



Albert Eugene "Gene" Kelley

August 20, 1938 - November 1, 2025

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Village Chapel Funeral Home, for Albert Eugene "Gene" Kelley, 87, of Gadsden, who died Saturday, November 1, 2025. Rev. James O. Wallace and Rev. Jimmy Umphrey will officiate. Burial will follow at Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery. Gene was a very generous and loving man who enjoyed life to the fullest. He was known to be a hard-working man in all of his endeavours throughout his life. He was a proud veteran of the US Navy. Above all he loved the Lord, his family, and his church family. He was a faithful member and notorious door-greeter at Higher Ground Baptist Church. He was an avid and vocal sports fan and loved Alabama football. He doted on his grandsons, and once a granddaughter-in-law came into his life, he claimed her as one of his own. Gene was so proud that she was also an Alabama fan. Mr. Kelley always had a special place in his heart for all children and always had a pocketful of Smarties candy to hand out to them. Gene was loved by all and will be dearly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Lovella Kelley; brothers, David and Danny Kelley; nephew, Davey Kelley; niece, Jenni Kelley; and great-nephew, Ian Ray.

Gene is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Reba Kelley; daughters, Kay (Craig) Bryson and Connie (Ralph) Nunn; grandsons, Jake Bryson and Sawyer (Kila) Bryson; and a very loving host of extended family and friends. Pallbearers will be Craig Kelley, Craig Bryson, Jake Bryson, Sawyer Bryson,

Joe Battles, and Wes Ramsey.

Honorary pallbearers are Terry Owens and Steve Guthery.

Special thanks to nephew, Craig Kelley, and close friend, Bob Cline, for their love, loyalty and presence during this difficult time; also to Dr. Robinson, nurses and staff; Dr. Amin; HOAA nurses and staff; Dr. Warren and Gentiva Hospice, nurses and staff; Gadsden Regional Medical Center MICU nurses and staff; and Alabama Home Health nurses.

The family will receive friends from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, at Village Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery

5295 Fairview Rd
Gadsden, AL 35904

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Village Chapel Funeral Home
101 Vandell Blvd
Gadsden, AL 35904
(256) 547-5557
<https://villagechapelfuneralhome.com>

Service

NOV 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CT

“ *Mr. Kelley was the sweetest man. We will miss you. Love Leighann and Crystal.*

Crystal Thomas - January 19 at 09:03 AM

WS

“ *Uncle Gene was super special to me as he taught me many things in life including how to ride a pony when I was much younger and lived by him and Aunt Reba but most of all how to enjoy the little and simple things in life. Rest in Peace Uncle Gene. Much Love and Prayers for Comfort to my Aunt Reba, Kay and Connie and the family.*

*Love Your Niece,
Wendy Stevens*

Wendy Stevens - November 08, 2025 at 01:54 PM

DB

“ *Dorothy B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert Eugene "Gene" Kelley.*

Dorothy B. - November 04, 2025 at 09:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Albert Eugene "Gene" Kelley.*



November 04, 2025 at 09:38 PM

SF

“ Steve and Dee Potts and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert Eugene "Gene" Kelley.

Steve and Dee Potts and family - November 04, 2025 at 08:48 PM

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“ Steve and Dee Potts and family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Albert Eugene "Gene" Kelley.



Steve and Dee Potts and family - November 04, 2025 at 08:48 PM

RE

“ Mr. Kelley is one of the finest men I have ever met. I am praying for his family during this time, and I am comforted in knowing that he is now awaiting to greet us in Heaven.

Robert Elgan - November 04, 2025 at 12:48 PM

BF

“ Butch & Dottie Finch lit a candle in memory of Albert Eugene "Gene" Kelley



Butch & Dottie Finch - November 04, 2025 at 09:10 AM

BF

He never met a stranger and doted on his grandson's! Fond memories of his attending Gaston basketball games and YMC youth games cheering for Jake & Sawyer! Our son Jake played on these same teams! Prayers for his family!

Butch Dottie Finch - November 04, 2025 at 09:17 AM

BM

I worked with Gene for years at Thomas Wholesale. Such good memories with him... He always had a smile.. Bill Monk

Bill Monk - November 04, 2025 at 09:47 AM