



Gene Carawan

August 19, 1919 - December 11, 2006

Hartsville, SC—Cleveland Eugene “Gene” Carawan, 87, died at home on December 11th. Mr. Carawan was born in Pitt County, NC to the late Grover Cleveland Carawan and Annie Tripp Carawan. He was preceded in death by sisters (Ruby, Lillian and Marie) and brothers (Tommy, Leroy, James, and Ellis).

Gene was raised in Belhaven, NC. He worked as chief engineer on Atwater Kent’s Yachts, then in construction with Tidewater Construction Company, before joining Roy Merritt sport fishing business of Pompano Beach, FL and Freeport, Long Island. Gene served in the US Navy during World War II and was discharged as a Chief Motor Machinist’s Mate. Following the war, he was instructor for Pitt County Veterans School. In the late 1950s, he founded Carawan Distributing Company in Greenville, NC. After his retirement in 1977, he traveled and lived in Felda and LaBelle, Florida; Jackson, Georgia; Asheville, NC and Hartsville, SC.

He is survived by his wife Ruth Lorang Carawan, two sons (Roy and wife Debbie of Apex, NC and Jeff and wife Christy of Hartsville, SC); two daughters (Beverly Carawan of Hallandale, FL and Mary Ellen and husband Peter Eley of Lake Elmore, VT) and a brother Grover and wife Pat of Tarpon Springs, FL. Grandchildren include Russ Carawan and wife Brenda, Ashley White and husband Jay, Judson, Sarah and Spencer Eley, and Elizabeth and Katie Carawan.

Visitation will be Friday, December 15, 2006 at Brown-Pennington-Atkins

Funeral Home in Hartsville, SC from 5-7 pm. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm December 16th at the New Market United Methodist Church in Hartsville, SC with the Reverend Scott Petry officiating. The family will have an Interment Service on December 18th at 12 noon in the National Cemetery in Florence, SC.

The family request that in lieu of flowers a memorial be made in honor of Gene Carawan to the New Market United Methodist Church, 1921 W. Old Camden Road, Hartsville, SC 29550. Arrangements by Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home in Hartsville, SC.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

New Market United Methodist Church
1909 W. Old Camden Rd.
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Beverly,
I never met your dad, but having met you I can only say he did a great job raising you. "grief goes, joy comes, we know not how".
May his eternal soul rest in peace.

Inyang E. Inyang
Oceanview Int'l Realty
Aventura, Florida.##imported-begin##Inyang E. Inyang##imported-end##

December 15, 2006 at 06:01 PM



“ Beverly, to you and you family my deepest sympathy for your loss.
Note that your dad has gone on to be with the LORD...so celebrate his life and know that GOD WILL KEEP YOU ALL. I will keep you in my prayers and know that you are in my thoughts. Love
Always.##imported-begin##Bridgett McLeish##imported-end##

December 15, 2006 at 03:48 PM



“ To the Carawan Family,

I purchased Ruth's and Gene's home in Biltmore Park 2 1/2 years ago, and have been blessed by their presence in my life since that time. I am so thankful for our brief visit this past spring when they were in Asheville to attend their grandson's graduation Although Gene was noticeably thinner, he was still full of stories and as funny as ever!

During this bittersweet time, I pray that you are comforted by the hope of Christmas. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)##imported-begin##Cathy McCartan##imported-end##

December 15, 2006 at 11:53 AM



“ Roy, Debbie, and family, our deepest sympathy to each of you upon learning of Mr. Carawan's death. Please know that our prayers are with you in this difficult time of your life.##imported-begin##Terry & Barbara Hackney##imported-end##

December 14, 2006 at 10:05 PM



“ Beverly and family: Please accept my deepest sympathy and prayers for you during this time of mourning. May God grant you peace and comfort during this time. May your memories of Gene in happier times sustain you.

Love, Marti Capodiferro##imported-begin##Marti Capodiferro##imported-end##

December 14, 2006 at 09:24 PM



“ You will be in our thoughts & prayers.##imported-begin##Capt Pantelaras & Debbie##imported-end##

December 14, 2006 at 11:57 AM



“ Katie, I am so sorry to hear about the death of your Grandfather. Please cherish your wonderful memories and when you look toward Heaven each day you will know that you have your own special angel. You and your family will be in my prayers. I love you.##imported-begin##Jocelyn Sanderson##imported-end##

December 13, 2006 at 11:01 PM



“ Mrs. Carawan and Family,
I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Carawan's passing. Now he is in Paradise and he is whole and well and in the presence of our might God. He brought alot of love to New Market Church and he will be greatly missed. You and your family are in our prayers.
Taylor, Sammie and Ann DuBose Coates##imported-begin##Sammie, Taylor and Ann DuBose Coates##imported-end##

December 13, 2006 at 10:42 PM



“ Dear Bev,
Arnold joins me in sending you and your family our sincere condolences on the death of your Dad. We were deeply saddened and do hope that you will find a measure of comfort in your memories of the good times and knowing that his legacy of goodness lives on in his descendants.
Bev and Arnold##imported-begin##Bev Kagan##imported-end##

December 13, 2006 at 09:57 PM



“ Dear Ruth,

Please accept our heartfelt sympathy for you and all your family in this time of great sorrow. Only those who have lost a husband can know the depths of your feelings. I know your courage will help you through this rough time. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Our love is with you.

*God bless, Diane and Bill##imported-begin##Diane & Bill Javorka
##imported-end##*

December 13, 2006 at 07:06 PM



“ Dear Beverly and family,

Richard, Joseph and I send you our most heartfelt condolences. We hope that you may find comfort in the arms of your friends and loved ones and know that your father is now resting in peace in God's all mighty loving arms.

We send you all our love.

*Kally, Richard and Joseph xoxo##imported-begin##Kally
Hudson##imported-end##*

December 13, 2006 at 03:36 PM



“ Dear Ruth & family,

Sending our deepest sympathies to all of you on Gene's passing. He was a wonderful friend to our whole family but especially to my Dad. We all have fond memories of times you both spent here in Florida. Gene always had a forever smile on his face. May God comfort you all in this very difficult time. Let the great memories of your long life together be the remembrance that you keep forever on your heart.

Love from Fran & the Merritt family###imported-begin##Fran (Merritt) Pinnell###imported-end##

December 13, 2006 at 02:45 PM



“ Ruth, Roy, Mary Ellen, Beverly and Jeff. Please accept my deepest sympathy. It has been many years since I have seen you but I still think of you. Gene was a special person. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. Don Howard###imported-begin##Don Howard###imported-end##

December 13, 2006 at 11:50 AM



“ Roy, Debbie and family: We're sorry to hear of your father's death. We both know how it is to lose our parents, but are glad you had so many years with him. We know you probably look forward to the day when you'll see him again in the hereafter. We'll certainly be thinking of you as you begin to go through life without him.

Pat and Don Langon###imported-begin##Pat and Don Langdon###imported-end##

December 13, 2006 at 11:10 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family. You were very blessed to have had such a great father. I wish you and your family a lot of warm embraces, happy memories and hope that the great qualities of your dad continue for many generations to come. God bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Andrew Demos##imported-end##*

December 13, 2006 at 09:07 AM



“ *My heart goes out to you for your loss. Although I only met your father once,I was drawn to him instantly. Please give my very best to your mother Ruth, and let me know if there is anything that I can do.
You will be in my thoughts this Christmas.
With love
George##imported-begin##George E. Levings, III##imported-end##*

December 13, 2006 at 08:58 AM



“ *Dear Bev,

I'm truly sorry for your loss. I wish I could be there to support you. Know that, my wishes for you and your family is that our Heavenly Father will give confort at this time. My condolence.
We'll talk when you get back.##imported-begin##Jose Marino##imported-end##*

December 13, 2006 at 08:05 AM



“ Dear Aunt Ruth and family,

I am so sorry for your loss. I spoke with Uncle Gene not long ago on the phone, and he sounded weak, but was interested in how I was getting along. He was always a gentlemen to me, and I always admired his intelligence.

My thoughts are with you all.

Love,

Linda###imported-begin##Linda Adler###imported-end##

December 13, 2006 at 06:33 AM



“ *My condolences to Mrs. Carawan and the whole family. Through your daughter, Beverly, I know how special Gene was. My prayers to you all as your family comes together to celebrate his life. My heart and my prayers are with you.*

Giovanni Zedda

New Orleans, LA.###imported-begin##Giovanni Zedda###imported-end##

December 13, 2006 at 12:10 AM