



Eugene "Gene" Coons

August 11, 1941 - July 9, 2018

Eugene Virgil "Gene" Coons, departed his earthly home in Cross City, Florida, peacefully in his sleep, and entered into his heavenly home on Monday, July 9, 2018.

Bro. Gene was born August 11, 1941 in Gallatin, New York and proud to serve his country in the U.S. Navy. Praise the Lord for the Navy because that is how he met Karen in Orlando, FL. After they wed, they started their business, American Blue Printing.

In 1976, Bro. Gene surrendered to the Lord's call to full time ministry. He earned his BD, Masters, and Doctor of Ministry from Luther Rice Seminary. He began his ministry by serving as a deacon at Victory Baptist Church, Orlando, FL.

In 1978, he was ordained into Gospel Ministry and served as pastor at Oak Dale Baptist Church, Newberry, FL for almost 8 years, then the Lord called him into full time Evangelism for 8 years.

In 1994, the Lord called Bro. Gene to pastor Hope Baptist Church, Theresa, FL for over 14 years. During his tenure, church facilities and properties were expanded and established Hope Christian Academy.

In 2008, Bro. Gene retired full time pastoral ministries. He and Sister Karen moved to Cross City, FL and he served several churches in that area as interim Pastor.

He loved spending time with his family, fishing, golfing and watching sports.

Bro. Gene's mission in life was preaching the word, exhorting the saved, witnessing for Christ and mentoring young preachers.

Bro. Gene is survived by his wife of 54 years, Karen Coons; daughter, Kristen Coons McRae (Malcolm) of Tallahassee, FL; brothers, Bobby (Delores) Coons, Raymond (Pam) Coons, Clifford (JoAnn) Coons, all of NY, and Terry (Gwen) Coons, of Newberry, FL; sisters, Veronica Urban, Irene Wilms, Joanna Decker, Linda (Son) Tran, all of NY, and Sherry (John) Scism, of PA and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kerri Coons, brothers, Ernie Coons and baby Robert, sisters, Jean Cade, Kim Martin and Carol Wilms, and his parents Ernest and Caroline Coons.

Funeral services for Bro. Gene will be held 3:00 pm Thursday, July 12, 2018 at New Prospect Baptist Church, with Rev. Donnie Lott, Pastor Jason Jones, and Pastor Jeffrey Vaught officiating. Interment will follow at New Prospect Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Baptist Church of Jena, building fund.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Home, Cross City, FL 352-498-5400 and Chiefland, FL 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Summerville / New Prospect Cemetery

220 SE 571 Street
Old Town, FL 32680

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

New Prospect Baptist Church
220 New Prospect Rd
old town, FL 32608

Service

JUL 12. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Eugene "Gene" Coons

October 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ Eugene "Gene" Coons

January 30, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ I will always remember the times we worked together at Macgregor Smith Blueprinting then American Blueprinting Gene has always been a role model for me God Bless you all , my prayers are with you , sincerely David Moore



David Moore - August 27, 2018 at 08:09 PM



“ Brother Gene was a very special person to me and my husband. He married us 34 years ago. More importantly he led us both to the Lord. We were so blessed to have him as a pastor and a friend. Brother Gene's love for the Lord, God's word, his family. and his church families are a few of the things I will always remember about this great man.

betty maye - July 20, 2018 at 10:20 AM

DS

“ Bro. Gene was huge influence in my early Christian days. I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior while he was pastor at Hope Baptist Church in 1999. We so loved his godly presence and am so grateful God put Bro. Gene in my life!

Dawn Silvious - July 12, 2018 at 07:23 PM

MB

“ I hate I can't be with you guys today . Brother Gene was a great aspect of my life growing up. You guys will always be loved. Prayers sent.

Marilyn Beck - July 12, 2018 at 09:32 AM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" Coons.



July 12, 2018 at 09:16 AM

JH

“ I was bless to call him Uncle. When I was 11 we came down to visit and uncle Gene took us all to Disney. My brother Jeff and I were sitting in the first car with Uncle Gene, per his request. All 3 of us got wet on the pirates of the Caribbean ride. Uncle Gene calls back "does anyone have a towel"? He was a man full of love for the Lord and his family. Love him so much and I know we will all meet on the beautiful shore. Aunt Karen, Krissy and Malcolm my love, prayers, and thoughts are with you. Love Jackie

Jackie Herber - July 12, 2018 at 05:24 AM

JH

“ Thank you Lord for sending Brother Gene to us (and sister Karen) to lift us up and understand your word. Love is what he preached. Amen ...Joan

Joan huyck - July 11, 2018 at 07:34 PM

RC

“ Many great memories with Bro. Gene and Sis. Karen over the last 13 years and many great messages from God's Word through him. Will surely miss you brother, and will see you soon.

Ruth Cornell - July 11, 2018 at 03:13 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" Coons.



July 11, 2018 at 01:40 PM

TL

“ Toni L. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Eugene "Gene" Coons.



Toni L. - July 11, 2018 at 12:54 PM

TP

“ *To God Be The Glory, there are no questions of where this man called by God is. Heaven Bound his spirit took flight and landed. He's with family and friends whom traveled there before him and what a time what a time they are having. There's no rush for Bible Study, Sunday Church Service to end. He has all the time in the world to continue his calling. HE promised us that HE would go and prepare a place for us. No worries Gene's mansion was already furnished and waiting.*

Ms. Toni known by some as Sunshine, sincerely love you all.

Toni Presley - July 11, 2018 at 10:35 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" Coons.*



July 11, 2018 at 09:00 AM



“ *Fellowship with Brother Gene and Sister Karen were special moments for my wife Rhonda and I. Being from the Navy and having kids in the Military, brother Gene was always SO Loving to my family. I will always remember our time at Hope Baptist. See you on that Hill, Brother!*

*Love,
John Evans(SW/AW/FMF)
USN Retired*

John Evans - July 11, 2018 at 07:56 AM