



Carlos Eugene Clement

February 12, 1931 - December 15, 2022

Carlos Eugene Clement (Gene), age 91, passed away peacefully on December 15 2022, after valiantly fighting a month long battle from suffering a stroke. He was a devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great grandfather. He was cherished and loved by family, dear friends, neighbors, co-workers and seemingly all with whom he came in contact.

Gene lived a full and wonderful life and was generous with his time, love and support for so many. He was born in Galeton, CO on February 12, 1931 and moved with his mother, Crystal, and step-father, Howard, to Portland, OR when he was approximately 8 years old. He met his high school sweetheart in Portland and they married when they both were 19 years old. As a young married father, he fought with the United States Army in the Korean Conflict. Shortly after his return home to his family, he was approached and recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency and made the decision to join that organization. After four overseas assignments, innumerable travels all over the world, and 28 years of service, he retired from the CIA. During the second half of his life, he became a very successful businessman and entrepreneur and, though formally retired from day-to-day operations for several years, still kept his proverbial fingers in the business pie. Gene defied old age up to the end and remained very physically active. He loved to walk, putter around in his garden, drive and explore new places, and work on projects in his woodworking shop.

Gene was preceded in death by his first wife, Nancy Lane, and is survived by his wife Joyce Brown, his two daughters, Kathleen Baxter, Susan Burkett (Jim), stepdaughters Deborah Anderson, Michelle Messich (John), and stepson Andy Anderson (Sandra). He adored his large family which included 16 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. Besides Gene, he was lovingly called Daddy, Dad, Pop, Grandpa, Poppa, Grampy, and Big PawPaw—even by those outside of the family.

There will be a Memorial Service held in his honor, on January 7, 2023, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in Gainesville, VA, at 2:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. The address is 14015 Glenkirk Road, Gainesville. Donations may be made in his honor to the Heartland/Promedica Hospice Foundation, Hospice Memorial Fund, (<https://www.promedicaseniorcare.org/giving>).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
14015 Glenkirk Rd
Gainesville, VA 20155

Tribute Wall

MK

“ Gene was kind to me when he had no cause to be. He always had a kind word and good advice, especially as I went through the recession of 2007 and literally lost all that I had. Fast forward to 2012 and he had enough faith and trust in me to facilitate the purchase of a few warehouses. My "relationship" banks would not talk to me but Gene did. What an incredible example of how to treat others.

My only complaint is I tried to have him draft me into the family. I think I would have been #55. (that was a while ago who knows the number now?) Gene never said no but wisely took no action! So clearly along with his other virtues he was smart. I am better for knowing him.

My heart and thoughts to all his family.

Marc K

Marc Kilday - January 06, 2023 at 03:14 PM

SB

Thank you so much for your kind words. Dad was a great guy and it's wonderful to hear about his effect on others. We miss him so much.

Susan Clement Burkett - March 07, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Carlos Eugene Clement.



January 06, 2023 at 01:45 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Carlos Eugene Clement.*



January 06, 2023 at 12:20 PM



“ *I am so glad Gene came into my life. At our first meeting he was very kind and thoughtful. It was apparent he loved his family. During the last six years, I have been able to visit with Gene and Joyce in their home. Both were always very accommodating and treating me as an honored guest. Last Valentine's Day I happened to be there in VA. Gene purchased a red rose for every female on the "compound." He loving delivered each with a thankful word and if appropriate a hug and kiss. That was such a tender memory. I still have that rose. It means even more today. My Gene's spirit of gratitude live on in all of us. Much love to all his family, Kimberly Taylor*

Kimberly Taylor - January 05, 2023 at 06:15 PM



Thank you so much for sharing such a sweet memory Kimberly. We miss him terribly. 💕💕💕

Susan Ann Clement Burkett - January 05, 2023 at 08:44 PM

GF

“ Gary, Kimberly Taylor and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carlos Eugene Clement.



Gary, Kimberly Taylor and Family - January 05, 2023 at 06:03 PM

VP

“ Joyce, Michelle, Debbie, and all of Gene’s family,

It was an honor to know Gene. His love for and devotion to you all was immense and apparent to anyone that met him. Our hearts go out to you all during this difficult time.

His kindness was extended to many, like us. Gene always went out of his way to make us feel like family – especially when we could not be with our out-of-town family. He (and you all) welcomed us to numerous events over the past 3 decades - from milestone parties or holiday events to Sunday family dinners and summer picnics. No matter how busy he was or how many people were there, Gene made it a point to sit and talk with us. No doubt that there are many other people who felt like part of your family as he touched so many lives. Although through a window in his final days, our last memory of Gene will be how his smile was as warm and welcoming as ever. Gene will certainly be missed.

Hugs and sympathies,

Ginny, Art, and family



VPyster - January 05, 2023 at 06:00 PM

SB

Thank you so much, Ginny and Art, & family for such lovely thoughts and pictures. He is so missed. 💕💕

Susan Ann Clement Burkett - January 05, 2023 at 08:41 PM



“*My grandpa always called me “darlin”. I never realized how good that made me feel until he suffered his stroke and then couldn’t say that simple word to me. He always made me feel loved. Even if I hadn’t seen him in awhile it would feel as if we had never left each other. It was so comfortable being with him in his home. You could feel the love right when you stepped through the door. And he would give the best hugs. He gave so much to me and so many others. He was the most generous man I knew. I’m so grateful that I got to spend some time with him before he passed. I will treasure those moments where I simply held his hand while he slept in his hospital bed. I know this may sound silly but I keep thinking of his beautiful white hair and white eyebrows to go with it. I always thought those things made him even more handsome. I made sure to tell him that a few weeks ago. He smiled at me when I said it. Love you, Grandpa.*”

Melissa Berg - December 24, 2022 at 12:16 AM

SB

So sweet Melissa! Miss him so much. Love you! 💕💕

Susan Ann Clement Burkett - January 05, 2023 at 08:48 PM

KB

“ I have so many memories of my dear dad. Memories of camping in Lizzies Furnace and going to the amphitheater for the park ranger talks at night. Memories of camping and boating at Deep Creek Lake. Memories of him coming home from work and sometimes putting on the radio in the bay window and dancing with me as my feet rested on top of his. Memories of him bringing home Dunkin’ Donuts occasionally after his night class in Warrenton. Rinsing off the boat after our outings when I know he had to be exhausted, but letting us go nap in the house, when we were supposed to be helping him.

And lately, I have wonderful memories of him encouraging me on in my quest for peace and growth in my later years. His voice still rings in my ears to do the right thing and take the high road. And memories of talking with him each day over the last 3 years, sometimes multiple times a day, so I could hear him cheer me on. I felt his pride in me that I had accomplished things that I didn’t think I could. What a blessing to have him in all of our lives.

I will miss him deeply but his words will always resonate in my heart and mind.

Till we meet again, dad. I love you forever.

Kathleen Clement Baxter - December 23, 2022 at 10:40 PM

SB

This brings tears to my eyes! Love you sis! 💕💕

Susan Ann Clement Burkett - January 05, 2023 at 08:54 PM

BC

Linda and I are so sad to hear the belated news of Gene’s passing. We first became friends when we worked together during our Athens tour and have remained so since. We normally catch up during the holidays and now wish we would have called earlier. Please know that we share the loss with the family but feel blessed to have been a part of his life. Regards Bob & Linda Claymier

Bob Claymier - January 17, 2023 at 06:52 PM

SB

So wonderful to hear from you. I remember meeting you during those Athens days. We miss him terribly.

Susan Clement Burkett - March 07, 2023 at 11:14 AM

GS

Susan and Kathleen,

Your dad was my 3C1R, I never had the pleasure of meeting him in person, but did have some correspondence for a short period.

We are both descendants of the Henry and Sophia Howard family from Vermont. I now live in Az. but am getting ready to move back to Kansas where My Mom and Brother live. I would like to communicate with you both to find out more on my family. If you are interested I have a family tree on my computer and can email that as a gedcom to either of you or your descendants.

*My thoughts and prayers go with you,
GR Stillwell*

GR Stillwell - January 01, 2025 at 04:47 PM