



## Richard Eugene Woodall

January 24, 1949 - March 1, 2021

On March 1, 2021 we lost an amazing human being. Gene Woodall passed away unexpectedly and way too soon. He was 72 years old —but had such an innocent loving way about him, he always seemed young. Everyone who knew Gene- knew what a kind and giving man he was.

Gene was slow to anger (actually rarely showed any) but quick with a kind word, a laugh, a shoulder to lean on - he was just a good man. Gene grew up in Perry and Middleburg Florida. After high school he joined the Navy serving from 1969 to 1974. In 1977 Gene married Sharon, the love of his life. This would define Gene for the rest of his life. Their favorite song together was “since I met you baby —my whole life has changed“ Their love story was indeed beautiful. Gene and Sharon eventually moved to McCalla Alabama - truth be told, Gene wanted to be close to his mama who had recently moved there. A sweet Mama’s boy to the end.

When Gene married Sharon he became a dad to Sharon’s daughter Lisa- Who he cared for like his own - but it would be another 16 years before they were blessed with their first child together. Gene was 45 - Sharon 40 when Rachel Gabrielle was born. She was (and is) such a joy — The center of their world. Gene was a plumber by trade and a good one, working for the Guin company for decades - but also helping family and friends anytime they called. Some of those calls would come from members of the church Gene loved so much - Arnold’s Chapel United Methodist. Gene and Sharon loved the people there and they loved them. Gene also loved fishing and loved

working around his house, in his yard — which he kept immaculate. But, he loved family the most. One of seven kids in a blended family— Gene was a devoted son and loving brother. There were no step or half brothers and sisters just brothers and sisters. Raised by loving parents - family gatherings were a way of life. After Sharon passed away unexpectedly at only 62, Gene's focus became Rachel. Rachel, born deaf, depended on Gene for so much, and that was OK with him. The last few years of his life were spent with family and keeping Rachel happy. Gene's siblings will now take care of Rachel. We certainly thought we'd have more time with Gene — we needed it — because he brought such a bright light into every single day. So today we grieve for this wonderful man, but, we also celebrate his wonderful life. While there is now a forever void without Gene, we know how blessed we were to have had him as long as we did. Gene is survived by his loving daughter Rachel, step daughter Lisa, Sisters Diane and Janice (Mark), Brothers Edward (Jana) David (Lesa) and Steve (Betty). Nieces Charlene, Misty and Ashley. Nephews Noah, Adam, Tristan, Ben, Richie, Tony, Keith, Robbie, Chris and Wade. Gene is preceded in death by his loving wife Sharon. His parents, Bob and Leila Rogers, and Dick Woodall - and brother Alvin Rogers. Pallbearers are: Adam Bryan, Noah Mcculloch, Ben Bramlett, Tony Rogers and Tristan Bryan.

# Cemetery Details

## Arnolds Chapel Cemetery

8110 Bluff Ridge Road  
Bessemer, AL 35022

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

McCalla Memorial Funeral Home  
4780 Letson Farms Parkway  
Mc Calla, AL 35111  
(205) 477-4888  
[info@mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com)

## Funeral Service

MAR 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

FM

“ so very sorry for your loss janice, i recently lost my sister and i understand how hard it is. prayers for you and your family. <3

faye morris - March 12, 2021 at 10:54 AM

SH

“ Janice, I am so sorry about your brother. I know this will leave a hole in your heart that can never be filled. Just cherish the good times and focus on the time you had together. One day you'll realize you can think of him and talk about him and smile. Your friend, Shirley C.

Shirley - March 08, 2021 at 09:49 AM

JC

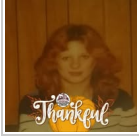
“ I would like to send my condolences to Janice Rodgers And to all the family. Praying for all of y'all.

Johnnye Green Crowell - March 07, 2021 at 07:19 AM

BJ

“ Mrs. Janice Rodgers. Sorry For The Loss Of Your Brother. May The Lord Give Your Family Strength And Comfort In Knowing That Your Brother Is Resting In The Arms Of Jesus Christ. Fly High Brother. You Have Earned Your Wings. R.I.P. 🙏❤️🙏🌹 My Deepest Condolences To The Family. With Love Betty Jackson

Betty Jackson - March 07, 2021 at 03:40 AM



“ so sorry for your lost i know how it is i lost my son 7month ago made lord bless you and your family for or heavenly father is with your brother when he enter the kingdom of heaven we love all ramona whiten

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**Ramona Whiten** - March 06, 2021 at 08:53 PM

CA

“ So so sorry for your loss. God bless you all.



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**Carole** - March 06, 2021 at 04:25 PM

JC

“ Janice Rogers and family. I realize there is nothing I can say or do to make you feel better. Except pray for you to our wonderful loving, faithful heavenly father. I can say I know how you feel having lost my oldest brother but that doesn't help your feelings. Please know that the people who love and admire you are praying for you. So sorry for your loss

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**Jill Carroll** - March 06, 2021 at 01:20 PM

LJ

“ Linda Jolley lit a candle in memory of Richard Eugene Woodall



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**Linda Jolley** - March 06, 2021 at 11:40 AM

JP

“ *James Pettis lit a candle in memory of Richard Eugene Woodall*



James Pettis - March 06, 2021 at 11:01 AM

AD

“ *Alice Davis lit a candle in memory of Richard Eugene Woodall*



Alice Davis - March 06, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Eugene Woodall.*



March 05, 2021 at 01:27 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard Eugene Woodall.*



March 05, 2021 at 11:18 AM

JC

“ I have known Gene a long time as his wife was my best friend from the time they moved to Bluff Ridge. I talked with Gene recently and it's such a shock he is gone. Gene was always a giving and soft spoken Christian man. I will always remember his kindness. I am praying for his wonderful family. He will definitely be missed.

Janice Crumpton - March 05, 2021 at 12:17 AM

PR

“ Peggy R. purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Richard Eugene Woodall.



Peggy R. - March 04, 2021 at 07:34 PM

GM

“ Gail B Massey lit a candle in memory of Richard Eugene Woodall



Gail B Massey - March 04, 2021 at 03:56 PM

GM

“ To the family of Gene Woodall: Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. He was such a nice man and neighbor. We were so sorry and shocked to hear of him receiving his heavenly promotion. I had just waved at him that day as he was walking from his car going to his house. He will be greatly missed on Ray Place by us.

Jack & Gail Massey

Gail B Massey - March 04, 2021 at 03:39 PM

SC

*I've been knowing Mr..Gene for nine years. He was such a nice man. He always had a smile on his face. Praying for his family. He"truly going to be missed.*

**Stephanie Cook** - March 06, 2021 at 08:36 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Eugene Woodall.*



March 04, 2021 at 10:32 AM