



Frank Eugene "Gene" Jerrel

November 4, 1929 - June 8, 2020

Mr. Frank Eugene Jerrel, age 90, of Marietta passed away June 8th 2020. Gene was a native of Evansville, Indiana relocating to Marietta in 1959 to open and manage the Sam Snead later to become Par 56 Golf Course. Gene went on to create and manage Fox Creek Golf with his son and fellow Golf Professional Jeffrey L. Jerrel. Gene was a proud United States Marine serving actively in the Korean conflict. Gene enjoyed a cadre of friends in Marietta and world wide but he was most happy spending time with his buddies at the American Legion or playing golf at the Marietta Country Club where he was a member for some six decades. Gene was a loving husband and father being survived by his loving wife Joyce of 70 years, his daughter Jennifer Dunn her husband Dan and son Jordan, his daughter n law Nikita Le Jerrel, and grandson Paul A. Jerrel. Gene was preceded in death by his son Jeffrey Leigh Jerrel. In leu of flowers the family requests donations be given to the the North Carolina chapter of the Special Olympics or Marietta Chapter of the American Legion.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Frank Eugene "Gene" Jerrel*



Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home - June 15, 2020 at 02:41 PM

NJ

“ *The first time I met Big Daddy, it was for a round at the Marietta Country Club with my husband, Jeff. It was very intimidating to say the least being with the Senior Pro and the Super Pro in the same round and I was just a beginner!*

I remembered Big Daddy calling me "Tequila" for 16 holes and on hole #17, Paul, his grandson who was 13 years old at the time, said to him politely: " Big Daddy, her name is Nikita not Tequila". And then, Big Daddy just started laughing and kept on laughing.

I told him I really didn't mind being called Tequila either.

I know Jeff and him are now playing golf and getting together with old friends and families up there.

Rest in Peace Big Daddy, you are sorely missed but I am glad for Jeff to have some loving company.

Love you always,

Nikita Jerrel

Nikita Jerrel - June 16, 2020 at 03:39 PM

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Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home - June 15, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“ *First time I ever met Big Daddy, he was late to dinner because he had to finish watching his Kentucky Derby. Big Daddy will be missed dearly by his Atlanta in-law Phamily. Lynn & Trung Pham*

Lynn Loggins - June 10, 2020 at 03:38 PM

MK

“ *Gene I will never forget all the memories at Fox Creek, when I would come when to have lessons with Jeff. Thank God our paths crossed in the journey. You always had great stories. You made an impact in my life. Michael Kastner*

Michael Kastner - June 10, 2020 at 06:33 AM

CM

“ *Geno (that was what we called him at Par 56), gave me my 1st job in 1979 working behind the counter in the Golf Shop as a 17 year old kid. I worked there for the next 5 years during my summer breaks from school. It gave me a better education than I received in high school or college. Geno was the best! Godspeed and rest in peace.*

Carey Mountcastle - June 09, 2020 at 03:53 PM

GK

“ *Big daddy may you Rest In Peace. It was nice being your caregiver.*



Grace Kariuki - June 09, 2020 at 02:24 PM

CS

“ Loved seeing Gene come visit us at The American Legion!
Always so handsomely dressed! I will miss our hugs!



Cyndi Schwartz - June 09, 2020 at 11:02 AM

FJ

“ I'm going to miss Lil' Pro. He always took the time to visit with me and always helped me when I asked. "Two turns and a swoosh, Junior...that's all there is to it." God Speed my friend.
Frank Mann, Jr

Frank Mann Jr - June 09, 2020 at 09:39 AM

RC

You and Joyce represented what marriage is supposed to be. You faced adversity with a smile and your glasses were always full. I never saw a more stylish couple. Working with Joyce and getting to know you was a blessing. You will be playing golf on the clouds and keeping your foursome laughing. Judge Rusty Carlisle

Rusty Carlisle - June 09, 2020 at 03:14 PM

CK

Gene will be very missed may you Rest In Peace. I worked with Gene and Jeff at Par 56 and Fox Creek Half of my life.He will be so missed and I will say a prayer for his Wife Joyce we love you May God Bless

cathy Keith - June 09, 2020 at 04:08 PM

HD

Here's to you in your Scottish cashmere, crisp collared shirts, and impeccably kept shoes. Here's to your puns and wicked laughter - to keeping it classy while never taking anything too seriously. Here's to a dear man who impacted my life enormously and supplied me with a multitude of stories that never cease to bring a smile. Here's to you, Geno, my first (and best) boss, my friend. Rest in peace.

Heidi Dangremond - June 09, 2020 at 05:54 PM

SL

To my friend of over 50 years, Jennifer, I am truly sorry to hear about your Dad. Your Mom and Dad were always so sweet to me. I will keep you and your Mom, Joyce in my thoughts and prayers. Suzanne Gayton Lambert

Suzanne Gayton Lambert - June 14, 2020 at 08:45 PM