



Gene "Cueball" Raymond Olaker

January 2, 1936 - June 2, 2012

Gene Raymond "Cueball" Olaker, 76, of Newport, Tennessee, formerly of Williamson, WV, sealed his agreement with God and went home on Saturday, June 2, 2012, from Lifecare of Jefferson City.

Gene attended Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church in Newport, TN.

Born January 2, 1936, Gene grew into a baseball star at Williamson High School and developed a lifelong love of sports, including billiards, which earned him his nickname.

He worked a variety of jobs including a stint in law enforcement before finding a position in the Pocahontas Division of the Norfolk-Southern Railroad, where he served as a yard engineer until his retirement. After retiring, he and his wife moved to the Smoky Mountains and enjoyed attending concerts and shows in Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg throughout the year. Although he left West Virginia behind, he never left the sports programs at WVU and Marshall University and remained an enthusiastic supporter of both until his death. He was veteran having served in the United States Army.

A heart attack and stroke in 1997 curtailed his dancing abilities, but he remained loyal to the 50's music anyhow. A visit to his home would, more often than not, include listening to Fats Domino or some other popular 50's group, because no other music was ever that good.

Gene was predeceased by his parents and by his sister, Judy Hall and brother-in-law, Doffie Hall both of Williamson.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Billie Jean Smith Olaker of Newport, his

children, Lynn Smith, Gene Olaker, Jr., and Rick Olaker all of Georgia, and Kenneth Olaker of Dandridge, two daughters-in-law, Merrilyn Olaker of Georgia and Tammy Olaker of Dandridge, his brother and sister-in-law, Burl and Noka Olaker of Williamson, and his sister and brother-in-law, Sue and Nordi Gilliam of Michigan. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and also leaves behind a host of friends and loved ones, including his beloved dog, Ginger.

Funeral services will be held 8:00 pm Thursday, June 7, 2012 in Manes Funeral Home Chapel., with Dr. Craig Ward officiating. Burial will be held 11:00 am Friday, June 8, 2012 in Resthaven Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 5-8 pm Thursday at Manes Funeral Home prior to the funeral services.

Family and friends may sign the guest register on line at: www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Manes Funeral Home in charge.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gene "Cueball" Raymond Olaker*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *My thoughts are with you all during this sad time. I will always remember the hospitality shown to me in Gene and Billie's home. I will treasure the fond memories.*

Shawna Leff - June 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss Rick. Thinking of you and your family.*

Linda Case - June 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *So Sorry for your loss, he will be missed at our L.A.B.C. May He Rest In The Arms Of our Lord.*

Danny & Kathy Webb - June 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear of Gene's (Cueball) passing. My thoughts and prayers are with him and his family. Larry Smith Corona, California*

Larry Smith - June 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tammy and family. I am so sorry I missed the visitation last night .. Angie was home and I forgot... If there is anything mom and I can do ..please let me know.*

edie corbin - June 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ Kenny, sorry about your dad. I was reading about him and it sounds that he led his life to the fullest. I'm going to try to make it to the funeral home.

Eugena Costner - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ With deepest sympathy for your loss. Gene was a wonderful person and was always kind to me and my family. May God Bless each of you with his comfort. Sincerely, Eddie, Kristy, McKenzie Templin and Jake McClanhan

Kristy Templin - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Kevin & Kellye Martin family of LABC send our condolences and will be praying for the family, sorry for your loss but praise in heavens gain.

Kevin Martin - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ We will really miss Gene. He was a great guy. Our thoughts & prayers are with Billie Jean, Kenneth & Tammy. We'll be down to visit soon. Love, Debbie & Jon

debbie bradley - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ We are members of Lincoln Ave. and would like to express our deepest sympathies to you and your family. We are praying for God to give you comfort and guidance at this time in your life. If there is anything we can do for you please feel free to ask.. May God

Barry&Regina Hawkins - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ It was a pleasure to have known "Cueball". I always enjoyed spending time with him. Condolences to the family.

Larry Moses - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Billie Jean, We're so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, Shirley May and family

Gina May-Justice - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Kenny "Cueball", very sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I'll always remember how your parents liked to sit out on their front porch here in West End; such good people. May God bless you during t

Jacob Maynard - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Thinking of you at this sad time. Love, Pauline

Pauline Roberson - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy.

Don Chapman - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Sorry for your lost

lisa gregg - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *May he rest in piece with his maker. Remembered well by Elton and Noah Brunty.*

Noah brunty - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *We will miss you Uncle Gene, on the flip side, I know you and my mom are just jitterbuggin away listening to your alls oldies, We love and miss you*

ralphie and skylar hall - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Billie, Kenny & Extended family So sorry to hear of Gene's death. Our hearts and prayers go out to you during this difficult time. God Bless You All Travis & Pam Maness*

Travis & Pam Maness - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Kenny, "Q-ball" Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Very sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. Jacob*

J.A. "JAM" Maynard - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *So sorry to hear of Gene's death. Will be holding you in my prayers during this difficult time.*

Lois Ferrell Greenwell - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *Kenny, My deepest sympathy on the loss of your father. You and your family are in my thoughts.*

B. J. Thompson - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Praying that the Lord will comfort you with His peace... surround you with His love... and encourage you with His presence. With deepest sympathy, Jabo, Tammy, Madison & Montana*

Tammy Francis - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ *My prayers are with the family.*

Larry A Owens - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Dear Kenny and Tammie, We are so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. Our sincere condolences go out to you and your family. If there is anything we can do for you, please let us know. Love, Chris and Mitzie*

Chris and Mitzie Martin - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Gene "Cueball" Raymond Olaker*

KATHY AND BUDDY BARNETT - June 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM