



Gene T Graham Sr.

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Graham, Gene Tunney Sr. , 83, In God's hands, you have gone to rest high on your beloved mountain, where the blueberry vines sprawl , the deer roam, and rivers and creeks run clear and clean, your work on earth is done. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 59 years, Mickey Graham , of St. Petersburg, his daughter Kathy Warren and her husband Lloyd, of Pinellas Park, his son, Gene Graham, Jr and his wife Laura of St. Petersburg, and his daughter Laurie McGahee and her husband Allan of New Port Richey. He also leaves behind 5 adoring grandchildren, Barbie Casper, Megan Graham, Dylan Bumgarner, Tyler McGahee, and Caroline Graham. Born February 23, 1930, his life's journey took him from a coal miner in West Virginia to an entrepreneur who, with his wife, opened the most successful produce market in St Petersburg, Graham's Market. He was a tireless, kind man with high scruples and devotion to his loved ones. In his retirement he enjoyed woodworking and spending time with his family, who were always first in his life. He has left a large hole in the heart of our family. We will miss him. Services will be held at Memorial Park located in St. Petersburg, Monday, September 16, 2013, with visitation from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and funeral services directly afterwards.



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GJ

Gene Graham, Jr posted:

Well I can't believe it's been a month tomorrow. I can still here your voice from the last conversation. Missing you is never going to get easier. We took mom to North Carolina to check on the property and planted a beautiful Dogwood tree and a Burning bush. That's the beginning of your markers. We will plant a new one everytime we can make it up there. It sure wasn't the same without you. I hope you are able to share your charm, love and endless humor with the less fortunate up there. I hope you know how proud you made all your children to have a father like you. Love You, DAD

October 10 at 2:31 PM

KW

Kathy Warren posted:

Hi Daddy: My birthday is nearing its end, and just as I thought, it was filled with tears and sadness. I was glad I got to talk with you - it made me feel better! I sure missed your birthday song, although everyone in the family took up the chorus for you. That helped too. It's been a couple weeks now and I miss you more than ever! We're muddling through but it's still a struggle - there's a hole in our hearts that may never heal! I pray you are rejoicing in God's love and the big man sends some extra comfort to the family, we could sure use some. I guess every birthday will get better with time, rjbut this one was carried out with a broken heart. We love and miss you daddy! I'm sending birthday kisses for now! Kathy

September 26 at 7:43 PM

LM

Laurie Graham-Mcgahee posted:

Oh Daddy-o I'm sorry it took me so long to get on here to pay tribute to you, I've tried a few times, but couldn't keep it together long enough to type. There are not enough words in the dictionary to describe what an awesome daddy you were, so I will just name a few, loving, kind, gentle, caring, patient and the strongest man I know. I feel so alone without you, even when I'm surrounded by family. There is an emptiness in me only you could fill. I can only hope that someday I will find peace and comfort in knowing that your in GODS hands surrounded by your parents, siblings and friends that I know you missed so much, I know your my guardian angel because I feel you with me steering me in the right direction. I made a pact with GOD that I want to love like you and be loved like you, I don't want there to be even a slight chance that I wont get there to see you again, because that's all I have to hold on to now is our reunion where I can hear you say " There's my girl". I love you so much daddy!

September 22 at 3:14 AM



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LG

Laura Graham posted:

Papa, You added so much neat in our lives, all your stories and memories. Runny eggs , grits and toast with jelly it sounds so simple but it was FANTASTIC! Miss You and Love you! My Breakfast Buddy! Love You, Laura

September 20 at 12:34 PM

AM

Allan Mcgahee posted:

Geno, as I always called him, was among , if not the greatest man I have ever known. he always did for u and wanted nothing in return. and when he cud no longer do everything , and asked for help. he would always try to slip you a little cash. even if it mean sneaking it in Laurie's purse. I loved the guy from the 1st day I met him, as if I had known him forever. I don't know of anyone that met him who didn't love him. he was a master at wood crafting and helped me make one of his life sized bald eagles for my dad. his daughter, (my wife Laurie) has been taking it really hard, but I promised Geno through prayer that I will make sure she gets through this and to always take care of her an the family as best I can. we all love you Geno, and we know you are having a ball in heaven. til we meet again

September 18 at 10:37 AM

DG

Dylan Bumgarner (Grandson) posted:

Well, papa i guess this it. This is goodbye. You were by far the best grandfather i could ever even imagined of having you taught me right from wrong and what true hard work is like. You were the strongest man i knew. Every person that was lucky enough to meet you has a hole in their heart you meant so much to so many people its unbelievable. If someone ever needed a hand or just someone to talk to you were always there you meant so much to me papa and you always will im having more and more trouble each and every day. Each worse then the previous. I cant get all of the memories we made together to stop running through my head and im not too sure that i want them to stop i love you grandpa rest in peace and just know you will never be forgotten by one single person down here on earth.

September 17 at 10:18 AM



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FG

Finn Graham posted:

We just loved him so much. He was one of our favorite people. We will miss him terribly. Mickey we love you and please know that things will get better. Wished we could be there. Our prayers are always with you. Take care of yourself and each other. You have a beautiful family. Love, Finn, Cris, David, Molly, and Minny.

September 16 at 10:17 AM

CB

Cristi Bradley posted:

I've always thought so highly of you. We all enjoyed your visits to Michigan to see Bill and mom. You will be missed. You were such a wonderful and kind man. My prayers are with your family.
Cristi

September 16 at 8:09 AM

LS

Linda Graham Soderberg posted:

As I watched the video, so many memories came to mind. Not just of Gene but of those who passed before us. In his face, I saw our Mom....and our Dad. I saw my Grandpa.....our brothers....Roy, Jack, Jim, Oley and William. In his smile, I saw our sisters...Bessie, Brinda and Beulah. I never knew Betty and Tressie for they died long before I was born. I not only mourn te loss of my last brother, I mourn for all of my siblings and my folks. I hope you all know my heart goes out to you and you will always be in my prayers. I know today is going to be so very hard for you all and I will I could be there with you all. I love each and every one of you very much. Linda Carol

September 15 at 9:43 PM

BA

Barbie posted:

I am so very lucky that I have had you in my life for 35 years. You were such a great role model to us all. The one thing I will never forget is that smile, which could light up any room. I will always cherish all the wonderful memories I have of you in my heart. I will miss you so much...You have been such a wonderful grandpa. Aside from dad, you were one of the hardest working, strong and big hearted person I have ever known! We will all be together one day and until then I love you grandpa!!

September 15 at 8:14 PM



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GG

Gene Graham, Jr posted:

My Dear Dad, who ever thought this day would come. You have always been so strong and seemingly invincible. I will always remember your beautiful and kind voice. I pray I have been blessed with the same ability to keep our family strong and safe. I want you to know I will do everything you have instilled in my heart to always be kind and above everything else put family first. I will miss you from now until I'm able to give you another kiss and a hug and hear how fantastic you are. I can feel you in this room right now as I'm doing this. You are the best dad any kids could of ever asked for. Laura, Caroline, Barbie, Dylan and every heart you touched through your life's journey are all blessed by you. They all are a part of you. When my work on earth is done we'll meet again. Save me a chair so we can sit and talk about the good ole days. I love you, Daddy

September 15 at 6:25 PM

KW

Kathleen Warren posted:

Daddy, you were an amazing Dad, Always there for me, always wanting to know how I am, always supporting me in all I did. Always kind and smiling when surrounded by his loved ones. I will miss your humor and the fun we had! I will miss you every day and will try to live up to your hopes and dreams you had for me. For the first time in almost 59 years I will not get to listen to you sing me 'Happy Birthday' on the phone, but I know if I listen very carefully, I will hear you singing in the heavens and in the winds around me - you will forever be my guardian angel! Rest in Peace Daddy! I love you!

September 15 at 1:13 PM

MG

Megan Graham posted:

I will always love you, you were a hero in my eyes and fought for so long. I know you're not hurting anymore and you're in a better place. You will always be in my heart rest in paradise!

September 15 at 11:42 AM

BG

Bobbi Hutchinson Girard posted:

Uncle Gene was an amazing man who made each of us feel special and loved. No matter the circumstance, he always said everything was "fantastic" and he meant it! He was one of a kind. Uncle Gene was so proud of his family and we are grieving his loss with you all.

September 14 at 4:10 PM



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DS

Dawn J. Shea posted:

I know, by knowing his daughter, Gene was an exceptionally kind and wonderful man and human being. My heart goes out to the family during this sad time. Thoughts are with you. ~Dawn

September 14 at 7:11 AM

LC

Lorraine And Doug Casper posted:

No words can tell you how sorry we are for you and your family's loss. I have never met your Grandpa, Barbie but since he is family he had to be as warm, caring and loving as you. You will in our thoughts on Monday.

September 13 at 2:37 PM

TH

Todd Hill posted:

I only knew Gene though stories that Kathy would tell over the years . From all I did hear I know he was a Good man and a Loving dad . My thoughts and prayers go out to his family . May God watch over each and everyone of you !

September 13 at 12:41 PM

SR

Sandi And Dale Reynolds posted:

Kathy, your family is very special. They welcomed us with open arms. Your Dad was a very special man. My prayers to you and your family. Love ya

September 13 at 11:31 AM

WR

Wanda Gay Rose Reece posted:

Please know I have you all in my heart and prayers. The last time I saw him, he and Mickey came to visit me. My sons were very small. I am so sorry I have not kept in touch with you all. I want you to know you are a very large part of my family, so I am sad along with you. Love you all

September 13 at 9:32 AM

DG

Debbie Gardner posted:

I love you Uncle Gene and remember you always.

September 13 at 9:18 AM



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CW

Cheryl Tyndall Walkover posted:

I didn't know your dad well but shopped many times at Graham's market. My father also passed on this week, so my love and prayers go out to your family.

September 13 at 7:33 AM

PI

Penny & Peggy Ingle posted:

All of our prayers ,thoughts, and love .

September 13 at 7:32 AM

TM

Tina Mains posted:

You will be missed Mr, Graham.You are all in my thoughts and prayers.Warm regards,Tina

September 13 at 7:28 AM

BM

Betty (Jane) Marier posted:

My heart is so sad. It feels like losing a piece of my dad all over again. I feel your pain and have been thinking of you all non-stop. I would do anything to be there, but it's virtually impossible. Please know that I am there with you in thought and prayer. I loved my Uncle Gene. He was my favorite . . . you guys are my favorite. I know you will take good care of each other - that's what you do. Stay strong and know that God is in control. I love you guys!

September 13 at 6:52 AM

KH

Kay Hutchinson posted:

Gene was my brother-in-law in the beginning, but then more like a brother and always a friend. He will always be in my heart. I will never forget him. I love you guys. -- Kay

September 13 at 6:34 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gene by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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