida); and five siblings Ralph Arthur Kanouse, Dwight Kanouse, Paula Chandler, Tammy Worland, and Yolanda Gwinnup. His maternal grandmother (Florence (Morris) Miller) preceded him in death in 1971.

In 2017, Gene's Mother, Martha A. Miller, passed away. She is buried next to her son in Arlington East Hill Cemetery. Martha's obituary noted that she once owned the Park Restaurant in Rushville for 8 years. She was survived by her remaining five children: Ralph Arthur Kanouse, Dwight Kanouse, Paula Chandler, Tammy

Vawter, and Yolanda Teague. Gene M. Kanouse II would be amongst her listed surviving grandchildren.

In October 2020, Arlington East Hill Cemetery dedicated its Veterans and First Responders Honor Park. Included on the Died in Service side of the All Gave Some, Some Gave All podium is SP4 Gene M. Kanouse, US Army.

We want to continue to Thank Him and His Family for His Service to Our Country and Community.

(sources: Ancestry, Find-a-Grave, and Newspaper archives)

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