



Eugene McKay

January 21, 2009

Eugene Richard McKay, Sr., most often referred to as Kokay by his grandchildren, left this earth on January 21, 2009 to be with his Lord and Savior. His life was a testimony to those he left behind. He served the lord vigorously and passionately and was a faithful member of the Waldron Assembly of God.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman who helped his grandsons with their introductions to hunting and fishing. He was there the first time that his oldest grandson, Jeremy, went deer hunting. He and his grandson, Trevor spent much time together in the deer woods, for which they both had a strong passion. He was there for the first fish his grandsons, Logan and Konnor, caught and spent much time on the lake with them fishing. His granddaughter, Caitlin, got her introduction to hermit crabs with the help of her Kokay: if you could have heard her screaming and him laughing, you would have laughed too.

His laughter was so contagious and delightful. He spent such quality time with his grandchildren. The special bond he shared with each one-Jeremy, Caitlin, Logan, Trevor, Konnor and Austin- always showed each of them how special they were. He was just as special, especially in the eyes of his grandchildren. He promised his grandson, Trevor, that he would be his best man at his wedding, even though Trevor is only 13. Konnor thought that would be a grand idea as well. Logan just thought his Kokay was the "best man" all the time. Jeremy, Caitlin, and Austin all agreed.

Gene left a life well lived. His family was not ready for him to go, but they were sure the Lord needed him more. His wife Linda, son Rusty, son Charley and wife Maura, son Wayne and wife Michelle, his six grandchildren, Jeremy and wife Adonna, Caitlin, Logan and Konnor McKay, Trevor Watkins, and Austin Hill wanted everyone to know how special "Kokay's" life was. It was a life to celebrate and his family, including his sisters, Flossie Holleman, Bennie Hutchens and Vernois and her husband Leroy Staton, will miss him.

Our loss is certainly Heaven's gain. Gene's heavenly welcoming committee includes his parents, Richard and Martha McKay, his sisters, Alta Yarbrough, Dorothy Jameson and Juanita Hewitt; his brother J. D. McKay; his son Chad Watkins; his sister-in-law Janet Hutchens; his great-niece Hanna Boles; and of course, Jesus. His family feels blessed to know that he is now sheltered safe, in the arms of God.

Gene's funeral service will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 24, 2009 at the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with interment in the Duncan Cemetery under the direction of the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home in Waldron, AR.

Pallbearers will be J. D. Graham, Roger Lipham, John Sanford, Tom Garrison, Mac Davis and Dwayne Wadkins.

Visitation will be 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, January 22, 2009, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday, January 23, 2009 and 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday January 24, 2009 at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall

LK

“ Linda,
I have been visiting my grandbaby in Seminole, Okla for a few weeks and just got home to see where we lost one of our 4 wheelin' buddies. Sorry for your lose sweetie, if you need me for anything you just call me. My prayers will be with you. Love you Sis.
Doris

Leann King - February 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Wayne and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Doris Graves - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Linda I just wanted to let you know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless.

Angela (Gray) Long - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CY

“ we are so sorry for you loss. our prayers are with you all.

Cassie (Travis) Young - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Dear Linda and Family: It was a beautiful memorial service on Saturday and we will continue to remember you in our thoughts and prayers. In the natural, we will miss Gene and our hearts go out to you, but how assuring it is to know that he is with the Lord and we rejoice with you. One day we will all see him again.

Our love,
Ed and Judy Motley

Darla Phillips Williams - January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ Linda, Rusty, Charley and Wayne,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Gene has always been a kind soul and touched many in the last few years with his Christian walk. You will be in my prayers.

Jessilyn Yandell - January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Linda, Rusty, Wayne, Trevor, and all family: I'm so sorry for your loss. We all loved Gene so much! Please know you all have been in my thoughts and prayers, and I love you all. We will all miss him and his smile at church. I know your loss is great, but try to keep in mind that he has to be so happy to be with our Lord, and what a glorious time he must be having! I know it's hard to do, but my Mom and Dad are gone - and I know truly there is no comforting words I have that can ease your pain. Just know I love you all and if there is something I can do, please call me!

I love you all so much!
Lisa

Patti Roets - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Ed and Judy Motley - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ My best memories of Gene are the ones I have of being little and staying at your house while my mom and dad were out. Jessi and I always had so much fun. I know what a hard time this is - there are no words that I can say that will ease the pain. It is comforting to know that Gene is in heaven celebrating with God. My prayers will be with you!

Colmon Haga - January 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ We are so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man. Love & Prayers.

Sierra Yandell - January 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ We are so sorry to hear about the lost of your loved one at this time, but we know he is in a better place now. Our prayers and sympathy are with all of his family at this time of sorrow.

Michael Sandifer - January 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Your family will be in my prayers, God Bless You and your family.

Eddie, Cathy, & Nikkita Sandifer - January 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Linda, our thoughts and prayers are with The whole family.

Bill and Rusty had lots of fun hunting with Gene!

MaryLynn Buckalew & Brooke Hebert - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ LINDA, WHEN YOU ARE HURTING SO BAD, REMEMBER GOD KNOWS HOW MUCH YOU ARE HURTING.. BECAUSE HE HURT WHEN JESUS WAS HANGING ON THE CROSS. WE ARE PRAYING FOR THE FAMILY. ELAINE& ED BROWN

Bill&Paula Smalling - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Linda and Bennie, I know Gene is up there waiting on you. Keep your faith and trust in the Lord. He is your strength in times like this. I will be praying you and the family. If you need anything, let me know. Windy

REV.&MRS. ED BROWN - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ Linda, We are so sorry to hear about Gene. He is with the Lord and is in good hands. Know that are hearts and prayers are with you. God Bless

Wndy Bard - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Linda, Trevor and Family...We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Gene.....I know you have so many great memories to cherish...The road you will walk without him will be long and sad but remember you have lots of family, good friends and God to travel it with you and to lean on.....Our prayers and thoughts are with you.....Bill and Carolyn

Robert&Linda Jett - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Love and prayers to Linda,Bennie,and all of Gene's family.

Carol Wagner - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ So sorry for your loss.
Ann Bingham

Evelyn and Dub Smalling - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ We are praying for your family. We know that God will comfort your hearts in this time of loss. Our loss is Heaven's gain, and Bro. Gene is SO happy in the arms of Jesus.

We love you!
Ricky & Rachael May

Ann Bingham - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Linda, I am so sorry to hear of your husband's death. May God Bless. Love, Oleta

Ricky & Rachael May - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

OL

“ To Linda and all of the McKay family we are saddened to learn of the death of Gene, please know your family will be in our prayers to give you comfort now and always. your friends, Jerry and Judy Montgomery

Oleta Goodner Lewis - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Linda, sorry to hear about Eugene. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Jeto

Judy Montgomery - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Linda, I am so sorry to hear about your loss, my heart goes out to you,if you haven't been there no one knows the pain that is in the heart. My thoughts and prayers will be with you in the days ahead. Thinking of you with my deepest sympathy. Christine

Jeto Piles - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Linda,
As the days and weeks pass, and as you return to life`s routine, may you continue to feel comforted by the love and support of family and friends.

Christine Lees - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

IS

“ Just know that our prayers and thoughts are with you. I know he is telling Chad lots of stories in Heaven. If there is anything we can do please let us know.

*With our love,
The Holcomb Family*

ida smith - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ We will always remember "Kokay" as we hardly ever heard him being called anything else. We are thinking of the entire family and please let us know if we can do anything for you.

Jeanine - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ This is such a precious family.
I appreciate you sharing stories with each of us. Bro. Gene's life was such a testimony, he lived what he believed, his actions spoke louder than his soft spoken voice. His life produced much fruit, just like the Bible tells us that our lives should produce good fruit. He has touched many lives in his life-time and has left a legacy for his family and his grandkids.
I count it a privledge to have known Gene. My life has been touched by the life he lived.

*love and many prayers to the family,
Bruce and Carla Waddle*

Dean, Shelly, Makayla, and Josh Scoggin - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Gene will be greatly missed because he made such a impact on all our lives. We do rejoice with you on that glorious day that we will all be reunited again. Praying for each of you that the Lord will send His comforter to minister to your needs. We love you.

Carla Waddle - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ May the Lord be with you

Nicky, Deb, Derrek Sehorn & Rachael Wright - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Linda, our hearts hurt for you. We loved Gene very much. We have lots of good memories from our trip to Pensacola and the many trips to Hatfield. We know that Gene was a man who had a great love for the Lord and we believe he is in sweet rest now. We are here if you need anything. We love you, the Kanes

David Long - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ sorry to hear about eugene, this is also from mom and dad. love ya heather

Matt, Dyiana, Kerstein & Hunter Kane - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ We are so sorry for your loss. if there is anything we can do, let us know. Gene was a wonderful person whom we grew to love. There is no doubt in my mind we WILL see him again.

Heather Darnell - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Eugene McKay*

janice watkins - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM