



Gene Melton

March 2, 1955 - September 9, 2022

GENE MELTON

Eugene F. "Gene" Melton, 67, passed away Friday, September 9, 2022 at his home in Laurie, Missouri.

He is survived by his wife, Diana Melton; three children, Jamie Miller and husband Marcus of Denver, Colorado, Ryan Melton and wife Heather of Steamboat Springs, Colorado and Kent Melton of Seattle, Washington and his sister, Billie Jean Copeland of Comanche Oklahoma.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert "Bobby" Melton and Linnie Jean Melton of Mesilla, New Mexico.

After owning his own ophthalmology equipment business for 32 years, Gene moved from Denver, Colorado to retire on the Lake of the Ozarks in Laurie, Missouri in 2015.

A Celebration of Life will be at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, September 17, 2022 at West Lake Christian Church in Laurie. Visitation will be from 2:00-3:00 p.m., Saturday at the church.

Memorial Donations to the American Breast Cancer Society.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Kidwell-Garber
Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

West Lake Christian Church
936 Highway O
Laurie, MO 65037

Celebration of Life

SEP 17. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TB

“ My name is Tim Biel. I worked with Gene at the Navel Hospital, Quantico VA. I was also his neighbor. We lived next door to each other on Aquila creek. We had great times on the river. The unit I rented is now gone. The house Gene and his roommate Doug Grahl rented is still there. You can see the house on Google Earth. Enter 34 Barge Way, Stafford, VA. Doug was Petty Officer in charge of personal. Gene was Petty Officer in charge of the eye clinic. I was a senior Corpsman in the emergency room. gene was more than a coworker and neighbor, he was a fine friend. We did a few road trips in his pearl white MGB. Twice to Ansted, West Virginia. Ansted was the starting point for river rafting down the New River. My family and I stopped to see Gene in I believe in 1997. I'm saddened to hear of his passing. I have nothing but fond memories and kind words for Gene.

Sincerely.

Tim.

Tim Biel - January 28, 2025 at 04:34 PM

JK

Well, D. Timmons Biel! How are you? Very sad to hear about Gene. I too had nothing but fond memories of him in the EENT clinic at NH Quantico. Hope you are well.

Jim Kielek

Jim Kielek - May 19 at 08:56 PM

JK

I'm Jim Kielek. Like Tim Biel, I worked with Gene in the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic at the Naval Hospital in Quantico, Va in the mid '70s. I was the ENT corpsman after working in the Emergency Department. Gene was always professional, friendly and so much fun to be around. I am so sad to hear about his passing. I recall his fishing trip to Canada with the late Dr. Dick Claussen. We had the best time working with Dick (the ophthalmologist), Mike Angotti (optometrist), Dave Roger (the other Eye corpsman) and the late Dr. Jeffrey Fliegel (the ENT doctor). Fair Winds and Following Seas, my friend. Rest in Peace, Shipmate.

Jim Kielek - May 19 at 09:04 PM

MB

“*Wow. I did not expect this. Gene, or Eugene as he was called when we were kids was one of my best friends growing up in Mesilla Park, now Mesilla.*

We built forts together, played football in his yard and were super heroes caped with pillowcases. I will always remember when his brother, Johnny took us to watch a James Bond movie at the drive-in theater and sharing our first beer together. It was, in our minds, our entrance into adulthood.

Though we both moved away and lived our lives, he has always been in my thoughts and prayers.

I will miss you, "Superman."

Your friend, Mark Bell

Mark Bell - October 24, 2022 at 10:41 PM

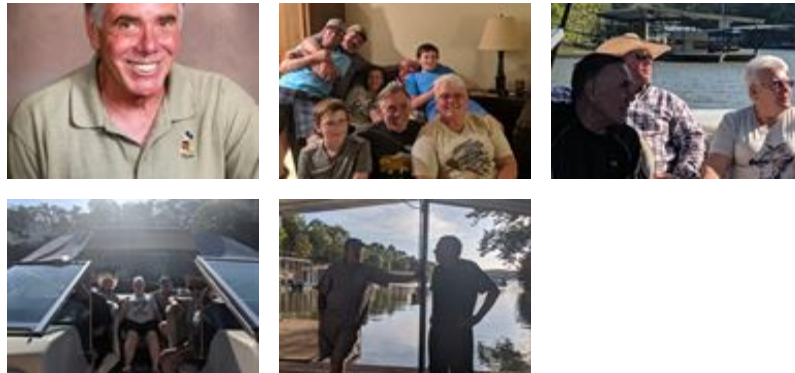
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“ I was so very blessed to know Gene, and to have had the opportunity to work with Gene for so many years in the Ophthalmic business. Our relationship was so much more than just supplier-distributor, it was more about family. Gene was simply a class act, and the kindest, most wonderful soul you would ever meet. Gene and I shared so many incredible experiences together, on the golf course, on the ski slopes, and just hanging out with a beverage or two enjoying life. I'll never forget his laugh, because it always made me smile. His customers loved him, his colleagues loved him, and I know his suppliers loved him. I will cherish every memory I have of Gene, and it's comforting to know that he leaves behind a beautiful family, and a tremendous legacy that will live on forever. God Bless you Gene! Your friend Brad.

Brad Santora - September 15, 2022 at 02:38 PM



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