



Rev. Winifred "Gene" Early, Sr.

July 26, 1938 - April 17, 2015

Reverend Winifred Eugene "Gene" Early, Sr., age 76, of Rossville, GA, went home to be with The Lord on April 17, 2015.

He was born in Chattanooga, TN, and was a lifelong resident of the Northwest Georgia and Chattanooga, TN area. He served his country in the U.S. Navy. Gene was a skilled carpenter and could work on just about anything. He was the former owner of GE Service Company and had worked Days Inn as well as several other companies. He was currently working for Goodwill as the Chattanooga area Maintenance Supervisor. Gene was an ordained minister, a former member of Mariah Baptist Church in Fort Oglethorpe, GA and a current member of Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Fairview, GA. Gene enjoyed fishing, metal detecting for Civil War relics and woodworking.

He is preceded in death by his step-father: Hobert Kilgore.

He is survived by his loving wife of fifty eight years: Willie Faye Lynn Early, mother: Gertrude Early Kilgore both of Rossville, GA, sons and daughters-in-law: Gino & Denise Early of Chickamauga, GA, Eric Lynn & Jackie Early of Rossville, GA, sisters: Peggy Kerley of Rossville, GA, Betty Carbine of East Ridge, TN, brothers: J.R. Kilgore of Chattanooga, TN, Ernest Kilgore, Dennis Kilgore both of Rossville, GA, grandchildren: Amber Lynn (Tyler) Whittenburg, Heather Nicole Early, Eric William Early, Maria Early, D.J. Sneed, Jr., Toni

McAllister, great grandchildren: Justin McKenzie, Kobe McAllister, Ashley McAllister, several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm Sunday, all day Monday and Tuesday morning prior to the service. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am - Tuesday - April 21, 2015 in the funeral home chapel with Pastors: Randy Lynn and Jon Underwood officiating. Interment will follow at Chattanooga Veterans National Cemetery – Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Arrangements by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes- Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

www.wilsonfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

SD

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Early last week. We discussed his daughter in law Denise and his grand kids. Very sweet man!

Sarah lemaster - Co worker of Denise - April 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Having worked with Gene at Goodwill for a number of years, I found to be a person of very high standards and values. Our prayers are with the family during your time of sorrow.

Calvin and Jacqueline Bush - Chattanooga, TN - April 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ God be with you.

Calvin and Jacqueline Bush - Chattanooga, TN - April 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ My prayers are with you. He is deeply missed. We miss his presence with us, but I know Whose presence he is in now. And that makes me smile!

Kimberly Kelly - Chattanooga, TN - co-worker - April 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Green- eternal life

Kimberly Kelly - Chattanooga, TN - co-worker - April 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Larry went to East Lake school with Gene and Sharleen worked with him at Goodwill for almost 8 years. We will miss him and will always cherish our memories of him.
Our thoughts and prayers to the family.

Larry and Sharleen Robinson - ROSSVILLE, GA - friends - April 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ On April 17th heaven opened its gates to receive the kind and gentle spirit of Gene Early. He will be greatly missed by his Goodwill family.

Cher Bewick - Cleveland, TN - Co-worker - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Willie Faye and family. I am so sorry to learn of the passing of Gene. I have such wonderful memories of you all at Ridgecrest and what fun we had serving the Lord. I hope to get by the funeral home, but wanted to leave this note that I am thinking and praying for you. May you lean on God's comfort now and the days ahead.

Martha Kinsey Davis - Chattanooga, TN - Friend - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Gene will be missed by all at the Cleveland Store #9 He was always willing to joke and have you in good sprites. A good friend and respected by all.
we miss you Gene. but now in the hands of God you are singing in perfect health.

from your friends at cleveland #9

Sheila R. Bell - Cleveland , TN - Co-Worker - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ We were saddened to hear of Gene's passing. Many prayers of comfort and strength surround Willie Faye and the family during this most difficult time.

Goodwill HELPs Program - Chattanooga , TN - Friends and Co-Workers - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Our Goodwill has lost a truly remarkable man. Gene was such a hard worker and was very dedicated to our Goodwill and our Mission. Many prayers are being sent to Willie Faye and the family during this most difficult time. May you find peace and comfort in the memories that are shared. May you find strength when needed. May you feel the comfort and love of those around you that join your sadness in the passing of such a wonderful man. His humor and bright smile brought joy to all of us at Goodwill and I am truly blessed and honored to have known him.

Kimberly Warren - Chattanooga , TN - Friend and Co-Worker - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ I knew Gene for a short 2 1/2 years, but every time I saw him he always had that bright light in his eyes! He had wonderful stories to tell and a great sense of humor! He will be thought of and missed greatly by his Goodwill family. My prayers are with his loved ones and those who knew him. We will all miss him here on earth but are sure to see him in heaven.

Rebecca Glass - Cleveland, TN - Friend and working acquaintance - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Willie Fay and family. I loved Gene like a father, as he was close to my father's age. I've know Gene for over 20 years, and I am better for that. My thoughts and prayers are with you and I love you all.....

Charles C White Jr

Charles C. White, Jr. - Chattanooga, TN - Friend & Brother in Christ - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Willie Faye, I am sorry I am unable to be with you at this time. I am so sorry for your loss. Although I am unable, physically to be with you, you are in my prayers. Any time you feel like talking, call me. I can still talk.

Juanita Seagroves, Wright - Rossville, GA - Friend - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I will always remember the way Gene put a smile on my face each and every time I saw him. He was so kind, hard-working, and genuine. He will be missed by all who were blessed enough to have known him. My prayers are with the family in this difficult time.

Jennifer Morris - Hixson, TN - Former co-worker - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I James Goad worked at goodwill for 7 yrs.I love Mr.gene and his wife more than anyone could ever imagine.May God comfort everyone at this time of grieving.Mrs.early my phone number is 423-314-1439. Call me anytime.God please help wipe the tears away.God bless you all.sincerely James Goad and family.

james goad - chattanooga, TN - friend - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM