



Croson Eugene "Gene" Austin

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Croson Eugene Austin, 79, lovingly known as Gene, passed away suddenly to be in the presence of his Lord Jesus on Saturday March 23, 2019. Born in Charlotte to Croson and Ruth Hanline Austin on April 29, 1939, he graduated from Central High School in 1957 and then served in the National Guard. He married Nellie Kidd, the star in his eyes, in 1958. They built a home in east Charlotte's Marlwood Acres and raised two children, Donna and Danny, before moving to Lake Norman in 1977. He loved the outdoors and had a deep passion for gardening, fishing and golf. At the peak of his golf game, he had a 5 handicap. He wasn't one to sit still long, always on the move with the next project or adventure. Gene's impressive career in the insulation business started at Charlotte Insulating, where he worked many years before starting his own business, Austin Insulating Co. in 1970, now known as Austin Company. He was a fair and generous man and his success in business was attributed to treating his employees respectfully and as family. His motto was "surround yourself with good people and they'll take care of you and your business." He often asked candidates for employment, "What comes first, your family or work?" If the answer was work, there would be doubt and further discussions about family. There were too many employees, suppliers and customers to mention, that became lifelong friends. He officially retired in 2000 when he and Nellie moved to Pawleys Island, SC, while maintaining a second residence in the Lake Norman area. He had a wicked sense of humor and made a multitude of friends and built new relationships in the Pawleys Island area. He continued to enjoy the warm climate and the beautiful outdoors throughout his life. He was a member of Pawleys Island Community Church and enjoyed Tuesday morning bible study. He took great pride in his family and loved each one dearly. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and a dear friend to many. Gene is survived by his loving and very patient wife of 60 years, Nellie Kidd Austin, whom he often referred



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to as his hummingbird, daughter Donna Austin, son Daniel Austin and Jova Jamison, granddaughters Amy Long and Amber Scott (Tony), great grandchildren Macey, Kylee and Tayden Scott, sisters Lavern McMillan and Barbara Winters, practically adopted son Matt Pope and family and many special nieces and nephews. A service to celebrate his life will be Thursday March 28, 2019 at 11:00 am at James Funeral Home 10520 Arahova Dr. Huntersville, NC 28078 704-584-9004. Visitation will follow in the community room. A Memorial service will also be held at Pawleys Island Community Church, Old Chapel, on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Hopewell Presbyterian Church 10500 Beatties Ford Rd Huntersville, NC 28078, Pawleys Island Community Church 10304 Ocean Hwy Pawleys Island, SC 29585 or Unity Presbyterian Church 8210 Unity Church Rd Denver, NC 28037. James Funeral Home of Huntersville, NC is serving the family of Mr. Austin and online condolences can be made to jamesfuneralhomelkn.com.



Events


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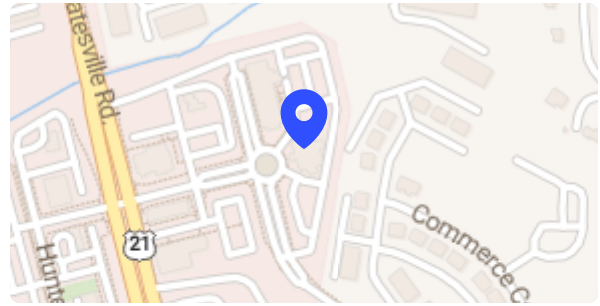
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Memorial Service

 **Thursday**, March 28, 2019

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

 **James Funeral Home**
10520 Arahova Dr, Huntersville NC 28078





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Dana S. posted:

To the Austin Family -Although I didn't know Mr. Austin, after reading about his life, I'm convinced that he was an incredible person who will be deeply missed by his friends and family. I've found that remembering our loved ones by talking about them or keeping a journal of special stories helps to keep their memory alive. May God give you the strength and comfort you need to endure your grief. (James 5:13-15)With Much Sympathy -Dana S.

April 1 at 5:32 AM



M Campbell posted:

Dear Austin family, I am deeply sorry for your loss. I hope that this promise from God's Word will bring your family comfort at this time. "Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice 29 and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life" - John 5:28, 29

March 28 at 5:18 AM



Anonymous sent a Fairest of All to the Austin family.



March 27 at 2:46 PM



Angela Crozier posted:

Nellie, Donna, and Danny my heart is so broken. Gene embodied one of the greatest commandments our Lord gave us which was 'thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself'. I will never forget all of the hospitality and generosity you guys have shown to me and my family over the years. Gene leaves behind such a rich heritage of honor and love that will impact generations to come. Most of all he leaves behind his humor and wit that will always live on in the hearts of each of us who called him friend. Angela Crozier

March 27 at 11:35 AM



Kennedy posted:

To the family of Croson Eugene Austin sorry for the loss of your loved one. May you rely on the god of comfort and all your beautiful memories to sustain you. Isaiah 41:10,13 provides comfort .

March 27 at 10:54 AM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Austin family.

March 27 at 10:11 AM



Deborah Church sent a Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket to the Austin family.

March 27 at 9:38 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Austin family.

March 27 at 6:35 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Austin family.

March 27 at 6:24 AM



Sharie And Donny Potter sent a Fairest of All to the Austin family.

March 27 at 4:45 AM



Bob Corder posted:

So sad to hear of Gene's passing. Please accept the Corder family's deepest condolences. Thanks for all the business and golf memories, Gene. You will continue to live on in these memories. God bless and Rest In Peace.

March 27 at 4:36 AM



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JC

Jackie (Karriker) Carpenter sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Austin family.



March 27 at 3:49 AM

DR

Don Riley lit a candle in honor of Croson.

Don and Carrena Riley and Elizabeth pray that God will bless the whole Austin family during this sad time. We all look forward to the time when we can see our friends and family again. Our times here are short but the time there will be everlasting. Nellie, you may even get two gifts then at Christmas time. We will have a wonderful time up there.



March 26 at 8:44 PM

KB

Karen Barr posted:

Praying for you all during this difficult time and sudden loss of Mr. Gene. I have many fond memories of time spent at my Aunt Betty and Uncle Ken Thornton's lake house which always included thier best friends, Nellie and Gene Austin. Wishing you God's peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

March 26 at 6:39 PM

PB

Pat, Bill, And Jaudon Barnett sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Austin family.



March 26 at 3:50 PM

PH

Paula Harkey posted:

Gene was a bright light of laughter and smiles whenever I was around him. I'm so very sorry ❤️ Nellie, Donna and Danny. A special memory for me is how Gene called his sister daily and before he hung up he asked about my cat Willow who Gene renamed Willard. Praying for you all. Paula Harkey.

March 26 at 2:46 PM



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Barbara Winters posted:

To my family, my heart is broken like I know yours is. Gene was my rock and the best breathern any sisterene could have. Memories flood my mind from our childhood through our adult life. I pray for our Lord to hold us close together as we say goodbye to his earthly body on Thursday. To Nellie, Donna and Danny I'm so very sorry. All my love to you all. Barbara (Bob) Winters

March 26 at 2:36 PM



Cindy Maclellan lit a candle in honor of Croson.

Mr. Gene was the best at everything he did and to everyone who knew him! His humor was unlike any other, so fun loving and positive! We all just loved being in his presence! He will be so missed! I can't even put into words how much he meant to his loving family and friends! I for one will miss the endless jokes and pranks he was known for. God Speed Mr. Gene! Love you and miss you! Cindy Jones Maclellan ❤️



March 26 at 2:32 PM



Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Austin family.



March 26 at 1:37 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Austin family.



March 26 at 1:16 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Austin family.



March 26 at 11:26 AM



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Lynda Banks posted:

You are in our thoughts and prayers. L U All

March 25 at 12:59 PM



Rick & Roy March 26 at 12:45 PM

Thinking of all of you. Sending lots of love your way. - Rick & Roy



Elizabeth Hazel Lib. March 25 at 1:41 PM

Praying for the Family 🙏



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Austin family.

March 25 at 8:06 AM



April Hall Blocker sent a Fruit Abounds to the Austin family.

March 25 at 8:01 AM



Simon F Bula sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Austin family.

March 25 at 5:11 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Austin family.

March 24 at 3:11 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Croson by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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