



## Rev. Gene Alton McKinney

August 16, 1938 - January 8, 2019

Rev. Gene Alton McKinney, Sr., 80 of Haynesville, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Graveside services will be held at Perry Memorial Gardens on Friday, January 11, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. The family respectfully requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in his memory to the Assembly of God Church, 806 Grovania Road, Hawkinsville, Georgia 31036. Gene was born in Roberta on August 16, 1938. His whole life was devoted to his ministry and serving his family. Gene was affectionately known as “Papa Gene” to his family and around town he was called “Brother Gene”. He began working for the Kellwood Company until he heard the call to be in the ministry. Brother Gene began his service at the Assembly of God in Perry where he served for five years, then started a small church in Clinchfield, where he served for three years, and spent thirty-five years at the Assembly of God in Haynesville. His family has fond memories of him praying for every family whenever he would hear a siren. Gene has been married to the love of his life, Francis Lavern McKinney, for nearly fifty-eight years. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Gene Alton McKinney, Jr., and two sisters. Left to cherish the memories they shared with Papa Gene are his wife, Francis Lavern McKinney; his grand-children, Amanda McKinney of Haynesville, Melissa McKinney of Warner Robins, Michael McKinney (Kristina Stinson) of Haynesville, and Matthew McKinney (Ryan) of Atlanta; nine great grand-children; siblings, Bob (Mary) McKinney of Social Circle, Eloise (Cuin) Elliott of Macon, and Korona McKinney of Macon; and many other family members. Condolences for the family may be left in our online guestbook at <http://www.watsonhunt.com>. Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Comments

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“ Such a kind, sweet man. Gene was a patient in our office for many years and we will miss him!

**Dr. Tom Pierce** - January 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rev. McKinney was my first boss at Kellwood. He was a good man and always has been such a nice person. His love of Jesus showed through his life. He will truly be missed.

**Randa Parker** - January 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Another angel called home. You will be missed. Love and prayers to you family.

**Joy and Ruben Yaughn** - January 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ He was a Wonderful and Caring Person through all the years that I have known him!!! I'm so sad to learn of our loss and will reflect back at the many memories of growing up around him, his siblings and Wonderful Mother! I won't make it to the services as I have not been well, but my thoughts, love and prayers are with each of you whom I love very much!

**Doris Eloise Albritton** - January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ He was one of the most delightful person I've ever met! I cut his hair for years and always looked forward to seeing him. So sorry for your lost I know he will be missed.

**Kay Campbell** - January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ I feel privileged to have had the honor of getting to know Pastor McKinney. One special memory, other than hear one of amazing sermons, was attending with Pastor McKinney to a high school's tail gate gathering in 2004 in Hawkinsville with other football enthusiasts. He loved sports. A precious soul like his will truly be missed.

**Tom Reilly** - January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Laverne and Family, I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Gene. You two have been special to me for many years and I value your friendship since childhood. May God Bless you. I will be praying for you.

**Sara Crook** - January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Laverne & Family, we are so sorry for your loss. Gene has been a special friend to our family for many years & will be missed. Praying for strength & comfort for you all in the days ahead.

**Elaine (Hammock)Grinstead** - January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Very Shocked when I heard the news this morning. He will be missed. Sister McKinney let us know if you need anything. You are in our thoughts and prayers

**Quinn & Susan Kirkus** - January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear McKinney Family, Please know that you are being covered with prayer as you walk this difficult journey. We are asking the Lord to provide you with a special measure of His presence, peace, grace and strength for each new day. God bless you.

**Shell Osbon** - January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Gene was not only my brother but was also a dear friend. He was someone I could count on for anything at any time. Always there, not a hair out of place and more often than not, in a suit and tie. There is so much I can say, so many good memories. He is gone now, never to be forgotten and loved more than he even knew. Miss you so much already. Dear brother, may you rest in peace. Love, Your "little" brother Bob

**Bob McKinney** - January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ You and your family have been and still are an inspiration to us all in middle Georgia. I want to extend our condolences to the entire family. You are in our prayers.

**Lonnie Cook Jr.** - January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Our sympathy, prayers and love go to the McKinney family. Brother Gene was an inspiration to so many. My family was blessed to have known Pastor McKinney. May God bless and comfort the family. Willie Greathouse and Family

**Willie Greathouse** - January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sis Lavern and family, My deepest sympathy and thoughts are with you during this time. I'm so sorry for your loss. Bro McKinney was truly an amazing man and I feel so blessed to have known him. Heaven has gained one of his best servants. I can only imagine the reunion he is having with family and friends who preceded him. He was so good to my family, as he was to so many others. I will always be grateful! He was the kindest, most caring, and wonderful devoted pastor I've ever had the pleasure to have known. He will always be in my heart, loved and missed. "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal." Prayers and blessings are with you.

**Elaine Evans** - January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Im so sorry for your loss he was the best miss him so very much love him dearly sa

**Sandra Singleton** - January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ RIP brother Mckinney you will be miss. My prays are with the family. He was a good man

**Priscilla Spillers** - January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

**The Staff of Watson-Hunt Funeral Home** - January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ My thoughts & prayers for family.

**Barbara Smallwood Mullis** - January 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Brother McKinney, Even though you will be missed by many; you were loved by many more... Go rest high on the mountain

**Billy Taylor** - January 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sending prayers to the family. Such a sweet soul , you will be missed.

**Lynn Matthews** - January 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ He was a blessed person .He will be miss very much. RIP Brother Gene

**Priscilla Spillers** - January 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our sympathy, prayers and love go to the McKinney family. Brother McKinney was so kind to so many. My Dad & Mom, and my husbands family thought a lot of Pastor McKinney. May God comfort you all. Debbie (McCommon) Greathouse & Terry Greathouse Perry, Ga.

**Debbie (McCommon) Greathouse & Terry Greathouse** - January 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ I have listened to him preach and he was a wonderful man....condolences to his family ..he will be missed.

**Christine Wilson** - January 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will love you and miss you always.

**Paulette Scott** - January 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss Brother McKinney was a great man and I never will forget how nice he was to my family when we lost RayGene, he was there for us the whole time and I loved him so much for all he done for us.

**Debra Abney, Altman** - January 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Brother Gene was one of the finest Gentlemen I ever had the privilege of knowing. He will be missed by many. I will be praying for all who loved him. God bless

**Joanna Bishop Hill** - January 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Reverend Gene was one of the Most Wonderful Men Ive ever come to know, respect and admire. His wonderful Charisma spread to Everyone He came in contact with. His Place in Heaven will be Beautiful and God will Always be His Lord and Jesus, His Saviour. I remember Him as a True Friend and will miss Him until We meet again in Heaven. LOVE YOU REVEREND GENE..

**Leonard Peavy** - January 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM