



Mr. Eugene Cleveland

February 19, 1920 - May 25, 2017

Eugene Carson Cleveland went home to be with his heavenly father on May 25, 2017, at the age of 97. A graveside service celebrating his life will be at 10:00 am on Tuesday, May 30 at Restland Memorial Park Cemetery with Dr. Allen Tilley officiating. The family will receive friends and loved ones on Monday, May 29, from 6 to 8 pm at Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Eugene was born on February 19, 1920 to John Grover and Carolyn Watson Cleveland in Chickasha, Oklahoma. He moved with his family from Oklahoma to Clovis, New Mexico, where he spent his childhood and met the love of his life, Arlene Slocum Cleveland. They were married on July 21, 1943, in New Orleans, Louisiana where he was stationed with the United States Navy, and were married for 69 years before her death in 2012.

Eugene served in the United States Navy during World War II from January 7, 1942 through November 13, 1945. During his time in the Navy, he was awarded a letter of commendation for his part as a member of the armed guard in driving off enemy planes which attacked the merchant vessel on which he was stationed. His ship was sunk by German aerial torpedoes in the summer of 1942. His crew drove off one plane, damaged two others, and remained in their positions until ordered to abandon ship after one side was enveloped in flames.

After Eugene's discharge from the Navy, he and Arlene made their home in Clovis, New Mexico, where they raised their three children. He worked as an engineer for the Santa Fe Railroad until his retirement. In 1999, after they both

retired, the couple moved from New Mexico to Carthage, Texas to be near their children and grandchildren. His greatest pleasure was his involvement in the lives of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Eugene is preceded in death by his wife Arlene Slocum Cleveland and son Bob Alan Cleveland. He is survived by two sisters, Louella Sealle of Clovis, New Mexico and Ruth McDaniel of Peralta, New Mexico, his son Kendall Cleveland and wife Debbie of Carthage and his daughter Kay McGough and husband Phil of Carthage. Grandchildren to cherish his memory are Janet and Brice Reddell of Carthage, Julie and Brad Dieter of Carthage, Bobby and Krystal Cleveland of Whitehouse, and Kory and Brittany Cleveland of Big Spring. Great grandchildren include: Jameson, Riley, and Brooklyn Reddell; Braden, Blake, and Jordyn Dieter; Lanie Cleveland; Gavin and Sadie Hanson, and Clay McDaniel.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Bobby Cleveland, Kory Cleveland, Brice Reddell, and Brad Dieter.

The family would like to express a heartfelt thanks to Bethany Home Healthcare, Highland Park Home Health, Hearts Way Hospice, Briarcliff Skilled Nursing Center, and special friends Nikki Causey, Misti Gregory and Lacie LaGrone.

Cemetery Details

Restland Memorial Park Cemetery

2107 State Hwy 149
Carthage, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home
307 West Wellington Street, P.O. Box 188
Carthage, TX

Service

MAY **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Restland Memorial Park Cemetery
2107 State Hwy 149
Carthage, TX

Tribute Wall



“ I'll miss Mr. Cleveland and his daily (/) walks with Mitsy. He loved to talk to my dogs for her. He was a most inquisitive man - always wanting to learn. He was a true gem and I will miss him.

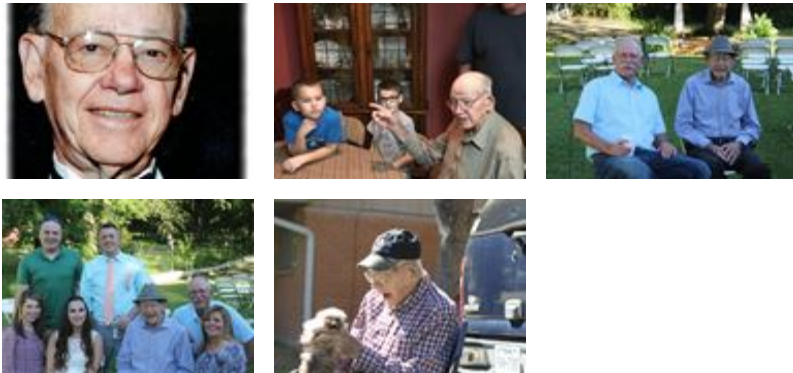


Judi Keiss

Judi Keiss - May 30, 2017 at 12:18 AM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - May 29, 2017 at 09:34 PM

JB

“ My brother was my protector as a child. He was always there to help me, and would tease me about my boy friend. When my boy friend became my husband they became good friends even meeting each other to have a visit during World War II when they were both in the Navy. When I was 15 Eugene taught me to drive a two-seated model A Ford. I loved to hear him play over the waves on his French harp. I will miss you very much.

Your Sister Ruth McDaniel

jomarie balok - May 29, 2017 at 01:24 PM

JB

“ We called him Uncle Gene, did not even know his real name until we got older. I remember having Christmas at their house in Belen NM on 27th of December one year because Gene had to work on Christmas day. We even told Santa we were changing the date. It would not be the same without him and his distinctive laugh. We were his twin nieces and he would try to pick out who was who. He would sometimes get it right but, right or wrong he would laugh and laugh.

Jo Marie and Jo Anne

jomarie balok - May 29, 2017 at 11:20 AM

JC

“ My Uncle Gene was a loving husband & father to his family. He set a very good example of how people should live their lives. Now you are no longer lonely because you are with your beloved in Heaven. One day we will all rejoice together. Prayers for comfort & peace to the family.

Mike & Janice (Glover) Coffman



Janice Coffman - May 28, 2017 at 10:29 PM

JC

“ I always loved to watch him play basketball in high school. I was the baby, but he was a very good brother. I loved hearing you play a french harp. He was so very good & could make it sound just like a train. I am so thankful that my sister Ruth & I had the opportunity to spend time with Gene. Memories were made. I will love & miss you always, & will see you again some day in Heaven. Your little sister, Louella Seale



Janice Coffman - May 28, 2017 at 10:15 PM


Cynthia
McKnight

“ I have known Kendall & Debbie for a long time. We are praying for all of his family. Thankful for Mr. Cleveland bravery and courage during his service for our country.



Cynthia McKnight - May 28, 2017 at 12:21 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene Cleveland.



May 27, 2017 at 05:40 PM

TS

“ Mr Cleveland and his wife were our neighbors in town when my son, Tucker was very little. When he got able to go outside, Mr Cleveland became Tucker's first friend!! They would talk and play ball over the fence that divided our yards. They were precious together, making up games of their own. One day Tucker climbed the fence to play in Mr Cleveland's yard. When I came looking, Mr Cleveland had tried to pick Tuck up and lift him back over fence...he dropped him but no harm. I was more worried Mr Cleveland was hurt trying to lift him. They laughed at each other!! From then on Tucker would climb over and go watch baseball with them on their back porch or walk the dogs they had then. We will keep Mr Cleveland and his family in our prayers and memory. We are out of town with both kids playing ball...I know Mr Cleveland is overseeing as he loved ball games.

Tammy Smith - May 27, 2017 at 04:34 PM

JD

“ We are so sorry to hear about the death of Mr. Eugene. He was a sweet and kind gentleman. Please know that we have you in our thoughts and prayers. Cherish his memories.

With love,
Jerry and Pat (Edens) Dorman
Proverbs 17:17



Jerry and Pat E Dorman - May 27, 2017 at 03:48 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene Cleveland.



May 27, 2017 at 12:12 PM

SR

“ *The Clevelands were our dear sweet neighbors . We always enjoyed seeing Mr. Cleveland taking his daily walk with his beloved little dog . He continued this even after he had to use a walker to get around . We will miss him !! Our heartfelt condolences to his family .*

Sleepy and Sandra Reynolds

Sandra Reynolds - May 26, 2017 at 01:47 PM

PW

“ *Pam Williamson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Cleveland*



Pam Williamson - May 26, 2017 at 09:49 AM

TS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God give you peace in your time of need.*

Terry and Robin Smith - May 26, 2017 at 09:40 AM

LT

“ *Lamesia Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Cleveland*



Lamesia Turner - May 25, 2017 at 10:57 PM