



Imogene "Gene" Bowen Cunningham

January 5, 1929 - January 12, 2020

Funeral service for Imogene "Gene" Bowen Cunningham, 91, of Piedmont will be Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. at Thompson Funeral Home with Tracy Cain and Chaplain Joel Williams officiating. Burial will follow at Piedmont Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1:00 p.m. until time of service. Mrs. Cunningham passed away Sunday, January 12, 2020 at her home. Survivors include one daughter, Keela Rowan of Jacksonville; one son, Kim Cunningham (Shelia Curvin) of Piedmont; and two grandchildren, Riana Lett (Waylon) of Jacksonville and Kale Rowan of Auburn. Pallbearers will be Kale Rowan, Waylon Lett, Brian Henderson, Cale Morrison, Bruce Calloway, Tracy Cain, Bill Curvin, Vince Cottrell, and Deonte Macon. Mrs. Cunningham was born and raised in Piedmont and retired after many years from Fort McClellan. After retirement she enjoyed traveling the states and to various countries. Mrs. Cunningham was a faithful wife even after Glens passing in 1979 and she waited 40 years to be reunited with the love of her life. She enjoyed "Junkin" where she collected thousands of head vases, but her main passion was "playing in the dirt" (gardening). She was preceded in death by her husband, Glendle Cunningham; and parents, Floyd and Grace Bowen. Flowers may be sent or memorial contributions may be made to the League for Animal Welfare, 2726 Bynum Leatherwood Road, Anniston, AL 36201. The family would like to extend a special thank you to her caregivers that became family Krystal Parris, Telisha Daniel, Jennifer Bragg, Brittany Newell, Heather Walker; the

staff of Amedisys Hospice, especially Chaplain Joel Williams, Angela Payne, and Randi Green; Dr. Ulrich and staff; and Tracy and Crystal Cain. The family request that everyone dress comfortably and if you have something purple to wear it because if you knew Mrs. Gene, you knew that was her favorite color.

Cemetery Details

Piedmont Memory Gardens

236 Vigo Road
Piedmont, AL 36272

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LS

“ I'm so sorry to here this. I met Miss Gene when she came into Huddle House with her son. I really loved this little lady. I stopped by her home to visit her and she told me the next time I came by she would put me to work watering her flowers. I missed her coming in to eat.

Revelations 21:4 promises that God will wipe away all our tears and that pain, suffering and even death will be no more . May this beautiful promise provide comfort to her family.

Again I'm so sorry.

Linda Stringfellow. - January 16, 2020 at 01:23 PM



“ I have known Ms. Gene since I started working at the library almost 14 years ago. She always supported us and we loved to see her come in. I will miss picking out books for her and talking about books and her "office." She was a firecracker and an awesome lady. Love and prayers to the family.

Tessa Maddox - January 14, 2020 at 11:28 AM

SH

“ I am so sad to hear about the passing of Gene. She was always so good to me. I will never forget her. Y'all are I. My thoughts and prayers.

Shannon Hogue - January 14, 2020 at 09:53 AM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Imogene "Gene" Bowen Cunningham.*



January 14, 2020 at 09:18 AM



“ *Keela, I'm so sorry to see this news. I pray that God wraps you and your family in His precious arms during this time of grief. My prayers are with you all!*



Becky Bellamy - January 14, 2020 at 03:17 AM



“ *Kim and Keela, my prayers to you and yours for the loss of a great lady. Miss Gene was feisty, fun loving, had a wicked sense of humor and generous. I remember many times going "junken" especially for her purple glass bottles, vases and her "pot heads". I had the pleasure to meet her the very first time at the Bldg. 3130 Mess Hall on Ft. McClellan, AL. Little did I know that years later when I became a member of the Piedmont Police Department I would meet this beautiful lady again. I will forever remember her love of wind chimes, her dislike of the marauding neighborhood squirrels, the fish pond and her garden. Miss Gene, you will be missed, loved and will live in our memories always and forever! -Sharon L. Garrison*



Sharon L. Garrison - January 14, 2020 at 02:49 AM

KB

“ Keela, So sorry to see you lost your mother...prayers for you and your family

K. L. Brown - January 13, 2020 at 09:12 PM

CJ

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family. May God's peace cover you during this difficult time. She was such a sweet lady! Connie Johnson



Connie Johnson - January 13, 2020 at 07:08 PM



“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Imogene "Gene" Bowen Cunningham.



January 13, 2020 at 06:36 PM

LL

“ Lynn and Beverly Lovelady purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Imogene "Gene" Bowen Cunningham.



Lynn and Beverly Lovelady - January 13, 2020 at 05:43 PM

CB

“ Kim and I served together on the Piedmont Police Department for several years and one of the big fringe benefits of that experience was getting to know his Mom. She was known, and loved, by all in the Department as "Mrs.C" and she was the preeminent matriarch of everyone, especially the patrol officers. We all enjoyed stopping by Mrs.C's when we could take a break. Her company was always a delight, her iced tea was the best to be found anywhere and we were always offered a serving of whatever she might have cooking in the kitchen. Her home was a safe haven...a home away from home. We loved her.

My affection for her never dimmed. I continued to call on her when I visited Piedmont in all these intervening years and we both enjoyed those visits tremendously. All the ladies in my wife's family even tagged along on one of those visits and were treated to the grand tour of all Mrs,C's porcelain heads and the stories of their provenance! It was a banner event for everybody!

Mrs.C was one of the most delightful, intelligent, good humored, insightful, generous and affectionate women I've ever known. All who knew and loved her will miss the warm illumination her presence lent to this worldly existence. God's speed Mrs.C. You will be missed and will live in our affections and memories always.

-Charlie Brown

Charlie Brown - January 13, 2020 at 05:41 PM

TT

“ sorry for your loss. may God be with you all.



Teresa Thacker - January 13, 2020 at 05:19 PM

DD

“ *Danny O'Kelley 'Big Daddy' purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of Imogene "Gene" Bowen Cunningham.*



Danny O'Kelley 'Big Daddy' - January 13, 2020 at 05:15 PM

LM

“ *Lynn Moore purchased the Shades of Purple for the family of Imogene "Gene" Bowen Cunningham.*



Lynn Moore - January 13, 2020 at 04:00 PM

DJ

“ *I remember Mrs. Cunningham way back from when she came to your house on Cash, she was a fun, sweet and beautiful lady. I will never forget how happy she was at Riana's wedding. Love to you all.*

Danna Johnston

Danna Johnston - January 13, 2020 at 03:57 PM

DE

“ *Keela, We are praying for you and your precious family. God will give you strength. He will also comfort you with sweet love and understanding. Lean on him and he will hold you. We love you all very much.*

BJ, Brooke, Michael, and Deanna

Deanna - January 13, 2020 at 03:30 PM