



Harold "Gene" Strain

July 8, 1930 - December 25, 2022

Harold Gene Strain, born July 8, 1930 passed away at 92 years of age Christmas morning, 12/25/22. Gene is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Peggy Strain and her two children Ben Baldwin (Renee) of Seymore, TN and Rena (Paul) Gilbert of Priceville, AL. Gene is also survived by his three sons, Stevan Strain (Barbara) of Parker, CO, Harold Strain of Memphis, TN and Charles Strain (Diana) of Roswell, GA, as well as his five grandchildren, Victoria, Ian, Meredith, Bonnie and Will.

Gene was born and raised in Athens, AL and joined the Marine Corps at age 18, where he proudly served on the USS Midway aircraft carrier during the Korean War. After serving, Gene returned to Athens and eventually embarked upon his lifelong career in the nursery business. He had been growing plants in Limestone County over 70 years and had been recognized for his award-winning horticulture abilities. He owned and ran Swan Creek Nursery, which he started in the early '70s. Gene not only loved experimenting with new growing techniques, but also treasured the many relationships and friendships he had forged over the years, through his business.

A memorial service for Gene will take place at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home (322 Highway 31 N. Athens, AL 35611) on Saturday, February 18, 2023. Visitation will be from 12:00pm to 1:45pm with a brief memorial service following at 2:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in his memory to Hospice of Limestone County or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

523 US Hwy 31 South
Athens, AL 35611

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sending heartfelt condolences and prayers of peace and comfort to Peggy as well as his children and grandchildren. Uncle Gene was a true southern gentleman who worked hard every day. His life and legacy will be remembered by those who had the good fortune to know him.

Diane Sasser - June 01, 2023 at 07:49 AM

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“ He was my mentor.

Johnny Newton - February 18, 2023 at 08:06 AM

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“ We met the Strains about 12 years ago through the nursery business. We are so thankful for the friendship that we shared with them. They always took time out to sit and visit when we stopped by. They are both truly amazing Christians. He will be missed by all that knew him. Sending our love and prayers, Blair and Theresa Hamilton

theresa hamilton - December 28, 2022 at 07:00 PM

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“ No one in my life was more positive of a person than my good friend, Gene!
Always had a smile in his heart, voice and on his face. I'm so blessed to of met Gene, he taught me to be a better person. I will forever miss my good friend.
Danny Webb

Danny Webb - December 27, 2022 at 01:54 PM