



## Gene Edward Knuppel

January 24, 1943 - December 18, 2008

Gene Edward Knuppel was born January 24, 1943, in Waco, Texas and passed away Thursday, December 18, 2008 while being transferred from Methodist Sugar Land Hospital to Houston Hospice on Holcombe Boulevard in Houston.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 P. M. until 5:00 P. M., Sunday, December 21, 2008 in the State Room of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A. M., Monday, December 22, 2008 at St. John's United Church of Christ in Rosenberg with Dr. Dale A. Staggemeier officiating. Interment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

Gene grew up in Crawford, Texas, where he graduated from Crawford High School in 1961. He attended Sam Houston University where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Agriculture and Physical Education. He received a Masters Degree in Education. During his life time he was employed by the Waco Independent School District, the Conroe Independent School District and the Wallis Orchard Independent School District as a football coach and teacher. He retired after thirty years of coaching and teaching. Gene's hobbies were ranching and raising coastal Bermuda grass. He enjoyed barbecuing for his family and friends.

Gene is preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Myrtle Emshoff Knuppel; sister, Laura Holtkamp; sister, Joyce Knuppel Parker; and niece, McKenzi Ryan.

Gene is survived by his wife, the former Linda Fay Ehrlich-Stuewe. He has one son, Donavon Brandon Stuewe and wife, Manda. PaPa Gene adored his beautiful 5 year old granddaughter, Kaitlynn Michelle Stuewe. Gene fought carcinoma cancer of the liver with a vengeance hoping to see his first grandson due January 14th.

Gene is survived by one brother, Emmitt Knuppel and wife, Deborah; brother-in-law, Bill Holtkamp; nephews, Tim Holtkamp and wife, Teri and James Montgomery. He had two nieces, Lauren Montgomery and Brittney Fikes and husband, Chris; and great-nephew, Cole Fikes.

Pallbearers are Tim Holtkamp, James Montgomery, Harry Weidemann, Roy Gaubatz, Stephen Band, Bryan Zwahr, Larry Band, John Biehunko, Jared Pollock and Mark Band.

Memorial contributions may be made in Gene's name to St. John's United Church of Christ, 1513 West Street in Rosenberg, Texas.

# Tribute Wall

LO

“ *My deepest sympathy - I just heard that Gene passed away. Lavern*

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**Lavern Oakes** - January 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *Linda & Family:  
Gene and I extend our deepest sympathy on the lost of your husband. We will remember Gene at the fair and all the fun we had. May you find peace in his passing and his pain and suffering has ended.*

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**Gene & Anita Flessner** - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We are sorry to hear of Gene's Death. We know he enjoyed raising cattle, being a good friend and having his family close. May God Bless and Comfort his Family and Friends at this time of Grief.*

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**Betty & Herschel Ustynik** - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *I am sorry for the loss of your husband, father, grandfather and my coach. He was a leader and teacher that did it in a subtle and humble way. He will be greatly missed and warmly remembered.*

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**Tim Clemons** - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Gene was a fine man and an outstanding coach. He could motivate his player to give it their all.  
I am thankful for the honor of knowing him. We appreciate his getting us jobs selling lake lots back in 1965-71. It is how we survived financially during those early years as teachers.  
Our prayer are with you all. Emmmit hope all is well with you .  
We'll not be able to attend the service because our grand daughter is having surgery that morning and we will need to be there when she comes out of recovery. Also tomorrow I'll be helping my 90 year old mother get her things together so she can go to Dallas tomorrow afternoon for the holidays.  
Sincerely, Mike Phythian

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**Mike & Nita Phythian** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Linda,  
I was saddened to hear about Gene. When he was able, it was such a joy to see him at church. He had a great inner strength. He will be missed. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.  
Brenda Dresner

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**Brenda Dresner** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ How very sad to hear of Gene's passing....the Knuppel gatherings will never be the same without Gene. Please know that we are lifting all of you in our prayers. Gene was a special man and he will be dearly missed.  
May our Lord be very close to each of you during the difficult days ahead. We care....God cares, too!

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**Kenneth & Paulette McElveen** - December 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM