



Barkley Eugene (Gene) Gause

February 22, 1930 - April 28, 2013

Barkley Eugene (Gene) Gause, 83, of Marianna, FL went home to the Lord, Sunday, April 28, 2013. The eldest son of former Jackson Co. FL Sheriff William Barkley and Bertie Rooks Gause, was born Feb. 22, 1930. Gene has two brothers John Preston Gause of Dothan, AL, and William Gerald Gause of Marianna.

The Gauses are well known in the tri-states area from years of public service, television and radio personalities, and mobile home sales. As a young man, he was a Seaman 1st class in the Navy Reserves, worked deliveries to the Officers Club at Graham Air force Base now Sunland. Gene worked with his father's logging business as timber man, log driver, creosote pole plant operator, a dairy farmer (near Marianna Dolomite) with 100 milk cows, selling to Sealtest in Marianna, raising peanuts, corn, hogs, chickens, turkeys and rabbits.

He attended Chipola Jr. College and Troy State Teacher's College to become a science teacher. Instead, he sought his fortune and fame as a roustabout on oil rigs in Colorado, as a salesman and in American steel. Gene established the Gause name in mobile home sales in the tri-states winning many awards for sales volume. On Saturdays, Gene sponsored for years Nashville's Jim & Jessie & The Virginia Boys then local Wrestling with his brother John as announcer on Channel 4 Dothan. Gene retired a steel worker with USX Geneva Steel, Provo, UT, before returning to Florida.

Gene is loved dearly for the hard work he never shied away from, for the fine

family he and Pat raised, for the champion he was to the less fortunate or oppressed, for his devotion to his membership in The Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints. His quick smile and laughter, love of people, piano playing, strong arm and helping hand, service in LDS temples and sermons in church, will be missed.

Gene married (Pat) Iris Shuler of Bristol, FL in June 1950 in the LDS Mesa AZ temple. Together they had 7 children: Genine, William (Bill) Parley, Jim Logan, Barkley Howell, Wade Shuler, Richard Eugene and David Wayne Gause. He doted over his 23 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. He always told the girls they were beautiful and the boys he loved them.

He will be interred at the Gregory Neil Gentry/White Springs Cemetery on Gregory Gentry Road, approximately 4 miles east of Bristol on Hwy 20, south off of Hwy 20 on White Springs Road then east on Gregory Neil Gentry Road (graded road).

The graveside service will be held Saturday, May 11th at 10 a.m. EDT. Bevis Funeral Home (850) 643-3636, www.bevisfh.com, is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Gregory Neil Gentry/ White Spring Cemetery

Gregory Gentry Road
Bristol, FL 32321

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Gene and Richard were my home teachers for years. I always looked forward to them coming faithfully each month and have missed them since they went back out West. He is truly a good man! I'm sorry for your loss.*

Debbie Barber



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