



Eugene Kennedy Sr.

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Eugene “Goo” Kennedy Sr., was born in Charlotte, NC on August 23, 1949 to the late Edward and Alma Thompson Kennedy. Immediately after birth, Eugene was nicknamed “Goo” a name that would follow him throughout his life journey. During his formative years, Goo attended West Charlotte Senior High School where he graduated in 1967 (Charlotte, NC). Following his high school graduation, Eugene relocated to Fort Worth, Texas where he attended Fort Worth Community College (FWCC) as a standout athlete from 1968-1970. After completion of FWCC, Goo transferred to Texas Christian University (TCU) where he attended from 1970-71 as a student athlete and was named the Southwest Conference Player of the Year after leading the TCU Horned Frogs basketball team to the conference championship. Goo’s talents on the basketball court received national attention, after college Goo played four seasons in the American Basketball Association as a member of the Dallas Chaparrals, San Antonio Spurs, Spirits of St. Louis and the Utah Stars. He also played one season in the National Basketball Association with the Houston Rockets.

Eugene married the love of his life, Mary on December 22, 1971. Together, Mary and Goo demonstrated their love for children as foster care parent for over 20 years and raised and loved over 40 children during that span. Goo had a heart of gold which was evident in his life’s work of supporting children, particularly those with special needs. He furthered his love and support of children during his role as the manager of the Emergency Action Program for the Special Education/Alternative Education Center of the Carrollton-Farmer’s Branch School District and during his time with Richardson Independent School District where he most served children with special needs.

Many who were blessed to cross paths with Goo, frequently referred to him as a gentle giant, a man with a huge heart and as a hero and advocate for children.



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Goo is preceded in death by his parents Edward and Alma Thompson Kennedy, brothers Warren, Alfred and Henry Kennedy, sisters, Mary K. Attaway and Alma K. Enloe. Goo leaves to mourn: Mary Kennedy, his wife of 49 years, Eugenia M. Kennedy (daughter), Chase Kennedy (grandson), brother, Walter Kennedy (Linda), brother, Edward Kennedy (Doris), sister, Floree K. Abernathy of Charlotte NC, a host of nieces and nephews, alumni members and many close friends.

Eugene Kennedy, Sr, 71 of Dallas, Texas, passed away on December 8, 2020.

Visitation for our beloved Eugene "Goo" Kennedy Sr. will take place on Thursday, December 17th between 9am- 4pm at Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery (Dallas, Tx); a graveside service and internment will occur on Friday, December 18th at 11am at Cedar Hill Memorial Park.



Events


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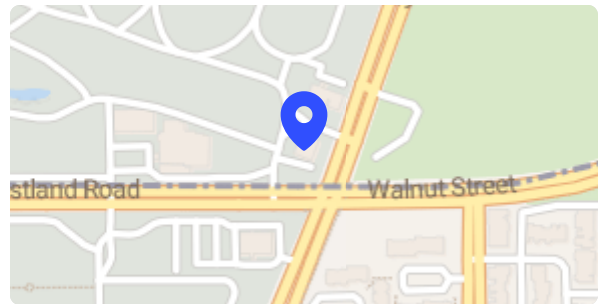
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Visitation

 **Thursday**, December 17, 2020

 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM CT


 **Restland Funeral Home & Crematory**
13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas TX 75243

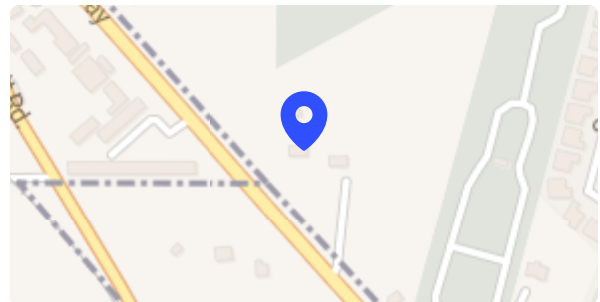


Graveside Service

 **Friday**, December 18, 2020

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

 **Cedar Hill Memorial Park Cemetery**
8301 Mansfield Hwy, Arlington TX 76001





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James H Kennedy posted:

I just heard about his death recently I was a big fan of his/tcu horned frogs back in the days he played. I would listen to them on the radio and keep up with his/team stats,mostly his..I played high school basketball at the time he was in college and with the same last name my coach would sometime called me GOO KENNEDY...and to me that was an honor...because this guy was in today's term was a beast...My Condolences to the FamilyJames H Kennedy

May 3 at 6:37 AM



Ashley Young, Jake, Luke And Kate Lewis sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Kennedy family.



December 23 at 1:08 PM



Thelma D Clemons lit a candle in honor of Eugene.

To the Family of Eugene Kennedy Sr. as well as my LS Mary Kennedy. Am keeping you and your entire family in my prayers. I am only a phone call away if there is anything that you need or if its just to talk and reflect on your memories . Soror Thelma Clemons



December 18 at 8:58 AM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Kennedy family.



December 17 at 11:51 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Kennedy family.



December 17 at 9:59 AM



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1967 Class Of West Charlotte Senior High posted:

Kennedy family just know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.1967 Class of West Charlotte Senior High School. Charlotte NC.

December 17 at 3:07 AM

SW **Sheila Washington** December 18 at 9:52 AM
Sorry for your lost,The Washington Family



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Kennedy family.



December 16 at 4:42 PM



Gail Crawford posted:

The best brother in law EVER! A gentle GIANT! We will miss you so much!!

December 16 at 2:36 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Kennedy family.



December 16 at 1:00 PM



Dallas County District Attorney's Office sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Kennedy family.



December 16 at 11:02 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Kennedy family.



December 16 at 10:28 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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