



Billy Gene George

January 16, 1934 - May 11, 2025

Billy Gene George age 91yrs., of Hot Springs, AR passed from this earth on May 11th, 2025 at home with his wife and children by his side.

He was born Jan. 16 1934 in Briggsville, AR., the eldest son of of William Luther and Myrtle Oma George.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 sisters, Gladys Vaughn and Lucille Moody. One brother, Lonnie George.

Gene worked hard alongside his family growing up. The days were long and the pay little but as they would gather for their meals they were nourished through the laughter, love and fellowship around their long family table.

Billy Gene went into the United States Army during the Korean conflict where he served as a medic, stationed in Japan

Once out of the Army he soon met and married the love of his life Yvonne Sanders George on June 28, 1957.

He worked hard as an EMT for Gross ambulance/funeral home while also working as an orderly at St. Joseph Hospital, all while getting his GED.

He and Yvonne had two daughters and one son during this time and with his jobs and school he always placed God and family first.

Gene then studied to become a funeral director. He was dedicated to the hundred's of families he cared for with compassion and his genuine love for people over the 47 years as a funeral director. He also enjoyed training the new funeral directors, using that amazing smile and his great humor.

He and his wife enjoyed working on projects at home and in their beautiful

yard and gardens.

Gene loved God, family and Country and instilled those values in all of his family, not so much by his words but by the way he lived.

He is survived by his wife of 67 yrs., Yvonne; his two daughters Julie (Richie) Rurup, and Amy Beth (Chris) Meggers; and one son Rusty (Kim) George. Two brothers, Johnny (Shirley) George and Raymond George.

Six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren and a multitude of nieces and nephews. He had a HUGE heart and loved all of them every day of his life.

Graveside service 11:30, Thursday, May 15, 2025, at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Visitation will be 10:00 – 11:00, Thursday at Hot Springs Funeral Home Chapel.

Officiating, Brother Jeremy Graves & Harry Crabtree

Pallbearers are Son, Son-in-laws, Grandsons and Great Grandsons

Honorary Pallbearers, Hot Springs Funeral Home past & present staff

Previous Events

Graveside

MAY 15. 11:30 AM.

Pleasant Hill Cemetery
Hot Springs, AR

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Gene George, far right, drove ambulances for Gross Mortuary many years before becoming a funeral director. Gene encouraged me to become a funeral director, and I have now been licensed 53 years. When my mother passed away, he was our funeral director and did everything perfectly. Rest now good friend, you have served us well.
Jim Moshinskie, President, OakCrest Funeral Homes, Waco, Texas



Jim Moshinskie - May 21, 2025 at 05:23 PM

BD

So very sorry to hear of the loss of Gene. He was a perfect guy for his job. Well liked and respected!

Bill Dever - May 22, 2025 at 11:17 PM

JR

It looks like being tall, dark and handsome is part of the job requirement! Thank you for the pic and kind words. He was certainly one of a kind and I couldn't be more proud to be his daughter.
Julie

julie rurup - May 23, 2025 at 12:32 PM

DG

Very sorry to learn of Gene's passing. He was among the "legends" (Carlis Parker, Buddy Johnson) that served Hot Springs families in the funeral profession. Gene served my family in 1995 when my mother passed away. Gene was a fine man and funeral director. My condolences to Gene's family.

Dennis Gamble - August 11, 2025 at 01:50 AM

SN

“ I was honored to work with Gene at Gross Mortuary riding the old Cadillac ambulances. I learned a lot from him and I always considered it a blessing our paths crossed all those years ago. Paz y amor.

Steve Nawojczyk - May 16, 2025 at 07:51 AM

BH

“ I remember Gene for many year working at Gross! He was a good friend of my uncle CB Renegar and. Promised my grandma he would see she had a good funeral, which he did! He worked there before we had ambulance service and was really good with people! My sympathy to his family especially his daughter and grandsons! I am sure there is a happy reunion with friends in heaven🙏🙏

betty Harrison - May 14, 2025 at 01:27 PM

KW

“ He was such a kind, caring and strong man. I loved your Daddy, he was always a comfort for me. He will be missed by many. So wonderful he went to be with his Mama on Mother's Day ❤️

Kathy Weaver - May 14, 2025 at 09:52 AM

SH

“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Wall



Sheila - May 13, 2025 at 03:27 PM

MR

I apologize that I had missed this crucial time in his life as well as the family. He always went out of his way with our family members through the years . A final thank you is due, and God bless the family for such a wonderful individual to have been such a longtime family friend. You will be missed Mr G.! Rest in peace, my friend and thank you Sir! God bless the family.

Michael Ridgeway - May 13, 2025 at 09:43 PM

JT

“ *He was a very nice person and will be missed by many*



jeanie Trunkenbolz - May 13, 2025 at 02:26 PM

CY

“ *Yvonne, Julie, Amy, Rusty, and George Family,
Gene and I go way back to the Johnson Cleaners days of old! I have always admired and respected his warmth and laughter through all these many years.*



Amy, your dad was one of the first to reach out to us when we lost our son Trace, with his big ole bear hugs. He remembered him from when Trace was little and he would help take out his suites. He loved you all dearly by the way he always spoke about his family. He will surely be missed but reunited again in the blink of an eye. Our hearts and prayers for comfort are being asked to wrap around you.

Rest In Jesus Sir, Candace & Trent Young

Candace Young - May 13, 2025 at 01:56 PM