



Edward Eugene "Gene" Auten

December 14, 1930 - July 7, 2011

Edward Eugene "Gene" Auten, 80, of Salisbury died Thursday, July 7, 2011 at his home.

Born December 14, 1930 in Cabarrus County, he was the son of the late Robert Taylor Auten and Effie Duggan Auten. He was educated in the Cabarrus County, Salisbury schools and graduated from Boyden High School. Mr. Auten was a veteran of the US Army.

Mr. Auten was employed as Parts Manager for City Motor Company from 1964-74, he was co-owner and manager of Corbin Hills Golf Club from 1975 until his retirement in December 1996.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, served as an usher and was a former Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School. He served as coach of the St. John's Lutheran Church Little League team from 1962-74, was an active member of the Harold B. Jarrett American Legion Post #342, an active follower of all Catawba College and Rowan County sports, and was an avid NASCAR fan. Mr. Auten was a member of Wink's Coffee Club, played on the Cartex Mills Softball team in which he won honors, was an avid golfer an a honorary member of Corbin Hills Golf Club.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Kristen

Layne Auten, brother, Robert Auten, and sister-in-law, Mary Ruth VanPoole.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 55 years, Becky VanPoole Auten, whom he married December 23, 1956; daughters, Kelly Powlas and husband Barrett of Charlotte, Kim Smyth and husband Duane of Statesville; son, Kevin Auten and wife Jennifer of Salisbury; grandchildren, Dylan Auten, Kristen Powlas, Addie and Molly Smyth; sister-in-law, Gladys VanPoole of Salisbury, several nieces and nephews from Ohio and his beloved cat DC.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:00 AM – Monday (July 11) at St. John's Lutheran Church with the Rev. Rhodes Woolly, senior minister and Rev. Wayne Cobb, minister of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Savannah, GA. Interment will follow at Rowan Memorial Park with Military Graveside Rites conducted by the Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard.

The family will receive friends from 5-8:00 PM Sunday at the Summersett Funeral Home and at other times the family will be at the residence.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, 200 W. Innes St., Salisbury, NC 28144 or the charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Becky & Family*

I know how hard the loss will be but let your memories along with friends and family support give you the strength and faith in God the hope.

My sincere condolences,

Lana##imported-begin##Lana Barger##imported-end##

July 11, 2011 at 12:07 PM



“ *Mr. Auten was an exceptional human being, and a true example of Christ in action. He genuinely cared about people, and his family was the center of his heart. As a child, I recall his always enjoying a laugh with us. It was such a gift to have shared the vast amount of time at the polls with him last year. Having known him as a child, I got to really appreciate him as an adult, and he set a standard for compassion in his interactions with others that I cherish and now hope to emulate. My prayers are with the Autens.##imported-begin##June Showfety##imported-end##*

July 11, 2011 at 08:48 AM



“ *The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and Detention Center send their sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Auten. The family is in our prayers.*

Major Robert Lawing##imported-begin##Robert Lawing##imported-end##

July 10, 2011 at 02:55 PM



“ We are sorry for your loss and give our deepest sympathy to all of the family.##imported-begin##Patrick and Pamela Basham##imported-end##

July 09, 2011 at 08:43 PM



“ I am so saddened to hear of the sudden loss of your husband, dad, and grandpa. I had the priviledge of speaking with him at a fund raiser for Kevin. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Julie Munday##imported-end##

July 09, 2011 at 04:37 PM



“ Dear ones - Becky, Kevin, Kim, Kelly, and your families.

Just as he lived, gently, he went gently into the night. How like him! He, and you, Becky, were some of our first friends when we came to Salisbury in the 60's. He was was always there when you needed him. We loved this good man and will miss knowing he is around. We have you all close in our hearts and prayers. Our love, Betty and Don Bills##imported-begin##Betty and Don Bills##imported-end##

July 09, 2011 at 10:46 AM



“ Deepest sympathy on your loss.##imported-begin##Shirley Wilks##imported-end##

July 09, 2011 at 07:02 AM



“ Tony & I are keeping you & your family in our prayers. Gene was always a gentleman & always picking & making jokes. He was a great asset to Rowan County. He will be missed by all that knew him. God bless.##imported-begin##Bonnie McGowan/Tony Wilhite##imported-end##

July 08, 2011 at 07:57 PM



“ We are so sorry to here about your loss.We will miss seeing him at Ricks Bbq.He was a real nice man.God Bless to all.Ricks BBQ and Grill.929South Main Street.Salisbury.##imported-begin##Ricks Bbq and Grill##imported-end##

July 08, 2011 at 05:54 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Gene was a great man and will be greatly missed. Kim and Kevin, if there is anything I can do, please let me know.##imported-begin##Ginger Clement##imported-end##

July 08, 2011 at 02:51 PM



“ Sorry about Dad. He was a dear friend just like you are. You are in my prayers and on my mind just like you have been for many years. If there is anything I can do for you, please let me know. Love to you and the family.

Thelma Boulus##imported-begin##Thelma Boulus##imported-end##

July 08, 2011 at 01:33 PM



“ *Praying for you and your family during the loss of your loved one.*

*Mark and Cindy Wellmon##imported-begin##Cindy
Wellmon##imported-end##*

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