



Mr. Eugene "Gene" Cummings Jr.

July 13, 1947 - October 1, 2024

Mr. Eugene Cummings, Jr., 77, of Peoria, IL transitioned to his heavenly home at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at his home surrounded by his family.

Eugene, affectionately known as Gene, was born July 13, 1947 in Earle, Arkansas to proud parents Eugene, Sr., and Dorothy Mildred (Brown) Cummings. He was educated in Arkansas public schools and at the age of 22 began his tour of duty in the U.S. Army. Gene honorably served during the Vietnam Conflict earning many awards including the National Defense Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, two Overseas Bars Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and the Combat Infantryman's Badge for Sharpshooter.

Gene began his working career with the Peoria Public Works Department. He worked there some years, before becoming a Police Officer. Later he went back to the Peoria Public Works Department as the Assistant Director retiring in 2003 after 35 years of service. Gene set on the City of Peoria Credit Union Board for many years until his passing. In his spare time, Gene loved working on cars, fishing and woodworking. He was a die-hard Cubs and Bears fan.

Gene leaves to cherish his most precious memory his loving and devoted children; Christopher (Angelita) Cummings, Sr., Tony Cummings and Yolanda (Leon) Hendricks all of Peoria, IL; three sisters, Earlene Wyatt of Augusta, GA, Lois Collier of Normal, IL and Odessa Nolden of St. Peters, MO; five

grandchildren, Christian (Roosevelt) Jones, Christopher Cummings, Jr., Darren Cummings, Donte Cummings and Tanaya Cummings; 7 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends who adored Gene. He is preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Leonard James Cummings, Robert Louis Cummings and Roy Ray Cummings, Sr.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at New Morning Star M.B. Church with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Cleveland Thomas, Sr., will officiate. Gene will be laid to rest on Friday, October 25, 2024 at 1 pm at Danville National Cemetery, Danville, IL where U.S. Army Military Honors will be rendered.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Danville National Cemetery

1900 E. Main Street
Danville, IL 61832

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church
413 W. John H. Gwynn Jr. Avenue
Peoria, IL 61605

Celebration of Life

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church
413 W. John H. Gwynn Jr. Avenue
Peoria, IL 61605

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Eugene "Gene" Cummings Jr.*



Simons Mortuary - October 31, 2024 at 01:56 PM



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Simons Mortuary - October 23, 2024 at 01:16 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Burial at Danville Natl Cemetery*



Simons Mortuary - October 31, 2024 at 01:55 PM

KK

“ My thoughts and prayers to his family. Gene was a very kind and caring person. RIP



Kari Kepley - October 23, 2024 at 10:04 AM

DA

“ Danyika planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Eugene "Gene" Cummings Jr..

Danyika - October 23, 2024 at 08:15 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene "Gene" Cummings Jr..



October 23, 2024 at 08:15 AM

 John H Lee

“ John H Lee lit a candle in memory of Eugene Cummings



John H Lee - October 21, 2024 at 09:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene "Gene" Cummings Jr..*



October 18, 2024 at 12:48 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene "Gene" Cummings Jr..*



October 16, 2024 at 11:01 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene "Gene" Cummings Jr..*



October 15, 2024 at 05:44 PM



“ *Peoria African American Firefighters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Eugene "Gene" Cummings Jr..*

Peoria African American Firefighters - October 15, 2024 at 05:44 PM

CC

“ Corey Cornish lit a candle in memory of Eugene Cummings



Corey Cornish - October 15, 2024 at 12:32 PM

LC

“ Lois C. purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Mr. Eugene "Gene" Cummings Jr..



Lois C. - October 14, 2024 at 01:16 PM

LC

“ Lois C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Eugene "Gene" Cummings Jr..

Lois C. - October 14, 2024 at 01:16 PM

ON

“ Odessa Nolden purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Eugene "Gene" Cummings Jr..



Odessa Nolden - October 14, 2024 at 11:49 AM

NW

“ Nephew Rodney & niece Gloria Wyatt purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Eugene "Gene" Cummings Jr..



Nephew Rodney & niece Gloria Wyatt - October 08, 2024 at 06:17 PM

PC

“ Gene was my best friend, always helping me do projects. we would go fishing/camping, make crafts for the spoon river drive and helped me remodel my house. I will be forever grateful for his friendship. God did send me an angel .He will always be in my heart and memories. Prayers to the family in this difficult time. Pam Cunningham

pam cunningham - October 06, 2024 at 03:46 PM

MR

“ We are so terribly sorry to learn of Gene's death. He lived next door to us and was such a dear neighbor. He was so kind, generous and thoughtful. For two years during Covid shutdown and beyond he provided nightly dinners for our elderly neighbor. He urged my husband to seek help at the VA when he learned he needed hearing aids. Thanks to Gene's urging the VA is also paying for my husband's chemotherapy. We will forever be grateful for his friendship and miss him. We will be keeping the family in our prayers. Mary Lou, Jim and Alyssa Russell

Mary Lou Russell - October 03, 2024 at 09:25 PM

ON

To my brother's children, you will missed that great big smile and his big heart he had for each of you, including his grandchildren, but remember he will always be with you, through memories, and in your hearts. I miss my brother too, our weekend conversations about the weather and Sunday's dinner/meals. We love him, but God love him more. To my loving brother RIP, one day we all will see each-others again. You will always be a part of my life. Rest well brother in peace ❤️



Your sister Odessa 😔

Odessa Nolden - October 15, 2024 at 10:35 AM

PH

“ *Phillip E. Hickman lit a candle in memory of Eugene Cummings*



Phillip E. Hickman - October 03, 2024 at 08:18 AM

LC

My dear brother, my heart is truly saddened, and I love you with all my heart. I am praying for strength for our family.

Lois collier - October 14, 2024 at 01:31 PM