



## Gene Eldon Frank

November 22, 1964 - July 16, 2009

Services to celebrate the life of Gene Eldon Frank, 44, of Rosenberg will be held at 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at Church of Living Waters, 4808 Airport Avenue in Rosenberg. Interment will follow at the Rosenberg City Cemetery, formerly W.O.W. Cemetery, in Rosenberg. Dr Gene W. Frank, Pastor Darren Frank, Pastor Mike Richards, and Pastor Robert Ashley will officiate the services.

Visitation will begin at 6:00 P.M., Monday, July 20, 2009 at Church of Living Waters in Rosenberg.

Gene was born November 22, 1964 in Richmond, to Gene W. and Betty Jo Ashley Frank. He graduated from Terry High School, Class of 1983. Gene enjoyed hunting, fishing and being outdoors. To say he was an avid University of Texas Longhorn fan was an understatement. He passed away July 16, 2009 at his home in Rosenberg.

Gene is preceded in death by his grandparents, Sidney Weaver Ashley, Agnes Bernice Ashley, Eldon Gustav Frank and Molly Dora Frank; and three special uncles, Buddy, Norris and Sid.

He is survived by his parents, Dr. Gene W. and Betty Jo Frank; children, Jacob Frank 16, Rachel Frank 16, Hannah Frank 11 and mother Amy Frank;

brother, Darren Frank and wife, Gamila; sister, Keitha Frank Turner and husband, Albert Turner; and many special nieces and nephews along with other family and friends.

Gene had a church family that loved him dearly. He struggled as an alcoholic and lost his battle on this earth last Thursday morning. Gene had a very close walk with Jesus Christ and loved Him with all of his heart. His family is secure that his battle has ended and that he has found the freedom he fought so hard for! His children were the pride of his life and he was so proud of them. His family will always remember that Gene was a merciful man that knew a merciful God and his merciful acts will live on in many people.

His parents would like to thank the local chapters of Alcoholics Anonymous and Open Door Mission in Houston. Gene's parents will continue to pray for every family of children that are still struggling with addictions.

The family has asked, in lieu of flowers, that any contributions donated be left for a college fund set up for Gene's three children, Jacob, Rachel and Hannah Frank. All checks made out to Church of Living Waters are tax deductible.

Pallbearers will include James Turner, Russell Hand, David Ashley, Ricky Diaz, Michael Schmulbach, Dave Efron, Wes Muegge and Daniel Cardenas.

Honorary Pallbearers will include Mark Frank and members of the Open Door Mission.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the Frank family at [www.davisgreenlawnfh.com](http://www.davisgreenlawnfh.com).

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas 77471.



# Tribute Wall

SH

“ I never got to say goodbye. I have thought of you many times the last 30 years. So much of who I am today is a reflection of what we were together. May you finally rest.

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**Sherrie** - May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Gene and Betty and family, My deepest heartfelt sympathy for you and your family. As a father who lost a son recently, I know how deep the hurt goes. My heart is crying for you and yours but know that our merciful father will give you the peace, comfort, and strength to go on in this difficult time as He did for me. God Bless You All

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**Ronnie Babin** - December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ I am so sad to hear your loss. my mother just passed away, I know how it feel to be a teen and lose a parent best wishes to you and your family.

*God bless , trisha*

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**Trisha rainosek** - August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ Oh what to say at a time like this...sometimes words just aren't enough and I would love to send a big hug your way. It seems like only yesterday we were going through a similar situation with my brother Phillip and how the questions to God seemed never ending. Only God has the answers to the questions you may be having and I pray that his peace comforts you all like a warm blanket throughout this time as you are reminded that although Gene is not with us on this earth, he is no longer in pain, sad, or even carrying an addiction. He is the smiling young man filled with joy that you all remember him to be and you will one day be reunited with him. My thoughts and prayers will remain with you all as I sit back and thank God for his plan always being greater than our own as He gives you all peace in this time.

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**Vicki Bodungen** - July 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ I am sorry to read of your loss. Many have experienced the death of a loved one. In God's word the Bible, Jesus said at John chapter 5 verses 28 and 29, "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out....."

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**Michael** - July 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Don and I met Gene at BTR and worked with him for many years. We were friends of Amy's family for years before he met and married her. Due to our work and fellowship outside of work, Don and I got to know Gene well. We truly loved him and always called him our "St. Francis of Assisi" due to his love of nature and his kind and gentle spirit. Without a doubt he had a godly heart, spirit and accepting outlook on all people. Our hearts break that he had to battle so many years- yet wanted nothing more than to love all those that meant the world to him. We have no doubt that he is being held in the loving arms of His Father, that he knew and deeply loved.

*From Psalm 51, "My sacrifice, God, is a broken spirit; God, will not spurn a broken, humbled heart." We count on the time we can share his gentle, humble, loving presence and sweet smile in paradise. You are all in our prayers during this great loss and may the peace and strength of Christ comfort you during your years ahead.*

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**Don and Mary Williams** - July 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ I am sorry for your loss. Death is something we can never adapt to. At John 16:33, God gave his only begotten Son Jesus Christ as a ransom sacrifice so that we may have hope again. At Isaiah chapter 25 verse 8, it reads, "He will actually swallow up death forever...."

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**Rena** - July 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Dearest Pastors Gene and Betty Jo,  
May God cover and keep you with His good hand while you walk this difficult road. Gene Jr.'s smile is what I remember most about him...always warm and loving.

*All my love, condolences, and prayers go out to you.*

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**Anna Lindsay** - July 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ We are so sorry to hear about Gene Eldon. Your family has been in our thoughts and prayers. Especially his children. We will be praying for them.

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**Rod and Debbie Penner** - July 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ I know there are know words that can comfort you, Gene Betty Frank. Cry out to Jesus, come put your hand on my heart. Blessed are they that mourn; For they shall be comforted. Ronnie Hrcir and his little family. Angel Spirit.

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**Ronnie Hrcir** - July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Gene, Betty Jo and Family:

*Sometimes loss is gain and I believe this is gain, eventhough it is hard to imagine the loss of a child. Gene had a very sweet sweet spirit. I know he had many struggles, but now they are over and he is healed and in the presence of Jesus. Who can be sad!! Thank you for continuing to pray for all those with addictions. God be with you and your family as I know He will be.*

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**Annette Warmke** - July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Hey Amie - Just wanted to send our sincere sympathy for the loss of Gene. We still have fond memories of the times we'd drop the kiddos off at the house on Louise St. for you to babysit. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Veronica & Jeffrey Dash & family** - July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *Gene and Betty Jo,  
We are so deeply sorry for your loss. Kenny's and my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. I pray that God's peace and comfort surround you and Gene's family to help you through this time.*

*With all our love,  
Kenny and Renee Todd and Family*

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**Renee Todd** - July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Frank Family:  
When you cry, you are not alone. When you think no one could possibly understand the pain you feel...He knows.  
He is right there beside you, collecting those precious drops.  
a weary mind, tears you sow down your cheek the pain it flows tattered...on your knees you go  
He'll hold your face and say,  
"I Know"*

*Our deepest sympathy goes to you, Pastor Gene and Betty Jo, Darren, Keitha, and the rest of the family. We love you all. We pray that your memories and love for one another gives you strength in this time of loss. I pray Betty Jo's words from 7/12's message over you all "GOD IS at the BOTTOM"*

*...You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book.*

*Psalms 56:8*

*-Love,*

*Ricky and Liz Rodriguez*

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**Liz Rodriguez** - July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *The Frank/Ashley families,*

*My deepest sympathy. My prayers are with you and the entire family.*

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**Sharon Wallingford** - July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Bro. Gene, Betty Jo, Darren, Keitha and the rest of the Frank Family: I hope that you know how much each of you hold a special place in my heart. When I think of the best times growing up--each of you are definitely part of it. I had the pleasure of talking to Gene Eldon about a month ago in Wallis--he was such a strong believer & he preached me a little sermon about family & how much I should love & cherish each moment--just like he did. Love you all & my prayers & thoughts with each of you.*

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**Karen Mize** - July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *You have my deepest sympathy. I was a classmate of Gene's from Wallis. May God give you all strength during this time.*

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**Terri Martin Hardin** - July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Gene, BettyJoe, Keitha & Darren,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of great loss.  
With deepest sympathy,  
Tony, Yolanda, Maggie & little Tony  
Carranza*

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**Maggie Carranza** - July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Gene and Betty Jo,  
Words are not enough to say how I grieve for you. All I can do is pray for all of you. Betty I do not know why it happened but I know that God does and He is in control. I do not understand these things. I know this to be true, that Gene Eldon had a kind and tender heart and I know that he is with the Lord and He is at peace. I can say no more than I will pray for you and may the God of Peace keep you in His Arms of comfort as only He can do. Aren't you glad that we have the Lord for such a time as this? I want to share this with you, He was not alone Betty, Jesus was in the room. I do not care what anybody says, Jesus was there and He was in the room. I know my Lord and He said he would never leave us. you know that too.  
I love you and Gene. God keep you and comfort you as only He can do.  
Love to all of you  
Judy

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**Judy Trojok Harwell** - July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Dear Gene, Betty, Darren, Keitha and family, there are no human words that can totally express our sorrow and bring comfort to your hearts. We are so very sorry. But we do know this that He is the God of all comfort. Gene Eldon is a wonderful young man and is greatly loved.

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**Clarence and Marilyn Lee and Family** - July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Robert and I wish to express our deepest sympathy for the loss of your son. May God's comfort and promises be with you in your time of mourning.

*Mary Ann and Robert Grayless*

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**Mary Ann Grayless** - July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ To Gene, Betty, Daren and Keitha  
Our deepest sympathy goes to all of you for the loss of Gene Eldon.  
Our hearts, our prayers and our thoughts are always with you.  
May God bless you with piece of mind.  
*Benita and Mahmoud Elfeky*

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**Mahmoud and Benita El-Feky** - July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Our deepest sympathy goes to the Frank family in the loss of Gene.  
We are praying for you at this time of your loss and grief. May God's comfort be upon you.

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**Rose Ann Summers** - July 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Gene, Betty Jo and the entire family,

*Our heart and prayers are with you.*

*May the Lord bring you comfort in spite of the pain, inner-healing for your heartache, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness - like only God can do.*

*We love you.*

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**Mark & Mary Ann McNulty** - July 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Gene Eldon was a loving father and will be truly missed by his dear children. Your family will be in my prayers during this time. May His spirit comfort you during this time of sorrow.

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**Pam Snyder** - July 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ We are so sorry to hear the news of Gene Eldon. Our hearts mourn with you at this time. I remember Gene Eldon when you were Pastors at Living Waters Church in Wallis, Texas. It really hits home to my heart, of all the memories of our times of fellowship. May the God of all comfort carry you through this time of loss. Betty Jo & Gene thank you for your inspiration & counsel when I was growing up under your ministry. We love you and may the Lord sustain you, always. Son of Richard & Rachel Reyes, Wallis, Texas

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**Benjamin & Audrey Reyes** - July 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ My deepest heartfelt sympathies go out to the Frank family. I will keep you in my prayers and thoughts.

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**Thomas Lyons** - July 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...Gene Eldon will always be a great father, son, brother and friend.

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**Guebara Family** - July 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ I am very sorry to hear of your loss. Jan,mother and I burried daddy last Friday. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.  
Lynda and Don Klasel

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**Lynda Traylor Klasel** - July 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Betty Jo and Gene,we are so sorry and our hearts go out to you.May God grant you peace and comfort for he is our strength and refuge. Jesus loves you and your son Gene.

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**Tim & Darlene Cumings** - July 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ TO Gene, Betty Jo, Daren and Kietha,  
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Gene Elden. He will always have a special place in my heart. I will keep you all in my prayers. Much love Lisa

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**Lisa Pitts** - July 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My heart, thoughts, and prayers go out to you during this trying time. With Love....

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**Lindsey Andel** - July 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM