



Earnest "Gene" Eugene Rainey

May 27, 1946 - January 26, 2025

Earnest Eugene "Gene" Rainey, 78, of Salisbury, passed away Sunday, January 26, 2025 with his wife by his side.

Gene was born May 27, 1946 in Rowan County, NC to the late Marie Gales Rainey and Earnest Lock Rainey. He was a graduate of North Rowan High School Class of 1964. He was an electrician and a self-employed home builder. Gene loved his T-shirt ministry for which he and Dennis Stiller worked together in designing the t-shirts. He also loved big game hunting, and fishing. Gene was a member of Friendship Baptist Church and formerly a member of Community Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon for sixteen year and Sunday School teacher in the early years.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 52 years, Diane Reep Rainey and brother, Michael Linn Rainey (Vista) of Denver, NC.

The family will receive friends from 1-2 PM Thursday (Jan 30) at Friendship Baptist Church.

A Celebration of Life will follow at Friendship Baptist Church at 2 PM, officiated by Rev. Jason Pierce. Burial will follow at Rowan Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to Friendship Baptist Church, 100 Porter Road, Salisbury, NC 28146.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Rainey family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church
Salisbury, NC

Funeral Service

JAN 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church
Salisbury, NC

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Dion Short lit a candle in memory of Earnest "Gene" Rainey*



Dion Short - January 29, 2025 at 11:56 AM

CM

“ *Cheryl Goodman Misenheimer lit a candle in memory of Earnest "Gene" Rainey*



Cheryl Goodman Misenheimer - January 28, 2025 at 12:41 PM

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“ *Diane I am so sorry for your loss of Gene I have many fond memories of the time I spent with you two at your home Blessiad Be love Cheryl*

Cheryl Goodman Misenheimer - January 28, 2025 at 12:36 PM



“ *Very close friends in High School . Fishing and hunting Buddy. Later years my health has kept me away from what I liked. John Martin , James LaFevers , Gene and myself, used to drag town like they did then. We fished in the District Six Bass Club. All three of my Best friends are gone now. He will be missed. To his family, Please accept our deepest sympathy and prayers, at this trying time. Tom & Dixie Talbert.*



Thomas Talbert - January 28, 2025 at 08:50 AM