



Donald "Gene" Eugene Geer

July 5, 1931 - January 2, 2015

Gene Geer, a name that is not only well known but beloved in the small country town of Corning, went home to be with the Lord on January 2, 2015. Donald Eugene "Gene" Geer was born in a garage in Richards, Missouri to Bessie and Martin Geer. He came into this world with veracity for life. He attended 28 different schools before moving to Delta, Colorado, when he was a high school sophomore. Between 1950 and 1954 he was a S/SGT in the Air Force, stationed in Japan, where he was in Public Relations throughout the Korean War. After the war, he attended Western State University in Gunnison, Colorado. There he joined the football team and also drove cattle. He was a true cowboy in every sense of the word. In 2003, his college football team was inducted into the Western State Sports Hall of Fame and the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Hall of Fame.

In 1954, he met his wife Alice and they were married in 1956. They moved to their home in Corning in 1958, where they built a life and a family for fifty-six years. He was an avid fisherman and spent countless summers in Fort Bragg or on a house boat on Shasta Lake with Alice, family and friends.

Mr. Geer, as he was known by most, was a man of honor and character, never one to shy away from a conversation or lower his enthusiasm for life. Gene built his life in Corning with his wife, Alice, their three children and countless students. He taught school, coached, and was a principal for 43 years in the Corning schools. He touched the lives of so many people and an abundance of lives were shaped.

He was a man of great faith. He loved the Lord and often spoke of the grace, mercy and the salvation of Jesus Christ. He ultimately knew that he would one day be leaving his earthly home for his eternal home in heaven. Gene helped raise so many children, encouraging and loving them. Always making each individual, child, grandchild and student feel like they were his favorite. He never missed any of his children or grandchildren's achievements, from recitals to football games, he was always there beaming with pride. Gene is survived by: his wife, Alice, his children Roy and Debbie Geer, Tom and Rowena (Geer) Drake, his eight grandchildren: John and Danielle Geer, Mike and Sara Knight, Chris and Kate Mossman, Jenessa Geer, and Jeffrey Drake. His seven great grandchildren: Emmalin, Callen and Audrey Geer, Ava, Ethan and Sophia Knight, and Henry Mossman. His brother, Norman Geer and sister, Faye Davis. He was welcomed into heaven by his daughter Susan Geer, grandson Justin Geer and countless friends and family members. Gene was very active and proud to be a part of all community affairs including: Mason's, Lions, Keep California Green, American Legion, Corning Volunteer Firefighter, Elks, Girl Scouts, 4H, Rainbow Girls, California Teachers Association, Tehama County Administration Association and California Retired Teachers Association. He was also a Life member of the PTA. Viewing will be from 4 to 7 p.m. at Hall Brother Mortuary on Thursday, January 8th. Services will be on Friday, January 9th, beginning at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Corning. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Susan Geer Memorial Scholarship, Bank of America, Corning, CA Military Honors ~ Branch of Service ~ Air Force

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 4:00 AM - 7:00 AM (PT)

Hall Bros Corning Mortuary
902 Fifth Street
Corning, CA 96021
(530) 824-3792

Funeral Service

JAN 9. 10:00 AM (PT)

First Baptist Church
506 Colusa Street
Corning, CA

Graveside Service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (PT)

Sunset Hill Cemetery
4470 Oren ave
Corning, CA 96021

Tribute Wall

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“ To Alice Geer, Rowena Drake, and all of the family,
I was very saddened to hear of Gene's passing. He was a man I will never forget. I was in his 1st class at West St. School in 1958-1959. He had a way of encouraging you to excel in every subject. I had the opportunity to visit him in his last year of life. It brought me great pleasure to visit with him and his wife Alice and daughter Rowena. "Well done, good and faithful servant." ...Come and share your master's happiness." Matt. 25:23. NIV

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“ Mr. Geer was my teacher in a 7th and 8th grade combined class in Corning. I believe it was his first year teaching in Corning. We had just moved to Corning the summer of 1958 and I was so happy to have him as my teacher. I am a helper and he used my skills allowing me to tutor other students in reading. His teaching style was warm, encouraging and supportive. His good looks and warm personality made him a favorite at West Street Elementary. My single mother, looking to better our financial situation was studying bookkeeping by correspondence and was having trouble with algebra. The math was above what I could help her with so Mr. Geer was kind enough to help her with her studies. She went on to have a long bookkeeping career. Our class gave Mr. Geer a desk lamp at the end of the year. I have a picture of him holding it, but cannot find it tonight. I did find a picture of him standing outside the school looking very dapper, dated 1959. I'll post it to this site, if I am able. Rest in Peace you kind soul.
Tina Wright class of 1958-59.

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