



## Mr. Eugene Wallace Paige Jr.

October 12, 1946 - January 4, 2016

Mr. Eugene Wallace Paige, Jr., 69, of Salisbury, NC passed away Monday, January 4, 2016 at Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House.

Born October 12, 1946 in Rowan County, NC he was a son of the late Eugene Wallace Paige, Sr. and Buelah Evington Paige. He was a graduate of Boyden High School and East Carolina University. He was employed with the NC State Highway Department and then with the sales department of Carolina Custom Brick in Raleigh. He was an avid duck hunter, fisherman and golfer. He was a member of St. Pauls Episcopal Church in Louisburg, NC.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his mother-in-law Annette Taylor Snider and father-in-law Stuart Snider.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife Sandra Snider Paige; daughter, Keleigh Stuart; special nieces Holly and Maggie; a half-sister Rhonda Wyles of Lake Anna ,Mineral, VA; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, cherished friends and his special canine friend Hydee.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 – 3:00 PM Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at Summersett Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the the Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House, 1229

Statesville Blvd., Salisbury, NC 28144 or to the ASPCA att. Gift Processing Center, PO Box 96929, Washington, DC 20090-6929.

Summersett Funeral Home and Cremation Service is serving the Paige family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 633-2111  
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Bob And Betty Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Wallace Paige Jr.*



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**Bob and Betty Shaw** - January 08, 2016 at 07:53 AM

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**Bob and Betty Shaw** - January 08, 2016 at 07:50 AM

BS

*Gene, we will miss you at ECU football and tailgating,*

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**Bob and Betty Shaw** - January 08, 2016 at 07:55 AM

WS

“ *What a great guy. He will be sorely missed.*

*Will Spencer  
BAI-Architects*



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**Will Spencer** - January 07, 2016 at 02:21 PM

BV

“ Sandy&Keleigh,  
Gene was a neighborhood friend and my business brother. He made me feel good when I was around him. Always – always did his best and performed many special favors for me . An example of his kindness, this summer I was at Winstons in Raleigh with Stella, Gene and some of his coworkers came in and were seated next to us. We enjoyed our meal time visit and when it was time for me to go ,our waitress told me my bill was taken care of-he slipped off and paid my tab. Little did I know it would be my last moment with him. In much the same way ,he has slipped off again, without complaint and without telling me of his troubles. Love and respect I have for Gene. May God gently wrap you in the knowing that your husband, your dad is with him .  
Love, Bernie

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**Bernie Vollmer** - January 06, 2016 at 08:04 PM

BV

“ Bernie Vollmer sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Mr. Eugene Wallace Paige Jr.



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**Bernie Vollmer** - January 06, 2016 at 07:30 PM

PS

“ Sandi and Kelli, so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. He was a good neighbor and friend growing up in Pilot. Will never forget how kind he was looking after my kittens in his pump house and many other dear memories.

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**Phyllis Williams Shearin** - January 06, 2016 at 03:44 PM

CQ

“ *Carlos Quintero lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Wallace Paige Jr.*



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**Carlos Quintero** - January 06, 2016 at 12:31 PM

SH

“ *Gene was such a fun person to be around - he always made me laugh! He will be missed by so many people. It was a pleasure to know him and call him friend. Sandi, you are in our thoughts and prayers. "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, Love leaves a memory no one can steal."*

*Kevin & Sharon Ray*

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**Sharon** - January 06, 2016 at 10:23 AM

NH

“ One of the funniest people I have ever been around; crazy might better describe him. He was in the original Troubadours folk group that we assembled while in high school. The group included Dick Penley, Benny Dunn, Andy Atkinson and me. We were a very talented band with great harmonies and we had a hell of a good time performing and traveling to performances. For those of you who remember we appeared on Kilgo's Canteen channel 9 Charlotte. Opened for the Letter Men in Lexington and performed at nursing homes, churches and the VA Hospital. Many times we were part of a "Hootenanny" which was like a small, present day concert made up of several folk groups. Along our journey one thing always remained constant. It was Gene's ability to supply us with a steady belly laugh. Now he is singing with the Angels. Peace Gene Paige, you are one of a kind.

*Respectfully submitted, Nathan Harris*

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**Nathan Harris** - January 06, 2016 at 09:24 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene Wallace Paige Jr..



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January 06, 2016 at 08:50 AM

KH

“ Gene was a wonderful friend, business acquaintance, and a gentleman full of humor and kindness - always concerned about others. I will sorely miss him - prayers to all the family and friends.  
*Ken Holland*

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**Ken Holland** - January 06, 2016 at 07:52 AM

KH

“ *Ken Holland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Wallace Paige Jr.*



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**Ken Holland** - January 06, 2016 at 07:50 AM

TD

“ *Sending prayers of comfort to Sandi and Keleigh during the loss of your beloved husband and father,*

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**tracey dickerson-taylor** - January 05, 2016 at 09:46 PM

JC

“ *"What a GREAT GUY !!! Pilot will never be the same. If you needed a laugh, all you had to do was get around Gene. He always had a story or good joke to tell. I'm sitting here reflecting on the great times we had when Gene, Jerry Boswell and myself were on the fire dept. , it was a real party and we enjoyed every min. of it. Thanks Gene, for the GOODTIMES !! Sandy and Kelli , Gene loved you both very much. May God Bless you both in the coming months, and remember the GOODTIMES ... If I can help you in anyway , please call. Love you both !! jerry carlyle*

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**jerry carlyle** - January 05, 2016 at 07:26 PM

BC

“ From the moment I met Gene at the Misenheimer family's tailgate many years ago, I adored him and knew I had made a friend. His laughter, sense of humor and kind heart always made any event special. He will be dearly missed and my prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

*Bettina Cox*

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**Bettina Cox** - January 05, 2016 at 06:30 PM

JN

“ Gene Paige...one of the sweetest and funniest guys I've ever known. I knew him from the neighborhood growing up, when I was maybe 7 or 8 years old and he was a few older. We played outside with the neighborhood kids til after dark back in those days, explored the neighborhood with our friends, all the things we all do....then got to hang out with him and Dickie Penley through my friend Rosemary all through high school and beyond. Many a beach trip to the Penley's during our teen years...hysterical laughing at him the whole time. I wish he and Sandy had stayed closer to home so we could have enjoyed more of that. Everybody loved him...And now, everybody will miss him. But, most of us will have some excellent memories that will make us smile, if not chuckle out loud to ourselves. How lucky we have been to have known him! God bless, Running Colt!!!! Sandy, we all are thinking of you and your daughter and hope to see you before long!

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**Jane Nussman** - January 05, 2016 at 06:13 PM

CR

“ *Cathy Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Wallace Paige Jr.*



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**Cathy Ray** - January 05, 2016 at 03:29 PM

JR

“ *Jackson Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Wallace Paige Jr.*



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**Jackson Ray** - January 05, 2016 at 03:28 PM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene Wallace Paige Jr..*



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January 05, 2016 at 03:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene Wallace Paige Jr..*



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January 05, 2016 at 02:47 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene Wallace Paige Jr..*



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January 05, 2016 at 02:31 PM



“ *I had the privilege and honor to call Gene a friend. His good humor always brightened up any situation and was always unpredictable. I will hold close those memories that we shared and those special times will help me through this difficult time of sadness. To his family, I pray that you will find comfort in knowing he is in a better place – free of suffering and the outpouring of love from everyone who knew him is a testament how special he was to all of us.*  
*Sincerely, Gus Ward*

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**Gus Ward** - January 05, 2016 at 02:14 PM



“ *I loved this Southern Gentleman!!! Always made sure at ECU tailgating that I was doing alright and had such wonderful compliments of my son Sean and his wife Caroline. At Mary Craig's wedding reception I was honored to sit with his family and become acquainted with Sandi and Keleigh.*

*Gene....your laughter and stories will be missed by all!!!*

*You made a positive difference in everyone!!*

*Eleanor Connolly  
New Smyrna Beach, Florida*

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**Eleanor Connolly** - January 05, 2016 at 12:33 PM

LW

“ This is all still surreal to me. Gene has always been in mine and my siblings lives. The day was always so much brighter when he came to town. He and my Dad (Dick Penley) were the best of buddies from childhood on. More like brothers than friends. When he and Gene were together all was right in their worlds. They would laugh, tell stories, tell lots of jokes and laugh some more. Although I never really understood what they were saying (which was probably a good thing 😊) the laughter they shared between the two of them in turn made me laugh until my sides hurt. They were the definition of a true friendship. It was so special. After Dad died Gene would often tell us how much he deeply missed his buddy. The thought of them being together again warms my heart. My sister and I went to see Gene this past Thursday. He opened his eyes just a bit and let us know he loved us. That will forever be a special moment in my heart. I love you Gene! Until I see you again... ❤️

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**Lauren Penley Wetter** - January 05, 2016 at 12:09 PM

HS

“ I loved "Uncle Gene" since I was a little girl and will miss him tremendously. My memories of him are too numerous to list and the laughter he gave me throughout the years too.

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**Heather Stepp** - January 05, 2016 at 10:46 AM



“ I loved Gene as a father figure, and a friend. He is the first person to truly make me laugh til I really cried. I remember this as a boy, and as a man.

Gene wasn't just funny character though. He cared. Really cared for people. In the midst of the onset of I'm sure intolerable pain, he wanted to make sure my own mother was doing well with her cancer treatments. He put others, before self. I'm privileged to have had Gene in my life. Just as so many others lives he touched.

While this week, those same tears are not from laughter, I do know those happy tears will return as a lifetime of stories are reflected on in days, weeks, months, years to come.

Love you "Paige",  
Brad

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**Brad Penley** - January 05, 2016 at 10:15 AM



“ My name is Melanie King. I'm a good friend of Keleigh's. I got to meet Gene several years ago when we stayed at their house. Gene had a fire pit going. Kel and I joined. For two hours I watched Gene and Keleigh talk and laugh and laugh and laugh. I couldn't understand a lot of what they were saying, but couldn't help laughing with them. There was such genuine love. Gene will be missed dearly.

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**Melanie King** - January 05, 2016 at 09:35 AM

KV

“ Sandi---Our thoughts and prayers have certainly been with you. This has all been so fast. I hope to see you soon. Some of us are trying to make arrangements to come tomorrow. You have many friends at Nash that love and miss you.

Sincerely,  
Karen Vick

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**Karen Vick** - January 05, 2016 at 08:15 AM

PR

“ Gene is 6 years older than me, I remember meeting Sandi before they were married. He was so in love and happy...a beautiful couple then, supporting each other, a beautiful couple still loving and caring for each other until God called him. I remember him as a mischevious 12 year old boy! A wonderful man caring for others.

Cousin Phyllis

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**Phyllis Hopper Ryan** - January 04, 2016 at 09:59 PM

PR

“ Phyllis Hopper Ryan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Wallace Paige Jr.



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**Phyllis Hopper Ryan** - January 04, 2016 at 09:53 PM

SW

“ Sadie Wagoner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Wallace Paige Jr.



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**Sadie Wagoner** - January 04, 2016 at 08:35 PM



*We will miss you Gene you always made me laugh with your jokes and you always had a smile. I know your in heaven. Our prayers are with you Sandy.*

*Wayne & Amanda Hopper*

**Wayne Hopper** - January 05, 2016 at 07:41 AM



“ *Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene Wallace Paige Jr..*



January 04, 2016 at 08:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene Wallace Paige Jr..*



January 04, 2016 at 06:54 PM



“ *Forterra Brick Family & Terry McCracken purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mr. Eugene Wallace Paige Jr..*



**Forterra Brick Family & Terry McCracken** - January 04, 2016 at 04:13 PM

MR

“ *What a pal I've lost.Mack*

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**Mack Robbins** - January 04, 2016 at 02:53 PM