



Eugene "Gene" Creel

February 17, 1950 - February 9, 2026

Eugene "Gene" Creel, 75, a devoted servant of the Lord, passed peacefully into eternal rest on the afternoon of February 9, 2026, at his home in Plant City, Florida.

He was a man of deep conviction, joyful faith, and generous spirit. Outgoing and warm, Gene never met a stranger and had a natural way of drawing people in. His faith guided him through every season of life, and he joyfully bore witness to the grace of Jesus Christ in both word and deed.

Gene was a loving husband, father, grandfather, Army veteran, and proud owner of Creel Air Conditioning Inc. A fisherman at heart, he found peace and happiness on the water, often accompanied by laughter, stories, and one of his many well-timed jokes. Known as a jokester, Gene loved to make others laugh and feel welcome. His generosity showed in the way he freely gave his things, time, and love to those around him.

Above all, Gene was a loving dad and a man passionate about sharing the good news of Jesus.

We take comfort in the sure knowledge that he is now absent from the body and present with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8).

Gene is survived by his loving wife, Carolyn Creel; his loving daughter, Jaime Creel Swartz, son-in-law, Wyatt Swartz; his cherished granddaughter, Saylor Lyn Swartz; his loving son, Colin Eugene Creel; his beloved grandson, Brayden Christopher Creel; sister Judy Creel Lee of Jacksonville Florida; sister Bonnie Creel Galloway of Albany Ga; bonus grandchildren MacKenzie,

Morgan, Moises, Emersen, Avery, Garrett, and Treyce; and bonus great grandchildren Liam and Asher.

A service will be held to honor Gene's life on Friday, 2/13 at 11 am at the Little Chapel at Serenity Gardens at 3350 Mall Hill Dr. (located in Serenity Gardens Cemetery), in Lakeland and graveside at Sardis cemetery in Folkston, GA at 10 am, Saturday, 2/21 to celebrate his homegoing, with family and close friends gathering to give thanks for the gift he was to all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Help Ministries, <https://hm.org/product/donation/>, to give Bibles around the world and spread the Gospel he so dearly loved.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." — Psalm 116:15

Well done, good and faithful servant.

Cemetery Details

Sardis Cemetery

Folkston, GA

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Serenity Gardens - Chapel In The Gardens
3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810

Graveside Service

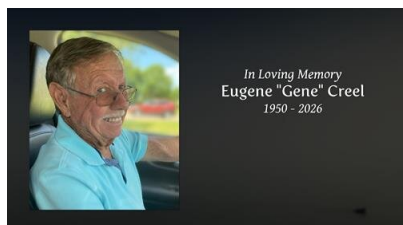
FEB **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel
3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
(863) 858-4474
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<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Eugene "Gene" Creel*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - February 13 at 09:31 PM

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“ *Baker Distributing Company purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Eugene "Gene" Creel.*



Baker Distributing Company - February 13 at 03:52 PM

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“ *Elizabeth was three in these pictures, but she still remembers the grits that “oncol” (uncle) Gene made for her that trip - made her a grits lover for life! He sure knew how to bring a family around a table - showing love with shrimp salad, grits, hoecakes, and Tupelo honey. Our hearts and bellies were always full after a visit with Aunt Carolyn and Uncle Gene.*



Rachel Melton - February 13 at 02:53 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" Creel.*



February 12 at 10:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eugene "Gene" Creel.

February 12 at 10:40 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family, our prayers are with you. I will never forget his beautiful smile and sense of humor. May he rest in peace, and may God get the family through this difficult time.*

Maria Korbos - February 12 at 10:36 PM



Thank you Maria! We love you.

Jaime S - February 13 at 08:20 PM



“ *Andrew and Alysha Simpson purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Eugene "Gene" Creel.*



Andrew and Alysha Simpson - February 12 at 04:20 PM

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“ Gene loved to cook and enjoyed showing off in the kitchen. He taught me how to make buttermilk biscuits and “hoecake” from scratch using a proper “biscuit bowl”. Man, they were good! The biscuit in the middle was off limits because that one was Carolyn’s!



Charlotte Stevenson - February 12 at 07:36 AM



“ My Uncle Gene. Always the jokester and life of the party. Thank you for loving me and supporting me throughout my life. I will forever love you and cherish the time we had. Give Nana and Papa a big hug and kiss for me. XO -Little Lisa

Lisa Kempf - February 11 at 11:21 PM

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“ I love you dad.
Love, LD



Jaime S - February 11 at 07:44 PM