



Eugene J. Becker

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Eugene J. Becker, age 79 of Gulf Shores, Alabama and formerly of Batesville, died Saturday, May 9, 2009 in Pensacola, Florida. Born July 7, 1929 in Batesville, he is the son of Ann (Nee: Laudick) and Joseph Becker. Gene served in the Army during the Korean War. He began his working career as a teller at First Bank and Trust in Batesville and in 1968 became Vice-President. First Bank and Trust was later purchased by Fifth-Third and he retired as Vice-President of Fifth-Third Bank in 1989. He is preceded in death by his parents. Gene was a member of St. Louis Church, Batesville Knights of Columbus Council #1461, Batesville Knights of St. John where he was a Fourth Degree Knight, the Prell-Bland American Legion Post #271, a former member of the Community Mental Health Foundation Board, a former Jaycees member holding both local and state offices, a volunteer for Margaret Mary Hospital and the National Travel Club. An avid fan of Cincinnati Bengals and Reds as well as the Indiana Pacers and Colts, Gene enjoyed volunteering his free time. After retiring to Gulf Shores in 1996, he volunteered over 1000 hours at the South Baldwin Regional Medical Center in Foley, Alabama and joined of Our Lady of the Gulf Church where he was a lector. A member of the Gulf Shores Gulf Coast Area Chamber of Commerce of Alabama, he served as Senior Ambassador. He also joined the Gulf Shores Knights of Columbus and Knights of St. John. He is survived by friend and care giver Marty Penton of Gulf Shores, Alabama. Visitation is Thursday, May 14th, from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services follow at 11:30 a.m. at St. Louis Church with Rev. Dennis Duvelius officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery, with military graveside rites by the Batesville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3183 and by the Prell-Bland American Legion Post #271. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.



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MS

Mary Keen Of Gulf Shores, AL posted:

Gene was a great friend to my husband and I here in Gulf Shores. We worked together at Shrimp Festival and shared lots of good times at Senior Ambassador and Chamber of Commerce activities. Though he was already quite ill, when I was recovering from an automobile accident, it was Gene (with Marty's support, of course) who came to visit me at work and cheered me up. I'll miss you, Gene.

May 31 at 8:00 PM

BS

Becky Phillips Of Gulf Shores, AL posted:

God bless you, My Friend!

May 26 at 8:00 PM

SS

Susan Brush Of Gulf Shores, AL posted:

I had the distinct pleasure of being a friend of Gene Becker for about 13 years in Gulf Shores, AL. His giving spirit to our community was beyond inspirational. Gene was beloved by many in our town and will be sorely missed by us all.

May 26 at 8:00 PM

AI

Ann Topmiller Of Indianapolis, Indiana posted:

Gene Becker was a kind, gentle, goodhearted man who cherished a deep love for all genres of music. He treasured friendship, peace and loyalty. He shared his time, energy and enthusiasm to better the world around him. With Gene's passing, the world became a darker place. Our loss is God's gain. Gene, no time to rest! Enjoy yourself!!

May 26 at 8:00 PM

MI

Marita Topmiller Of Carmel, Indiana posted:

To Marty: God bless you. Gene was always delightful, an unfailingly kind and gentle spirit. He was always gracious and giving. I'm sure he will be missed by many until we meet again.

May 26 at 8:00 PM



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MS

Michael Broussard Of Gulf Shores, AI posted:

It was nice working with you at the National Shrimp Festival.

May 26 at 8:00 PM

PS

Pat & Jim Eberlein Of Gulf Shores, AI posted:

Gene was a very special person. We both enjoyed working with him on the Shrimp Festival Committee. He will be missed greatly. Such a wonderful man and he will be sorely missed.

May 26 at 8:00 PM

DB

Donna Fitts Of Orange Beach, AI posted:

Gene your memory will live forever with those of us that worked with you over the years at the National Shrimp Festival. The Vendor/Volunteer Registration Tent will not be the same without your smile.

May 26 at 8:00 PM

JS

Jan & Howard Zimmerman Of Gulf Shores, AI posted:

We have known Gene since he moved to Gulf Shores. He was a very special friend and will be missed.

May 26 at 8:00 PM

B3

Betty J Wood Of Gulf Shores, AI 36542 posted:

I will miss this dear sweet man. He was very dear to my heart. Always smiling and willing to help anyone.

May 26 at 8:00 PM

JS

Joe Brown Of Gulf Shores AI posted:

My condolences and prayers go out to his family and friends who got to know him personally. My encounter with Mr.Becker was on the campaign trail and He was very encouraging. God Bless His Family and Friends Joe Brown

May 26 at 8:00 PM



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GT

George Of Dallas, Texas posted:

I too, only met Gene the one time. He was always cordual and friendly and treated us to many fine seafood resturants the coastal area. Gene endured the pain and suffering for many years. Now he is at peace. Now my prayers go to those that are left behind.

May 18 at 8:00 PM

BP

Bill Clarke Of Pensacola, FI posted:

Eugene enjoyed his life and created deep relationships. My thoughts are now with those he left behind.

May 16 at 8:00 PM

MS

Marty Penton Of Gulf Shores, AI posted:

Just so everyone that knows it was never my intentions to ever rush Gene's funeral as I wanted to have it on the 18th, but was denied by the funeral home. To all our friends in Sunman, Milan, Brookeville, Ohio, Shelbyville, Cincy, Indy and all our busines friends who did not know I am truly sorry. The obituary did not run in the Herald which again was out of my hands and not the Herald's fault in anyway. A very late one will print this Tuesday. Gene's charities of choice are mrsasurvivors.org and all church charities. For a man that cared more for his hometown then anyone I have ever met I can not honestly say I think Gene would not have been pleased with many aspects of his funeral. We talked in great length during the last few weeks about how he wanted his funeral. He always gave Batesville his time, respect, loyalty, and devotion. Gene even in death has taught me even more lessons about respect, life, trust, and loyalty. Mary Weigel, all the pallbearers and honorary pallbearers, all our friends who called, attended, and emailed you were beyond wonderful. This letter was not meant to offend, or anger, but I felt the need to explain and justify some things that many people contacted me about. All of you that have ever met me know how much I cherished and loved him. Every minute I spent with him was a blessing. God just did not make many men Eugene Becker.

May 15 at 8:00 PM



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TF

Tony Raymond Of Pensacola Florida posted:

Unfortunately I only met Gene one time. However, I have known his devoted friend Marty who always shared stories about Gene and the wonderful times they had together. They were very devoted friends. They were so blessed to have known each other for almost 11 years. Over the years, Marty was always there to tend to Gene's needs and in these last difficult months Marty was at his side making sure Gene was comfortable and safe. I am sure that Gene is in "heaven" finally free of pain and "whole" again. His blessing will be on all those that loved him, especially Marty. I wish I had known him better.

May 15 at 8:00 PM

AF

Ann Penton Of Pensacola, Florida posted:

Gene was a dear friend to my family. We miss him so much. He spent the last four months of his life in our home. It was a pleasure to help in his care. Gene never complained or demanded. He was always thanking us for taking him into our home and caring for him. We loved him as if he were a member of our family. He was a member of our family. We have been blessed by having him in our lives for the last seven years. My husband and I will miss him greatly. I do not think we will ever meet another person like Eugene Becker.

May 14 at 8:00 PM

DB

Dennis, Sandy & Beth Dietz Of Batesville, In posted:

Gene loved life and lived it to the fullest. May he rest in peace.

May 13 at 8:00 PM

RI

Rex Martin Of Indianapolis, Indiana posted:

Love you!

May 12 at 8:00 PM

SK

Shirley Martin Of Kokomo, In posted:

My deepest sympathy!

May 12 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Eugene by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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