



Eugene "Gene" Van Aernam

September 19, 1939 - June 9, 2018

Eugene "Gene" Van Aernam, 78, of Old Town, Florida, passed away on Saturday, June 9, 2018.

Gene was born September 19, 1939 in Stuart, Iowa. He lived most of his life in Dixie County where he was a logger, tractor salesman and the owner and operator of Gene Van Aernam Trucking. He formerly served 2 terms on the Dixie County School Board. He enjoyed serving the Lord and was a member of Salt Creek Baptist Church. He spent several years in Franklin, NC at his cabin that he loved. His passion in life was serving the Lord by helping others. He was taught to play the harmonica by his grandfather and enjoyed playing and singing with his sons. He loved everyone and was loved by everyone.

Gene is survived by his wife Shirley Van Aernam; sons, Frankie Van Aernam (Tammie), Wayne-o Van Aernam (Karen) and Kimbo Van Aernam (Katrina), all of Cross City, FL; step-sons, Clint Johnson (Jennifer), David Welch (Anna) and Joseph Glenn Welch (Teresa); step-daughters, Pam Pate (Lewis), Toma Michael (Gregory), Dana Corbin (Kenny) and Lynda Kinsey (Dale); brother Jack Van Aernam (JoAnn) of Old Town; sister Karen Coons (Gene) of Cross City; 23 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 11:00AM at New Prospect Baptist Church with Rev. Gene Coons, Rev. Jason Jones and Rev.

Everette Hicks officiating. Interment will follow at New Prospect Baptist Church Cemetery. A visitation will be held Tuesday evening, June 12, 2018, at Rick Gooding Funeral Home between the hours of 6 and 8pm.

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

Cemetery Details

New Prospect Baptist Church

220 New Prospect Rd
old town, FL 32608

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City
16984 SE Hwy 19
Cross City, FL 32628
(352) 498-5400

Service

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Eugene "Gene" Van Aernam

October 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ Eugene "Gene" Van Aernam

January 30, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ Gene was a good and very special man --- a contractor with a very creative work ethic --- a friend who was easy to love. Our sympathy to his family. Mill Creek Country Club Development in Franklin, N.C.

Fred Fisher - July 01, 2018 at 08:48 AM



“ As his granddaughter I absolutely loved him and im going to miss him so much.

Samantha Harris - June 14, 2018 at 07:29 AM



“ We lived on the mountain below Gene's cabin. Wonderful man. Didn't see him often but always friendly and very nice. I remember the morning we got up with a big snow on the ground and Gene had scraped the snow off our driveway, our renter's driveway and the drive to my husband's shop. I was parked in the road one day unloading my car when Gene came through and I started to move out of his way..but that wouldn't do for Gene until he had helped carry everything in for me. Always stopped to ask how we were and share a big smile. He will be missed.

John and Carolyn Craig - June 13, 2018 at 06:10 AM

RC

“ Ring Power Corporation purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Eugene "Gene" Van Aernam.



Ring Power Corporation - June 12, 2018 at 02:51 PM

GF

“ GP-Wood & Fiber Supply-Perry, Florida purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Eugene "Gene" Van Aernam.



GP-Wood & Fiber Supply-Perry, Florida - June 12, 2018 at 01:38 PM



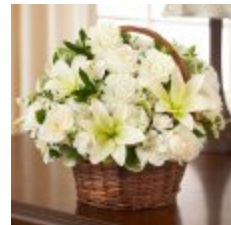
“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" Van Aernam.



June 12, 2018 at 12:58 PM

PC

“ Purvis, Gray & Company purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Eugene "Gene" Van Aernam.



Purvis, Gray & Company - June 12, 2018 at 11:43 AM

LA

“ He was a hard working man that gave his family a legacy of faith family and the ability to provide jobs for a lot of people. Praying for you .

Lynette Allen - June 11, 2018 at 09:44 PM



“ Prayer for the family. Mr. Gene was a loved man and will be truly missed.
The Phelps family

Robin Osteen Phelps - June 11, 2018 at 07:30 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" Van Aernam.



June 11, 2018 at 06:50 PM



“ Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" Van Aernam.



June 11, 2018 at 06:43 PM

Angela
Grimes

“ *Larry & Angela Grimes*



Angela Grimes - June 11, 2018 at 06:36 PM

MF

“ *Matt & Kelly Fulford lit a candle in memory of Eugene "Gene" Van Aernam*



Matt & Kelly Fulford - June 11, 2018 at 05:52 PM

PC

“ *So sorry for your loss*



Patty Cassidy - June 11, 2018 at 05:23 PM

SH

“ *I always like waiting on Mr .Gene at Florida Forest Products ! He always had something to say how blessed he was , and that led us both in a conversation about our Lord and Saviour !!*

Steve Holtsclaw - June 11, 2018 at 04:57 PM

MJ

“ *Manuel & Emma Jerrells lit a candle in memory of Eugene "Gene" Van Aernam*



Manuel & Emma Jerrells - June 11, 2018 at 04:27 PM