



Gene Duke, Sr.

March 26, 1934 - May 8, 2026

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Gene Lanelle Duke, Sr., 92, of Olive Branch, MS, passed away on Friday, May 8, 2026. Friends are invited to a visitation with the family on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch from 2:00 pm until the time of the service at 3:00 pm with Rev. Al Canon officiating. Burial will follow at Autumn Woods Memorial Park.

Gene was born on March 26, 1934, in Booneville, MS. He worked as a plant manager for Holiday Inn Corporation and found joy in many simple pleasures throughout his life. He loved painting, gardening, feeding his raccoons, and spending time with his cats and family, especially his grandchildren. Growing up, he cherished family gatherings and cookouts, memories he carried with him throughout the years.

A talented musician, Gene played the electric organ with several bands over the years. He was known for his playful sense of humor, but beneath the jokes was a sincere and kind-hearted man who always tried to find the good in every person and situation. Above all else, he deeply loved his wife and made it a priority to put her above everything and everyone.

Gene was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Ulton Duke, his mother,

Viola (Baldwin) Duke Wright; two brothers, Thomas Duke and Lynn Duke; and sister, Sis Delorme.

Gene is survived by his beloved wife of 72 years, Barbara Ann (Dunn) Duke; son, Gene Duke, Jr. (Kathy) of Olive Branch; daughters, Debbie Lackey (Ray) of Dickson, TN, Sandra Wallace, of Atoka, TN, and Patti Dickerson (Wyatt) of Nesbit; eight grandchildren, Matt Arledge (Shira), Jessica Sealock (Will), Kayla Chambliss (Justin), Bradley Duke, Sarah Dietzman (Andrew), Amber Bryant (Zach), Summer Stegall, Chelsea Greer (Daniel); and seven great-grandchildren.

In lieu of traditional flowers, memorials may be made in Gene Duke's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.

Online condolences may be left on his tribute wall at www.colemanfuneralhomeob.com.

Cemetery Details

Autumn Woods Memorial Park

6240 Davidson Road
Olive Branch, MS 38654

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAY 12. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



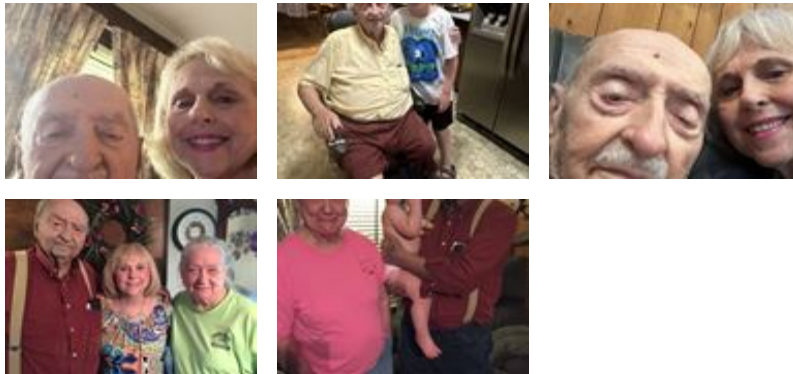
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“ We are so sorry for your loss. Praying for comfort and precious memories to fill you all during this difficult time. He was a very sweet man who I know will be greatly missed. Sending our love, Uncle Ronnie, Tonya and Matt



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