



Eugene Townsend

June 21, 1918 - October 22, 2009

Eugene "Gene" Townsend was born in Konawa, Oklahoma on June 21st, 1918 to Everett Townsend and Vertie Mae (Cox) Townsend. He passed from this life on Thursday, October 22nd, 2009 at Norman Veterans Center in Norman, Oklahoma at the age of 91.

In his early adult years, Gene drove an ambulance and was a mortician's assistant at Watt's Funeral Home in Konawa, Oklahoma. He then worked in the oilfield and as a farmer. Gene served his country in the Army during World War II serving in the Philippines, the Fijian Islands and the Solomon Islands. He received the Marksmanship Award. After the service, Gene began working and traveling for Parker Drilling Company. On November 30th, 1946, he married Leatrice Joy Ramsey in Konawa, Oklahoma. After they moved to Lindsay, Oklahoma in 1962, Gene worked for Western Propane Company, and then for Western Dozers, Inc. His beloved Joy passed away on November 14th, 1996 in Lindsay. Upon retirement, Gene began running "Hot-Shot" for Chandler Auto until he entered the Norman Veterans Center.

Gene was a member of the American Legion and he also supported his wife, daughters and granddaughters in Girl Scouts ? setting up and tearing down camps, transporting girls, and selling Girl Scout Cookies. He also supported them by buying, eating and giving cookies to others.

Gene loved to tell stories to anyone who would listen. His favorite things were to be out-of-doors fishing, building fence and spending time with his family. He was good at taking care of others, especially his daughters.

Mr. Townsend is survived by his three daughters; Rhoda Rutter of Lindsay, Oklahoma, Jana Boyce of Lindsay, Oklahoma, and Cheryl Daniels and husband Bruce of Oklahoma City, one brother, Benton Townsend of Oklahoma City, Nine grandchildren; Rhonda Rodgers and husband Kerry, Chaplain Danny Daniels and wife Angela, Joy Huber and husband James, Thomas Daniels and wife Reba, Sara Boyce, Mike Rutter and wife Janet, Larry Rutter, Tamela Walden and Glynis Richardson.

Gene also leaves behind eighteen great-grandchildren; Brittany Daniels, Danny J. Daniels, Emily Daniels, Jacob Daniels, Jessica Daniels, Jordan Daniels, Whitley Daniels, Christian Huber, Brandon Rodgers, Karol Pyle and husband Jeff, Joshua Rutter, Kody Page and wife Ashley, Whitney Thompson and husband Todd, James Rutter, Mitchell Walden, Heather Walden, Jonathan Richardson and wife Jennifer and Jeremy Richardson, plus five great-great grandchildren and numerous other relatives.

Mr. Townsend was preceded in death by his wife, Joy Townsend, his parents, Everett and Vertie Townsend as well as six brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services for Mr. Townsend are set for two o'clock p.m. on Saturday, October 24th, 2009 at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma with Chaplain Danny Daniels officiating. Military honors will be presented by the American Legion Ball Smith Post 23. Services are under the direction of B.G. Boydston Funeral Home of Lindsay, Oklahoma. Memorial contributions may be made to Delta Public Transit, 308 S.W. Second St., Lindsay, Oklahoma 73052. Condolences for the family may be made online at www.boydstonfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

DD

“ Granddad, I sure do miss you. It's been awhile since you went home to Heaven but I think of you often. I appreciate you.

Danny Daniels - November 15, 2016 at 06:21 PM

SM

“ Sorry to hear of your loss, I enjoyed visiting him at the VA.

Shirley McKenzie - November 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Thank you for your kind words of support and love. My granddad, Gene, was a giant in my eyes. He had a personality that you rarely come across. We miss him but are confident he is in our future not in our past. I look forward to seeing him again. I give thanks to the Lord for sharing granddad with us. God is good...All the time.

Danny Daniels - October 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ JANA, AND RHODA...NO ONE HAS TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE COMFORTER OF GOD AS YOU BOTH ARE SUCH EXAMPLES OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CHRISTIAN. KNOW THAT TRULY MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU BOTH AND IF THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU IN THIS DIFFICULT TIME OF LOSS, PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL ME. LOVE YOU BOTH--

BEV - October 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ *Jana, So sorry of hearing the passing of your father. He was a very sweet man. My brother Tim thought the world of him. We will keep you and our thoughts and prayers. Judy Summers, and Yandell family.*

Judy Summers (Yandell) - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *Jana, I am so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers!*
Love, charlotte

Charlotte Kennedy Apel - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *Uncle Gene will be dearly missed. Gene was blessed to have 3 wonderful daughters and family to care for him in his time of need. God bless you. Cynthia & Family*

Cynthia Johnson - October 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ *I have a vivid memory of Mr. Gene getting upset with his dog that stapped at me, when I was a child. I thought he was mean looking but he was kind and gentle.*

Wayne Roberson - October 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ *(Tribute Text Not Available)*

Wayne Roberson - October 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“ Gene will really be missed...My Mom and Dad (Vada and Ernest Townsend) loved to have him come for a visit - they would always do so much laughing and talking. Good memories will get you through the difficult days ahead. You're in my prayers. Love to all.
Sharon Townsend Zack

Sharon Townsend Zack - October 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Jana, I'm so sorry about the loss of your dad. Lester thought alot of Gene and enjoyed every chance to get an argument started with him. Gene was always ready and had a great come back. Know you are in our prayers.

Cindy Grumbles - October 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I thought a lot of your dad and mom. I know you're going to miss him. Thanks for letting me be a little part of your family. I love you guys. I know that you're faith is in God and you will find comfort in him.

Debbie Whitehead - October 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ We received the message regarding your father's passing. We send our condolences to all of your family. It sounds as if your father lived an interesting life and left you with many good memories.

God's blessings to all of your family.

Ed & Ernestine Ramsey - October 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Townsend Family, I'm so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Joy Stewart - October 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Jana, Cheryl, and Rhoda, you are in my thoughts.

May your grief be taken away on the wings of a great eagle to the place where sorrow turns joy and then be brought back to you as wonderful memories you can cherish for all time. - Anonymous

Robert Townsend - October 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Uncle Gene will surely be missed,by us all. I will be there with you in spirit, if not in fact. My love and prayers to you all.

Hugs,
Jeanette

Jeanette Townsend Snapp - October 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ God bless you girls for taking such good care of your Daddy.He had his own way of loving all of you and me. I am sorry I cannot be there for you all. I love you, Kate

KateBoyd - October 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Jana, so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. Our thoughts & Prayers go out to you .

Keith & Debbie Hassler - October 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Gene was a great friend to my father and spent many hours visting with him about their time in WW2. My family was very sorry to hear of Gene's passing.

James Horton - October 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM