

Wade Eugene "Gene" Bailey

January 11, 1940 - March 19, 2025

Wade Eugene 'Gene' Bailey, 85, of Salisbury, NC passed away March 19, 2025 at Clemson Heritage Senior Center.

Born January 11, 1940 in Mocksville, NC Gene was the son of the late Wilbert Lanning and Elsie Swink Lanning.

Mr. Bailey attended East Spencer High School and was a graduate of North Rowan High School. He worked as a welder with North Carolina Finishing Company for 40 years. Later, he worked as a security guard with Rowan Regional Medical Center. Mr. Bailey served as the president of North Rowan High School Booster Club. He loved gardening and was known for growing the best cantaloupes. He also enjoyed playing golf, softball, umpiring, and feeding birds.

Preceding him in death are his wife, Vallie Archer Bailey; brother, Jim Bailey and daughter, Tanya Bailey.

Those left to cherish his memory are son, Michael Bailey (Jeannie) of Central, SC, son, Kevin Bailey (Kelly) of Lynchburg, VA, and daughter, Melinda Bailey Freeman (Terry) of Winston Salem, NC. His loving grandchildren Caleb Bailey of Clemson, SC, Gabrielle Bailey of Summerville, SC, Cortlinn Bailey of Clemson, SC, Jordan and Jocelyn Bailey of Lynchburg, VA, Austin Fisher of Raleigh, NC, Abigail Fisher of Sugar Hill, GA, Keirsten Thomas of Lexington, NC, Charisma Brown of Spencer, NC; and great granddaughter, JaLena Thomas of Faith, NC.

Visitation will be held from 1-2PM at Summersett Funeral Home on Saturday,

March 29, 2025. Graveside service will be held following the visitation at 2:00 pm at Rowan Memorial Park Salisbury, NC with Pastor Chad Queen officiating.

Memorials may be made to North Rowan High School Booster Club, 300 N. Whitehead Ave, Spencer, NC 28159.

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

Cemetery Details

Rowan Memorial Park

4125 Franklin Comm Center Rd
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 636-8751

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Graveside Service

MAR 29. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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



March 27, 2025 at 09:44 AM



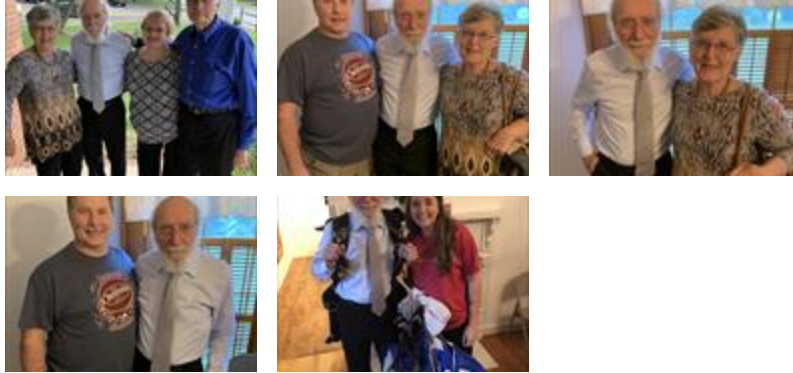
“ *Pete and Gayle Jernigan and daughters purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Wade Eugene "Gene" Bailey.*



Pete and Gayle Jernigan and daughters - March 27, 2025 at 07:25 AM



“ My Uncle Gene was a wonderful person and I respected him greatly. He was kind, easy going, and I don't remember him ever getting upset about anything. He loved baseball and various other sports. He was a great baseball player, coach and umpire. He loved to garden and grew delicious cantaloupes. You'll always be loved, admired, respected, and missed Uncle Gene. Love always, Barth



Barth Bonniwell - March 26, 2025 at 03:22 PM

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“ Charles L. purchased the Sweet & Savory Snacks Gift Basket for the family of Wade Eugene "Gene" Bailey.



Charles L. - March 25, 2025 at 08:40 PM

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“ Charles L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wade Eugene "Gene" Bailey.

Charles L. - March 25, 2025 at 08:40 PM

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“ Rest well Hube.

Why we called him Hube, I don't have the slightest. I went to school with Gene for twelve years. He spent many nights at our house (near the ice plant in East Spencer) and although bashful, would sit and eat supper with us each and every time that he was there at serving time and, later we slept in the front room of a house (not there now) about a block and a half from where he lived.

Gene was probably the best second baseman ever to come out of Rowan County or anywhere for that matter. Nothing (NOTHING) got by him and he always managed to get on base.

Gene taught me a lot, simply by not coming along (just flat out rejecting to come along (or participate in any form) in some of the evening shenanigans us neighborhood boys would plan.

I have a special place in my heart for Eugene and pray that I will see him again because I know without a doubt where he is>>>>>>> looking down on us while searching for a baseball or softball team to join.

Again,

Rest well my friend,

Charles (Charley) Loflin

Charles Loflin - March 25, 2025 at 08:29 PM

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To Gene's family,

Please accept y sincere sympathy for you in your sorrow. Gene was a fine family man.

Brenda B. Morris - March 26, 2025 at 10:47 AM