



Gene Wayne Branam

April 30, 1941 - March 1, 2015

Gene Wayne Branam, age 73, died suddenly at his home Sunday, Morning, March 1, 2015. Gene was born in Newport, where he lived until he and his family moved to Cleveland, Ohio, when he was nine. Not wanting to leave his home town he promised to get back to Newport as soon as he could. After graduating from West High School in Cleveland, he joined the United States Marine Corps, where he served four years. He served as a motion picture photographer, filming documentaries in Washington, DC and traveling with the Marine Corps football team. He was also sent to the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. After completing his military tour of duty, he returned to Tennessee, where he enrolled at the University of Tennessee, majoring in business administration. He later worked for Dun and Bradstreet, living in Knoxville and Chattanooga for several years. He then worked for Hawk Grocery Company in Newport for many years before becoming retail sales manager for Lodge Manufacturing in South Pittsburgh, Tennessee, from which he retired in 2007. He was a member of the Cocke County Republican Party, and served on the District Advisory Board. He also served as chairman of the Book Committee which compiled, Cocke County, Tennessee, and Its People. He loved history and spoke to several local clubs and organizations to encourage the accurate teaching of History in the education field. Gene loved hiking, camping, traveling, reading, genealogy, and politics. During his retirement years, he enjoyed visiting friends to discuss history and current events over a cup of coffee. Gene loved his community and served on the Library Board and Foster

Care Review Board for several years. He was a member of Southside Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Anderson A. Branam and Georgia Newcome Branam; brother, Floyd A. Branam; sister, Lois Sprouse; niece, Kim Ball and nephew, Donnie Gray of California. Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Linda McMahan Branam; son, David McMahan Branam; daughter, Lisa Marie (Michael) Webb; grandson, and joy of his life, Gabriel; sister, Claudia Branam Gray of Sacramento, California; sister-in-law, Mary Carlise Branam; nieces, Linda (Bradley) Britton, Georgia, Sandra (Marshall) Knight, Indiana; Julie (Jimmy) Tritt, Knoxville; Jamie (Tom) Kridler; nephews, Ronnie, David and Chuckie Gray, California; also other family and friends. Funeral services will be held at 7:30 pm Tuesday, March 3, 2015 in Manes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Harold Ball and David Ramsay officiating. Burial will be held at 11: 00 am on March 4, 2015 in Union Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm until 7:30 pm at Manes Funeral Home prior to the funeral service. Family and friends may sign the guest register on line at: www.manesfuneralhome.com
Manes Funeral Home in charge.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gene Wayne Branam*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Linda and family, I am so sorry to hear of Gene's passing away . I remember when I sneaked out of CCHS one afternoon with a car load of girls. We had went up the road by the IGA at the time and turned down the street you lived on pulled in the parking*

Lynn Sutton Porter - March 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. May his memory will always be a blessing for your family.*

Bill Hicks & Diana Steinfeld Hicks - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Linda, so sorry to hear of the loss of Gene. A great man who will be missed by many. Prayers to you and your family.*

Amy - March 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *We at Lodge Mfg. Company were so sorry to hear about Gene. He was a very likable person and easy to get along with. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sincerely, Shirley Thomas Lodge Mfg. Company*

Shirley Thomas - March 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Linda and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Glenda Shaver Wheeler - March 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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GK

“ Dot and I are so very sorry to hear of your loss.

Gary S. and Dorothy J. Kyker - March 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Linda, please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss.

Amber Moore - March 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ So sorry for your loss , our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in the difficult days ahead ...Ron, Laura , Sam and Lauryn

laura munn - March 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Gene Wayne Branam

Angie Gentry - March 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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AB

“ *Gene Wayne Branam*

Abby Balch - March 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Gene will be missed. What a true gentleman and friend. Prayers are going out to the family.*

Donn and Annette Berney - March 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss!*

Tammy Hopkins - March 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *With deepest sympathy. We pray for God's comfort for your family.*

Tunney and Alyce Moore - March 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *My heart is heavy for you all. Keeping you in prayers. Love you, Linda! Love you David!*

Becky Dance - March 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ *Sending our thoughts and prayers, Ray Family*

Glenn & Sonya Ray - March 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Linda, I am so sorry for your loss of Gene. I've known him for a very long time and he was always a nice, kind and friendly person who was easy to talk to. I will miss our neighborhood talks about family, walking, politics and just plain chit-chat. You w

Mary Lindsey - March 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Sorry to hear of Genes passing. Dan enjoyed many conversations with Gene at the coffee shop.

Mary Salisbury - March 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ You are in my prayers.

Robin Conway - March 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Gene Wayne Branam

Betty Harrison - March 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Linda, Don and I were shocked today when we learned of Gene's death. We are so sorry. You and Gene became our friends very early in our marriage. Some of my favorite stories from those days involve our trips to UT and the dinners we shared as couples in

Paula Moss - March 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Linda and family, So sorry to hear about Gene. He will be missed by everyone that knew him. When you seen him in town he always had a kind word for you. Will be keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Missy Nease Wood and Mike - March 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Linda, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know you will be in my prayers.

Mitzi Moore Satterfield - March 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Our sincerest and deepest sympathy!

Bettye & Jay Carver - March 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ David, I'm so sorry for your loss, I pray that God will comfort you and give you peace.

Jennifer Shelton Blevins - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ We are sorry to hear of Gene's passing. It was such a pleasure to visit with you (Linda) and him on the cruise a couple of years ago. May God bless you and comfort you. Jim and Susan Ogle

Jim and Susan Ogle - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Sorry for your loss.

Ben & Jill Butler - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Linda, David, and Lisa I'm so sorry for your loss. I know you all are going to miss him. He was a good person and someone you all can be very proud of to have called him your dad and a wonderful husband. May god be with you all.

Cindy wise - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

IJ

“ Linda & family, I am so very sorry to learn of Gene's passing! He was a true gentlemen in every manner!! My heart and my prayers are with you and your family. Fondly, Iliff

Iliff McMahan, Jr. - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Linda, David and Lisa... So sorry to hear about Gene's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Sam-Sheryl-Elijah - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Linda we're sorry for your great loss...Gene was a man of pure class....all the time.....

Chopper & Johnnie Sue Phillips - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ So sorry for your loss, you all are in my thoughts and prayers. I can't believe he's gone it seems like just last week we were on a ship with not a worry in the world, then return home and lose him in the middle of the night. God bless you and ease your p

Sheila Hill - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Linda, David, and Lisa, I am so very sorry for your loss. The grief is incredible, I know. You will now begin to learn to navigate your new normal. Many blessings as all of you travel this new course. May God grant each of you his grace, mercy, and love,

Gail Burchette - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Linda and children I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You all will be in my prayers and if there is anything I can do for you all please let me know.

Lillie Leffler - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ My heart is so sadden and shocked to hear of the passing of Gene. Gene was a part of our writers group in Morristown TN for a time He was kind man whos essays were a delight to read and hear. His love for the history of his native county and surrounding a

Cathy Colins Wilson - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Linda, so very sorry to learn of the sudden loss of Gene. He was always so much fun to talk with and we loved running into the two of you at restaurants. May you feel the comfort of the Lord's arms around you as you struggle with this loss.

Joey & Diana McGaha - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Gene Wayne Branam

D C & WILMA RAMSEY - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ David We are so sorry for the loss you and your family has suffered. Our prayers are with you as you grieve your Dad. Bobby, Elaine, Paul, Meredith, Michael and Myleigh

Elaine and Bobby Harper - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Mrs. Branam, I am so very sorry for your loss. You have been in my thoughts and will continue to be. I am also thinking of your family. Again, I am so sorry.

Amy LaVonne Williams Pitts - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BQ

“ I was so sorry to hear about Gene's passing. I enjoyed talking with him on several occasions. We shared a passion for history. In fact I hoped to get up with him and have him show me where the battle of Schultz Mill took place at Cosby. I know Gene wi

Bill Quinn - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Gene was such a delightful person. We always enjoyed talking with him. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you during this time.

Kathy, Shawn & Elizabeth Hemsworth - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Linda, David and Lisa I was so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. Please know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers. Much Love, Melanie

Melanie Strange Smith - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ My sincere thoughts and prayers are with each of you. He loved his family and was grateful for his friends and love of history and writing. To Linda, David, and Lisa, I know you will have great memories. Thank you, Linda, for teaching my son. Love to all

Jeanne Birdwell - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ To the Branam Family, I ask God to provide you all with the strength necessary during this time of loss. Gene was a great man, father, and role model type. I wish you all joy in celebrating his life thru memories that you guys will always be able to hol

Daryl Hall - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Linda, my deepest condolences to you and your family. I had not seen Gene in several years but always enjoyed visiting with him when we did meet up.

Ronald Robeson - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

Linnie Denton - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ My thoughts and prayers sent to this family.

Rochell Crum Lewis - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Sorry to hear about Gene's passing our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Jeff and Julie Kyker - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Gene Wayne Branam

April Webb Depew - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Gene Wayne Branam

Greg Cates - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ My deepest sympathies on your loss.

William Woody - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ Linda & family I am so sorry for your loss. May God be with you and comfort you in the upcoming days.

Elaine Proffitt Gunter - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ Gene Wayne Branam

Earl & Ila Ruth Edmonds - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Gene Wayne Branam

Tiffany Dover - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, my thoughts are with you.*

Melanie Strickler - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Gene Wayne Branam*

Celeste Rader Collins - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *Linda & family, we are so sorry for your loss. Gene will be missed by all who knew him. Keeping all of you in thoughts and prayers.*

Parker & Nanette Wilds - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ *So sorry*

paula dunn - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *My heart is broken for your loss. There are no words I can say that will ease your pain. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Tina Kilgore - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *So very sorry to hear about Gene. Thinking of you, and hoping you find peace when remembering all the special moments you shared.*

Melanie Cates Wade - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ *Mrs. Branam, I am so sorry for your loss.*

Kristie Overholt Norton - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Gene Wayne Branam*

Donna & Sam Garvin - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Gene Wayne Branam*

Steve Webb - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *With our sympathy and prayers!*

Rob and Lisa Myers - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *Our prayers and thought are with you.*

Wiley & Betty Morgan - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Gene Wayne Branam*

Jennifer Jenkins - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Sending our condolences on the passing of Gene. Prayers for all of you Linda, David, and Lisa.*

Bobby,Dean, and Crystal Crumbley - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Linda, we are so sorry for your loss. Gene made our wedding pictures 40 years ago this month. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your children.

Dale and Nancy Raines - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ So terribly sorry that Gene has died so young and so unexpectedly. We considered him a dear friend and we will miss him greatly. We continue to pray for all the family in this time of need.

Claire Crouch and Stephen Eldridge - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Dearest Linda our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!

Debbie and Heather Greene - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Gene Wayne Branam

George and Diana Hayes - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Linda, My heart is breaking for you. I am so sorry to hear that Gene has left us, and I send my love and prayers to all of you. Love, Linda

Linda & Bud Dawson - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Dear Linda and Family, We were sorry to hear about Gene. We will be praying for all of you. Love, Ramona and Benji

Ramona & Benji Tallent - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Gene Wayne Branam*

Ray Fancher - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Dearest Linda, David and Lisa, Warm thoughts and prayers for each of you. I am so sorry for this sudden loss. I will be in touch soon. Sorry I can't be there. Love each of you.*

Marilyn Dragoo - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Your in my (and my family's) thoughts and prayers David. If you need anything please do not hesitate to ask...were always here for you and your family. With Love, Brittney*

Brittney C. - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Linda, I am so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. Deepest sympathy to you and your family. My family will be praying for all of you. Love, June, Tonya and Susan*

June Holt Russell - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Linda & family: Praying for you and your sweet family. I know Gene will be greatly missed. We are praying for comfort and peace for days ahead. We love you all.*

Mark & Kim Pratt - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ Linda, we are so saddened to learn of Gene's passing. He was a remarkable person and I am glad he was our friend. You and your children are in our prayers.s

Fletcher and Penny Ervin - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Gene Wayne Branam

Peggy & Fred Giles - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sending our love, The Bells

John, Vida, Luke and Meredith Bell - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Linda, we are so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. The family is in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

E(

“ We were so sad to here about Gene. Linda you are always so kind to me and we will pray that Gabriel will find comfort during this time. We will keep your family in our prayers.

Emma & Shane Allen (Addison) - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Gene Wayne Branam

Louise & Jimmy Hux - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Linda, my prayers and thoughts are with you and the family. I am so sorry about your loss. Love to you and the family.

Peggy Jones Burns - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Sorry for your loss Linda, David and Lisa.

Shelly Kyker Hales - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Gene Wayne Branam

Mr.& Mrs. Gerald W.Taylor & Family - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I am so sad to hear of Gene's passing. Prayers for your family.
Deepest Sympathy, Carla

Carla Humphreys-Justus - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Linda I am so sorry to hear about Gene's passing. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Randy and Libby Clevenger - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM