



## Gene Garris

March 18, 2011

Gene Garris, 64, of Cape Girardeau died Friday, March 18, 2011, at his home. He was born Nov. 19, 1946 in Belleville, Ill., to James Harold and Irene Fauerbauch Garris. He and Janie Deweese were married Sept. 4, 1993, in Cape Girardeau. He is a graduate of Columbia High School in Columbia, Ill., and a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. Gene worked in construction as a quality assurance controller and was a member of Bethany Baptist Church and the Harold O. Grauel Lodge 672 AF & AM. Survivors include his wife, Janie Garris of Cape Girardeau; a son, Joseph Garris of Waterloo, Ill.; a daughter, Jennifer Garris of Columbia, Ill.; two sisters, Barbara Garris and Patricia (Bill) Rauch, both of Columbia, Ill.; a grandchild, Hannah Garris; his mother- and father-in-law, Shirley and Orval Deweese of Gideon, Mo.; his sister- and brother-in-law, Stacy and Don Whitfield of Kennett, Mo.; and a sister-in-law, Regina Schaffer of Malden, Mo. He was preceded in death by his father James Garris and mother Irene Holiday. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Chapel with Masonic Services at 7 p.m. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, with Dr. Shawn Wasson officiating. Burial will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis with full military rites by the Missouri Honors Team. Memorial contributions may be given to Harold O. Grauel Masonic Lodge or the Vietnam Vet Association.

# Tribute Wall

TP

“ Gene was an exceptionally nice young man growing up in Columbia, Illinois. We were in the same grade together and I have great memories of him. Even though this is belated, I extend my deepest sympathy to all of his family. We are all better people for having known Gene! Tammy Pincavage

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**Tammy Radison Pincavage** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Gene, was an outstanding Marine and served his country well. He was a fine person and I was happy to be his friend and fellow Marine. His family should be extremely proud of him. God Bless Gene and his family.

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**Bob Coats** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ I recall Gene being the first to volunteer anytime a project at church came up. Our thoughts and prayers are with Gene and his family

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**Barry & Gerri Knight** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family and friends of Gene. He will be missed at all our reunions - always enjoyed talking with him. May God bless you all. Louise & Roger Esker

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**Louise and Roger Esker** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Gene and I grew up together 3 blocks apart. We romped around Wilson's Creek, played baseball and basketball together, and generally survived grade and high school. I would like to give my condolences to all his family and friends and hope you have as many good memories of Gene as I do. Gary Heise

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**Gary C. Heise** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ I am so surprised and so sorry to hear of Gene's Passing. I went to school and graduated with him from Columbia High School. He was always so nice and always thought of others. My deepest sympathy. May you find peace in knowing that you will see him again and he will be with you always. Bonnie

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**Bonnie (Coats) Ribbing** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ I'M SO SORRY TO HEAR OF GENE'S PASSING. I GRADUATED WITH HIM AND HE WAS ALWAYS SUCH A PLEASANT PERSON. I ALWAYS LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING HIM AT THE REUNIONS. GOD'S BLESSINGS TO ALL OF GENE'S FAMILY.

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**SANDY (SCHAEFER) ROESSLER** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Gene was a good friend of mine in High School. Every once in a while you run into someone who is a truly nice person. Gene was certainly one of those. I always looked forward to seeing Gene at our reunions. I will miss seeing him.

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**Cameron C. Cook** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *Janie, we are so sorry and deeply saddened by Gene's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. Love, Kenny and Tammy*

Kenny & Tammy Roberts - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Gene will be greatly missed by all of us. Janie and family will be in my prayers.*

Lisa Friedrich with the Army Corp of Engineers - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Janie & Family We are so sorry to hear about Gene. He was such a sweet person. He always had a smile. He will be greatly missed. You are in our prayers.*

Len & Marsha (Crowder) Whitehouse - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *Joe and family, Please be assured of our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Know he is with you always. Love, Rita and Jim Lewis*

Rita and Jim Lewis - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Much love to all of Gene's family from myself and from my children.*

Carron Bean - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Janie, we're so sorry for your loss. Your across-the-street neighbors, Susan and Jon*

Susan & Jonathan Budil - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM