



Louis Eugene Venier

November 5, 1936 - July 1, 2025

Louis Eugene Venier, 88, of Dixon, IL passed away peacefully in his home on July 1st, surrounded by his loving family. He was an owner of Venier Jewelers, where he worked for 70 years.

He was a pillar of the Dixon community...and deeply loved by his customers and friends.

Louie "GiGi" Venier was born on November 5th, 1936 in Dixon, IL, the son of Lorenzo and Olinda Venier. He attended St. Mary's grade school and Dixon High School where he excelled in woodworking classes, ultimately becoming a master craftsman in multiple art forms. After graduating, he married his high school sweetheart, Marilyn (Near) Venier, on June 7th, 1958. The couple always resided in Dixon, where they raised 3 loving children...all while Marilyn worked full time as a nurse and Louie helped build the successful jewelry business with his dad and brother, and eventually his sons, nephews, and grandson. This year will mark their 80th year in business.

He loved hunting, fishing, woodworking, good music, a good martini...and spending time with friends and especially his family.

He loved to laugh and make others laugh too with his repetitive jokes and one-liners.

He truly believed that Dixon, Illinois was the most beautiful place on earth. He loved his hometown and the people in it, and was known to greet everyone with a smile and a big, wet Italian kiss.

He is survived by his adoring wife of 67 years, Marilyn J. Venier; 3 children:

Michael Louis (Marguerite), Robert Lorenzo (Paula), and Victoria Lyn (Matt); 6 grandchildren: Tyler Robert (Ashley), Anthony Michael (Jazzie), Gina Marie (Hayley Cardona), Matthew Gene Davenport (Lindsay), Jonathan Cody Davenport (Kala), and Hannah Daisy Faith Davenport (Kyle); 4 great grandchildren: Sawyer, Sutton, Aniston and Harlow; one brother, Joseph Venier; and extended family of Jim and Pat Leslie.

Louie was preceded in death by his parents, Lorenzo and Olinda, as well as one sister, Ada (Eastman).

He lived life just like the words of one of his favorite songs by Frank Sinatra, "I did it my way."

Visitation will be on Tuesday July 8, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon. A Funeral Mass will follow the visitation at 1:00 PM at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon. Cremation rites will follow with a burial of cremated remains to take place at a later date at Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to St. Mary's Catholic School in Dixon.

Arrangements were completed by Jones Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon
612 S. Highland Ave.
Dixon, IL 61021
(815) 284-7719
office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net
<http://www.stpatrickdixon.org>

Service

JUL 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ So many memories that create a smile. Louie was always fun at gatherings. When seeing you at an event, in church, or at the store, he'd greet you with a warm hug. He was a man of faith and love of family. His presence will be missed. Sincere sympathy to Marilyn and all the family❤️

Jean Serrani Spohn - July 08, 2025 at 11:45 AM

TS

“ Tonya Strain purchased the Simply Elegant Spat *hiphyllum* for the family of Louis Eugene Venier.



Tonya Strain - July 08, 2025 at 09:14 AM

TS

“ Tonya Strain planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louis Eugene Venier.

Tonya Strain - July 08, 2025 at 09:14 AM

CB

“ Courtney Ligtenberg & Taylor Boostrom purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Louis Eugene Venier.



Courtney Ligtenberg & Taylor Boostrom - July 08, 2025 at 09:13 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Louis Eugene Venier.



July 07, 2025 at 04:33 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Louis Eugene Venier.



July 07, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ The Reuter and Balayti Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Louis Eugene Venier.



The Reuter and Balayti Family - July 07, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ Vinny, Ginger, Gina, & Michael DeFilippo purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Louis Eugene Venier.



Vinny, Ginger, Gina, & Michael DeFilippo - July 06, 2025 at 04:54 PM

JF

“ *Jeremy & Julie Reglin Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Louis Eugene Venier.*



Jeremy & Julie Reglin Family - July 05, 2025 at 09:06 PM

KB

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Louie's passing. I had such a crush on him in High School. He was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. Peace. Kathryn Bonnell Amboy, II.*

Kathryn Bonnell - July 04, 2025 at 03:58 PM

SC

“ *Marilyn, Mike, Bob, Vicki, and the entire Venier family.*

Our hearts were saddened when hearing about GiGi's passing. Many fond memories over the years from the old 2nd street days to the present. One memory that stays with me today is when he had us young lads climb over the fence at AC Bowers field to play football, and he dubbed me "crazy legs" as he was nicknaming all the guys!

May God watch over the Venier family during this time and guide GiGi to heaven.

God Bless, Shawn & Julie Cleary

Shawn Cleary - July 04, 2025 at 08:58 AM

DS

I remember going to the store many times seeing about 1/3 of Louie's head above his work station with his little eye glass on. Always had time

to ask you how you were doing and if you still had those horses. Never was too busy to take time to talk to a customer & people liked that about him. I'll sure miss him as I'm sure your family already does. He had a wonderful life💙

diane schnake - July 06, 2025 at 10:37 PM

FF

“ From MDP LOS LAA and Producer's family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Louis Eugene Venier.



From MDP LOS LAA and Producer's family - July 03, 2025 at 07:16 PM

FF

“ From MDP LOS LAA and Producer's family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louis Eugene Venier.

From MDP LOS LAA and Producer's family - July 03, 2025 at 07:16 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Louis Eugene Venier.



July 03, 2025 at 04:34 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Louis Eugene Venier.



July 03, 2025 at 04:06 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Louis Eugene Venier.



July 03, 2025 at 01:41 PM



“ Lost for words. So sorry for your big Loss. Mom and I are sadden to hear the news of Mr. Venier's passing. When we moved to Dixon in 69 him and all his family were so welcoming to us. We had a great friendship for many years. They were like part of our family. He will be dearly missed. Mrs. Venier so sorry. Barb and Kay Bonvouloir

Barbara A Bonvouloir - July 03, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Louis Eugene Venier.



July 03, 2025 at 09:25 AM

JH

“ We have been friends with and customers of four generations of the Venier family. Our father was in Louie and Marilyn’s wedding party. All four generations of the Venier family have been valuable members of the Dixon community and served the community with friendliness, honesty, and integrity. Not only the Venier family but the entire community has suffered a great loss with the passing of Louie. J. Herbert Henning & Family.

J.C. Henning - July 02, 2025 at 04:24 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Louis Eugene Venier.



July 02, 2025 at 03:37 PM

JS

“ Jerri S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louis Eugene Venier.

Jerri S. - July 02, 2025 at 02:54 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Louis Eugene Venier.



July 02, 2025 at 02:49 PM

JC

“ James C. purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Louis Eugene Venier.



James C. - July 02, 2025 at 02:36 PM

JC

“ James C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louis Eugene Venier.

James C. - July 02, 2025 at 02:36 PM

BS

“ One of my many memories of our dear friend was when he heard one of his favorite songs Shout and would get on his back and shake his legs. God bless you.

Becky Schmitt - July 02, 2025 at 11:11 AM