



Gene Leonhardt

September 11, 1943 - January 16, 2022

Gene Leonhardt of Huntsville Texas passed away January 16 at home with his wife and son by his side. He was born September 11, 1943 in Round Top, Texas to Jacob and Loraine Leonhardt. He was raised in Texas City, Texas. He served in the United States Air Force as a Fire/Rescue specialist from 1962 until 1966.

After leaving the Air Force he started his 36 yr career with Marathon Oil as the Fire and Safety Manager and later promoted to Maintenance Supervisor. He met his wife of 52 years Verna in 1968 and they were married in 1969. The greatest joy of the marriage was when their son Sean was born in 1972. Gene spent his younger years fulfilling his "need for speed". He loved racing boats, cars and motorcycles.

His great passion was for ski racing where he held the State record for many years as fastest man on water at 104.96 mph.

After retiring they built their home in Elkins Lake in 2006 where he enjoyed golfing with his wife and friends and traveling. He loved to sit on his front porch with his dogs. He said he felt like he was on vacation every day.

Gene succumbed to the many autoimmune diseases he battled for the last 20 years. He said he was going to fight the diseases and he did.

He was preceded in death by his is mother, father and brother Leroy along with Verna's parents.

He is survived by his wife Verna, their son Sean and his wife Amy along with

other beloved family and friends.

A memorial service will be held February 5th at Sam Houston Funeral Home with visitation from 10 until 11 followed by the service.

In lieu of flowers he would wish donations be made to the Vasculitis Foundation or St Jude's Children's Hospital. Memorial condolences may be made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr
Huntsville

Celebration of Life

FEB 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gene Leonhardt*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I'm sorry I'm not there today am not feeling great today. You and your family are with Bill and myself. Through prayer and fond memories, I'll always remember "My Kelly Girl"*

Love. Bill & Beckie

Beckie Riddell - February 05, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ *Gene was a true Southern Gentleman. He was a shining example in life and in work. Verna and Sean we send you our love and prayers. May God give you strength during this trying time. Mac and Pat McDonald*

Pat & Mac McDonald - February 04, 2022 at 02:37 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of Genes passing! We worked together for many years at the old Marathon! He always had a smile on his face & great to work with. May u have the strength & peace needed in the coming days! Always Judy Wright*

judy wright - February 04, 2022 at 01:24 PM

BC

“Our family is keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.”



Bobby & Joan Crumpley - February 04, 2022 at 12:18 PM

KW

“All of my love goes out to your family during these sad days. I know Gene was a very important part of your lives. And while his presence will be missed, I know it will continue to live on through all of your happy memories. I wish for peace for you all.”



Kim White - February 04, 2022 at 08:51 AM

JM

“I am so very sorry to hear of Gene’s passing. He was one of the finest people I ever worked with at Marathon. Please know my thoughts are with you Verna and Sean.”



Jan Mooew - February 03, 2022 at 07:14 PM

JC

“Janice And Ronnie Choate lit a candle in memory of Gene Leonhardt”



Janice and Ronnie Choate - February 03, 2022 at 09:02 AM

JG

“ Always a pleasure to speak with him when it came time to schedule a/c and heat service. So sorry for your loss.

Janet Gunn

Janet S Gunn - February 01, 2022 at 01:09 PM

AL

“ May my amazing father-in-law, Gene rest in eternal peace. He was a tough yet kind soul. I am grateful for the love, generosity, and good humor he always extended to me. Family time without him will not be the same but the beautiful memories that we created are forever in our hearts and minds. Heaven has a good one watching over our family and friends.



Amy Leonhardt - January 29, 2022 at 12:05 PM

BC

“Our family is keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.”

Bobby & Joan Crumpley - February 04, 2022 at 12:13 PM

LM

Verna, I am so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. He was always such a wonderful gentleman. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.
Love, Lynette & Tim McKenzie

Lynette McKenzie - February 06, 2022 at 09:04 PM

KN

“ Gene was a very nice person he will be missed he was a good brother in law and a loving husband to my sister Verna Love you

Kathy Nelson - January 28, 2022 at 02:19 PM

SW

“ Shelly and I are so sorry to hear of Gene’s passing. We had wonderful memories of him in Round Top and Texas City. My first memory of him was riding on the back of his motorcycle. You have our sympathies.

Sherry Weinert Whitmarsh

Sherry Whitmarsh - January 26, 2022 at 12:37 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Memories - Gene Leonhardt



Faye Leonhardt - January 26, 2022 at 11:50 AM

VW

“ Gene and his family are wonderful people. He was a joy to chat with, especially his witty ways. He fought a battle for a long time, but that was who he was. Now may he rest in peace and live the eternal life feeling well and absent of any illness. Continued prayers for his family.

Vicki Walker - January 26, 2022 at 09:27 AM

DG

I have known Gene and Verna a long time such a sweet couple. Gene I hope they have Blue Bell Butter Pecan in heaven. Verna and Sean you will be in my daily prayers.

Debbie Guthier - January 26, 2022 at 04:22 PM

FL

“ Faye Leonhardt lit a candle in memory of Gene Leonhardt



Faye Leonhardt - January 26, 2022 at 08:41 AM

FL

“ Uncle Gene was always fun to be around! His laugh was infectious, and we always had good times water skiing off the TC Levee back in the day. He will be missed greatly, but will always be in our hearts. Prayers for comfort & much love Verna, Sean & Amy.

Faye Leonhardt - January 26, 2022 at 08:41 AM

DB

“ My sincerest condolences to the entire Leonhardt Family. I worked with Gene for a number of years at Marathon in Texas City. Gene was a fine man and I considered him one of my closest friends at the plant.

You are in my prayers!

Dan Buchanan

Dan Buchanan - January 25, 2022 at 07:42 PM

MH

“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Gene Leonhardt



M. Hyvl - January 22, 2022 at 12:12 PM

MN

“ *I am so very sorry for your family's loss. Gene was one of the finest gentlemen I have every known. Gene always had a smile on his face and was such a gracious person.*

I know he will be greatly missed.

I pray that God will comfort you all with your memories and grant you His perfect peace during this difficult time and during the times ahead.

*Love and Prayers,
Marie Nash*

Marie Nash - January 20, 2022 at 05:18 PM