



Clarence Gene Thompson

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On August 28, 1932, Clarence Gene Thompson (Gene) was born in Dallas Texas to John Henry and Evelyn Connor Thompson. He died on April 12, 2024. His faith in God and family were the two most important things in his life - his own words.

Gene had a happy childhood with parents who cared deeply. He and brother Jerry would sleep outside on the roof of the shed during the summer and fall asleep looking up at the stars. During second grade, on the recommendation of his teacher who had spotted his talent, he was allowed to go by bus to weekly art lessons at the Dallas Museum of Art. He also went by trolley car to clarinet lessons at Fair Park.

He enjoyed talking about the ongoing "war" between the kids on Richard Avenue and those on Willard Street. It featured an Army of ten-year-olds, rubber guns of all types and hard-fought battles! He had a paper route and an allowance at that time of 25 cents a week, and every Saturday he would spend 15 cents on a movie and 10 cents on candy at the Arcadia Theater. At 16 he became an usher at that same theater. He played clarinet at Highland Park High School in the ROTC marching band and took bus trips with the band. Once he created a stir by wearing white socks and loafers with his uniform!

After graduating from Highland Park High School and during the war in Korea, Gene joined the United States Air Force, at the same time taking required courses at Texas Christian University. After the service, he then went on to graduate from Southern Methodist University. While attending SMU he sold GI housing, putting in many cold late hours and selling many houses. The sales skill he was developing later served him well.

In 1958 while working in New York City for Jones and Laughlin Steel, Gene met, fell in love with and married Mary Kathryn Waterman of Westchester County, New York. In 1962 he became a pioneer with a start-up company back in Dallas named Modern America Insurance, selling pension plans to small businesses in New York and Connecticut. He received many awards as one



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of their top salesmen. Then in 1974, Gene and his family moved to Dallas, Texas, where Gene joined the management team of Modern America, eventually becoming president of the company and holding this position for more than ten years. Gene went on to become a member of the local life insurance association, a chartered Financial Planner and a Principal of the National Association of Securities Dealers. At age 55 he took early retirement from Modern America and became an independent financial advisor.

In his later years, Gene became a member of the Unity Church of Dallas and enjoyed doing volunteer work, including joining the Board and becoming the Finance Committee head. He also participated in many classes there. Then he moved over to the Center for Spiritual Living and attended what he termed "the soul-searching meetings" of the Men's Group where he made worthwhile friends with genuine spiritual interest. He was also part of the bread ministry at St. Rita Church, delivering bread to local foodbanks. He was of course always ready and willing to pick up or deliver a grandchild to an activity. He loved helping out in any way he could.

He had many hobbies - art (painting); music - especially classical and country; photography, snow skiing and sailing on his 24-foot sailboat. He loved taking anyone in the family who wanted to go for a day of sailing on Lake Dallas. He was an excellent game-player and loved playing games with his grandchildren.

He is survived by Mary, his loving wife of 66 years; his children, James Connor Thompson and wife Portia; John Gregory Thompson and wife Lisa; and Elizabeth Thompson Grant and husband, Kevin; and was preceded in death by his oldest child, Edward Gene Thompson, and granddaughters Nicole Renee Thompson and Olivia Marie Grant. He leaves ten grandchildren: Natalie Rose Thompson, Meaghan Elizabeth Grant, Kelley Eileen Grant, Ryan Matthew Grant, Mary Grant Girard, Elizabeth Anne Grant, Emily Grant Smith, Kevin Patrick Grant, Michael John Paul Grant, Colin Anthony Grant; and great-grandchild, Jace Allen Grant.

Gene was kind and gentle and caring. He was a blessing in the lives of his family and those who knew him. Nothing was more important to him than his family. He believed that he had led a good and full life, and that whatever God had planned for him after death would be perfect.



Events

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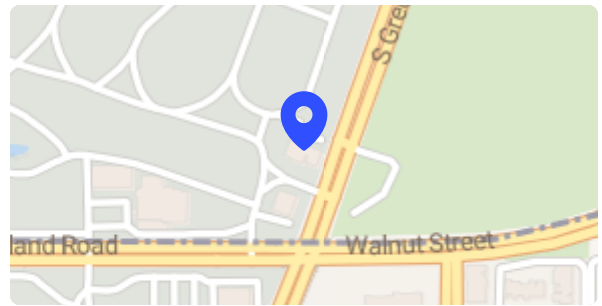
Visitation

Thursday, April 18, 2024

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT

The Wildwood Chapel at Restland Memorial Park

13005 Greenville Ave, Dallas TX 75243



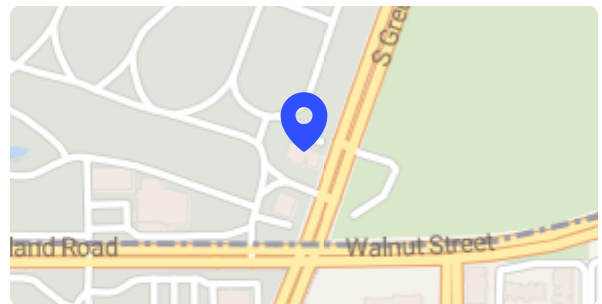
Funeral Service

Thursday, April 18, 2024

2:00 PM CT

The Wildwood Chapel at Restland Memorial Park

13005 Greenville Ave, Dallas TX 75243



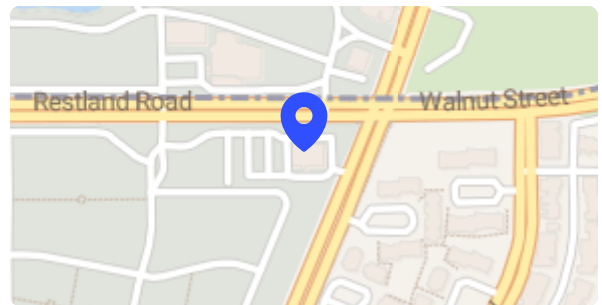
Reception

Thursday, April 18, 2024

3:00 PM CT

Restland Event Center

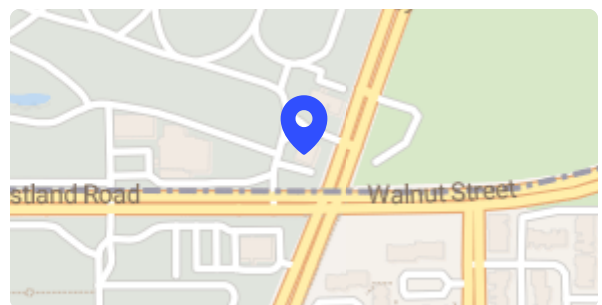
9220 Restland Road, Dallas TX 75243



Cemetery Details

Restland Cemetery
13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas TX 75243

(469) 925-1436





Tribute Wall

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Faysquad sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Thompson family.

April 17 at 3:19 PM



Anonymous sent a The Endless Sky Spray to the Thompson family.

April 16 at 1:51 PM



Timothy Moore posted:

I remember Gene vividly as such a thoughtful, generous, kind, and gentle man. He seemed with every encounter to epitomize what a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather could be to my dear friends, The Grant Family. I admired him from afar, and share the Moore family's prayers for him and his family.

April 16 at 12:20 PM



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Thompson family.

April 16 at 12:09 PM



Larry & Barbara Callaway planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Clarence.

April 16 at 12:09 PM



Nancy And Roy Evjen sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Thompson family.

April 16 at 6:52 AM





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HA

Heidi Germain And Alex sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Thompson family.

April 16 at 6:35 AM



HA

Heidi Germain And Alex planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Clarence.

April 16 at 6:35 AM



KF

Kathy And James Pedicano And Family sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Thompson family.

April 16 at 6:24 AM



KF

Kathy And James Pedicano And Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Clarence.

April 16 at 6:24 AM



RF

Roundtree, Brown, & Gracey Families sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Thompson family.

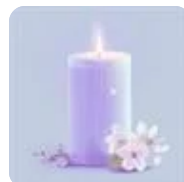
April 16 at 4:42 AM



NE

Nancy Evjen lit a candle in honor of Clarence.
Nancy Evjen lit a candle in memory of Clarence Thompson

April 15 at 10:43 PM





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GL

Greg And Lisa sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Thompson family.



April 15 at 5:50 PM

NE

Nancy Evjen posted:

Gene Thompson was my brother-in-law. I met him when I was just 9 years old. My two sisters, Kathy and Patty, and I used to call Gene: "Southern Gene" due to his Texas accent and his impeccable Southern-style mannerisms. I remember visiting he and my sister, Mary, when they lived in Cheshire. My sister, Mary, and Gene belonged to a small beach club and when we visited them during the summer, Gene would take us out sailing! Gene was always so patient and kind with Mary's 3 little sisters!! I remember, during a low point in my life, Gene wrote me a beautiful 3-page letter of encouragement. He was a wonderful husband to my sister, Mary, and a very loving father to his children: Jim, Greg and Liz. He was especially fond of his grandchildren and took many, many pictures of them which he then mailed to my mom and dad (his mother and father in law) so they could see all their great grandchildren and enjoy watching them grow up. Gene will long be remembered and missed by those who knew him...RIP, sweet Gene..

April 15 at 5:19 PM

WE

With Love- Roy & Diana Evjen sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Thompson family.



April 15 at 2:13 PM

WE

With Love- Roy & Diana Evjen planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Clarence.



April 15 at 2:13 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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