



Mr. Eugene Dickson Rhodes

October 31, 1926 - July 30, 2016

On July 30, 2016, Eugene Dickson Rhodes, 89, of Roswell, GA slipped the surly bonds of earth and reached out to touch the face of God. He passed peacefully at home surrounded by family, friends and neighbors. Gene was born on October 31, 1926, the only child of William Patrick and Fannie Mae Fuller Rhodes in the Kirkwood section of Atlanta, Ga. He graduated from Boys High School class of 1944 and entered Georgia Tech. A World War II veteran, he was drafted into the service and went overseas as an infantryman. He was assigned to the Engineer Section Headquarters 8th Army, serving in the Philippines and Japan as a sergeant. After service he returned to Georgia Tech, later graduating in the second class from Southern Technical Institute. For many years he sold equipment and supplies to newspapers and printers throughout the Southeast. The latter part of his career was spent with the Fulton County Public Works Department, where he retired.

He married Mildred Aileen Dempsey of Morgan Falls on November 30, 1952 in Roswell, GA. Aileen preceded him to the kingdom of God on November 7, 1998. He is survived by his two loving children, Karen Rhodes Boykin (Thomas) of Roswell, GA and Philip Dempsey Rhodes (Joselyn Cassidy) of Decatur, GA as well as two grandchildren, Kathryn Boykin and Patrick Boykin. He will be missed by his family and many loving friends and neighbors of his close-knit Roswell community.

A 59 year resident of Roswell, he was a member of The First Baptist Church of Roswell. He was a Life Member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a Patron Life Member of the National Rifle Association.

A memorial service celebrating Gene's life will be held at the First Baptist Church of Roswell, 710 Mimosa Boulevard, Roswell GA 30075, on Friday, August 5, 2016 at 2 PM. A visitation with the family will be held at 1 PM before the service in the Church. He will be interred at Green Lawn Cemetery in Roswell following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to one of the following charities: Roswell Historical Society, P.O. Box 1636, Roswell, GA 30077, 770-992-1665, <http://www.roswellhistoricalsociety.org/>; K9s For Warriors, 114 Camp K9 Road, Ponte Vedra, FL 32081, 904-686-1956, <http://www.k9sforwarriors.org/>; Canine Assistants, 3160 Francis Road, Milton, GA `30004, 770-664-7178, <http://www.canineassistants.org/>; Trees Atlanta, 225 Chester Ave SE, Atlanta, GA 30316, 404-522-4097, <https://treesatlanta.org/>.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

10993 Alpharetta Hwy
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Roswell
710 Mimosa Blvd.
Roswell, GA

Memorial Service

AUG 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Eugene Dickson Rhodes*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Gene, I'll miss your monthly visits to the barber shop. Your crazy hair was always a challenge but still we would just laugh. I enjoyed listening to your stories. I'll miss you,
Donna*

Donna Meadows - August 08, 2016 at 11:44 AM



“ *Gene was truly one of my closest friends. He was a kind, gentle, funny soul. I knew he was always concerned when I changed my work hours - wanted to make sure I was OK, not stranded somewhere trying to get home to Spring Drive.*

Loved many nice dinners and lunches with him and others; watched some golf, some auto racing. Talked a lot about lots in life.

I will surely miss him; but know I can always have fond memories of him in my heart.

Bernetta Davis

Bernetta Davis - August 05, 2016 at 03:46 PM

TB

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Thomas Boykin - August 05, 2016 at 10:14 AM

DS

“ Drew & Kim Sitton purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of *Mr. Eugene Dickson Rhodes*.



Drew & Kim Sitton - August 04, 2016 at 09:27 PM

TB

“ 8 files added to the album *Family*



Thomas Boykin - August 04, 2016 at 06:18 PM

BC

“ Karen, Peace and comfort for you and your family - I can't make it to the service on Friday. Wish I could see and hug you.
Becky Drake Carlson

Becky Drake Carlson - August 03, 2016 at 07:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene Dickson Rhodes.



August 03, 2016 at 03:40 PM

MS

“ Mark and Donna Sousa purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Mr. Eugene Dickson Rhodes.



Mark and Donna Sousa - August 03, 2016 at 03:05 PM

PB

“ Philip, we are so sorry for your loss, you and Karen are in our prayers.
Posie (Koch) Bodine and kids

Posie Koch Bodine - August 03, 2016 at 11:49 AM

YC

“ *Your Deloitte L&D Colleagues purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Eugene Dickson Rhodes.*



Your Deloitte L&D Colleagues - August 03, 2016 at 09:54 AM

JH

“ *Karen, so sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort in all those sweet memories. I remember your Dad and what a great father he was.*
Jan Strickland House

Jan House - August 03, 2016 at 07:42 AM

TB

“ *1 file added to the album Family*



Thomas Boykin - August 03, 2016 at 03:17 AM

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Thomas Boykin - August 03, 2016 at 03:16 AM

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Thomas Boykin - August 03, 2016 at 03:10 AM

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Gene Rhodes

Thomas Boykin - August 03, 2016 at 03:11 AM

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“ 3 files added to the album *Family*



Thomas Boykin - August 03, 2016 at 03:04 AM

PR

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



philip rhodes - August 02, 2016 at 09:44 PM

JC

I miss him so very very much already. I love my Daddy Gene. He is my true hero. He taught me so much about love, Grace and God. I know he is in Haven and he promised me he would tell my momma how much I love and miss her. I can't wait till I am with them in Gods Kingdom.

joselyn Cassidy - August 02, 2016 at 11:25 PM

PR

“ 4 files added to the album New Album Name



philip rhodes - August 02, 2016 at 08:22 PM

CB

“ Gene was my walking companion for 16 years. I am from this area but I learned so much history from him. He was the epitome of "Southern Gentleman" not a common trait. Rest in Peace
Claire Barnes

claire barnes - August 02, 2016 at 06:50 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene Dickson Rhodes.



August 02, 2016 at 03:22 PM

JL

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James Lumry - August 02, 2016 at 03:19 PM

JL

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James Lumry - August 02, 2016 at 03:18 PM

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James Lumry - August 02, 2016 at 03:15 PM

CH

“ *Gene was a great neighbor when I lived on Spring Street and stayed a good friend even after our move to Pennsylvania. I will very much miss his email updates and the beautiful cards he sent. I was blessed to have known him.*

Carol Haislip

Carol Haislip - August 02, 2016 at 09:35 AM