



## Gene Allen Wittneben

December 15, 1959 - January 14, 2011

Funeral services for Gene Allen Wittneben, 51, of Richwood, Texas will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 20, 2011 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg with Rev. Byron Williamson officiating. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 19, 2011 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

Gene was born December 15, 1959 in Brazoria County, Texas to Gilbert A. Wittneben and Ladell Scheffer Wittneben. He was employed by Brazoria County. Gene enjoyed the outdoors and his hobbies included golf, football, baseball and snow skiing. He passed away January 14, 2011 at his home in Richwood, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his father, Gilbert A. Wittneben.

Gene is survived by his mother, Ladell Wittneben; brother, Russell Wittneben; sister, Susan Vogler and husband, Mark Vogler; nieces, Stephanie Vogler, Courtney Vogler, Katie Vogler and Kellie Vogler; along with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

Pallbearers will include Jimmy Stegemiller, Bobby Stegemiller, Clay

Wittneben, Byron Wittneben, Chad Wittneben and Craig Wittneben.

For those wishing, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gene's name to the charity of your choice.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the Wittneben 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, Phone: 281-341-8800.

# Tribute Wall

JW

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**Jim Wiginton** - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I work for Brazoria County and had many encounters with Gene in the work place. He was a fine and kind person. I and all of us will miss his gentle and quiet way of handling county business. God bless and keep you all.  
Shelly Moore, County Clerks Office

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**Shelly Moore** - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ I'm so very sorry to hear about your loss... your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Leann W** - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ We are sorry for your loss and we will keep your family in our prayers.

*With our deepest sympathy.*

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**Brazoria County Public Health Emergency Preparedness** - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ My deepest sympathy for Gene's family, including the I.S. family. I've recently retired but worked with Gene all the years he was with Brazoria County. His kindness, professionalism and knowledge will be greatly missed.

*He always had a ready smile and was always eager to help with any problem the courts may have had.*

*My prayers are with all of you.*

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**Theresa Mother Rouly** - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Wishing you and your family God's strength and peace at this time of sadness. May your memories of Gene bring you comfort. Our prayers are with you.

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**Betty & Jerry Michalik** - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Gene will be missed by so many. He always had such a calmness and peace about him. My prayers go out to all Gene's family and other friends.

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**Karen Carroll** - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Ladell: I am sending this for Dora and Alvin. She wanted to tell you how so very sorry they were to hear of Gene's passing. She was so devastated and knows how it is to lose a child as she has lost Debra to an accident. She wanted your address, so I called Carol Nevil and she was going to try to get it from Russell. She and Alvin are keeping you and your family in their prayers. Lovingly,  
Shirley Hanes for Dora & Alvin*

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**Dora & Alvin Picha** - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Gene was a wonderful, quiet, unassuming man. You knew you could always count on him, no matter what the problem. I will truly miss him. May God grant his family peace during this difficult time.*

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**Cathy Hughes** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ *My sincere condolences to the Wittneben family and to all of Gene's "I.S. Work Family". He did an excellent job for Brazoria County and will be missed. RIP*

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**Elizabeth Poole** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *My sincere sympathy for your loss. He will truly be missed by all of his Brazoria County family. Keeping the family in my prayers!*

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**Jan Peltier** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ To the Wittneben family:  
I am beyond sorry for your loss. Gene was a kind and gracious man who will be missed. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this time.

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**Natasha D.N. Stulberg** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Ladell, I am so sorry to hear of your loss, may God grant you peace during this difficult time.

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**Doreen Cook** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ To Ladell and family: Oh my goodness, it was such a shock to read Gene's Obit. I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time.  
With Love, Shirley Hanes

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**Shirley Hanes** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Gene was one of my best friends during our wonder years of childhood. The words expressed here tell the story of a man whom did not change his kind, humble, decent way of his youth. Gene will be missed by many. My family wishes to extend our condolences to Gene's family.

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**Tim Osburn** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ So,sorry for the loss of your son.Sorry I can't attend his service.My thoughts an prayers are with you and your family.  
May God Bless

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**Shirley Theriot** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *Ladell and Family. My deepest sympathy on the lost of your son and brother Gene. Charlene Elkins*

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**Charlene Elkins** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *To Russell and Wittneben Family, My thoughts and prayers are with all of you as you come together to celebrate Gene's life and comfort each other. Jimmy Park*

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**Jimmy Park** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *With deepest sympathy to Gene's family and co-workers.*

*The unexpected loss of such a special person gives us all reason to pause and reflect. May God be with you during this time of sorrow.*

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**Brazoria County Maintenance Staff** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *I was so sorry to hear the news about Gene. He was the nicest guy and a great boss. I have nothing but great things to say about Gene.*

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**Ken Prochaska** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Gene will be greatly missed by all who knew him. May you find comfort in your memories of a wonderful man! My deepest sympathy to his family, friends and co-workers. R.I.P. Gene. God Bless.

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**Sherri Stanford** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ My deepest sympathies to Gene's family and to all the coworkers in IS. He will be truly missed.

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**Lynn Shifflett** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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DD

“ Mrs. Wittenben, Russell, and Family. Was so sorry to hear of the passing of Gene. It was a shock. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless you all.

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**Danny & Gayelyn Daniels** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Mrs. Wittenben, Russell, and Family. Was so sorry to hear of the passing of Gene. It was a shock. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless you all.

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**Danny & Gayelyn Daniels** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ We were so sorry about the passing of Gene. He was a fine young man. May you take comfort in knowing he is now walking side by side with his Dad. Our prayers for all of you. David & Charlotte Rogers

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**David & Charlotte Rogers** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ Our prayers to your family. May God touch each of you with peace and comfort.  
Pat & Dorothy Nelson

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**Pat & Dorothy Nelson** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ There are no words to express my deep sympathy. Please know that Gene was a man whose quiet presence and impish grin will be missed. If there is golf in heaven, I know what he's doing today.

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**Raethella Jones** - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GI

“ I am truly saddened by the sudden loss of Gene. In the 10 years I have known him, he has always been kind, considerate, and helpful to me, to everyone.

*His passing will not only leave a void in my life, but in the hearts of everyone who knew him.*

*My sincere thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and fellow co-workers.*

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**Gerald Hendrick II** - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ While I have never worked for Gene, I found him to be a very pleasant person. He had always spoken to me each time he saw me. That's character!

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**Esther Hall** - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I have worked with Gene for many years and never knew him to be unkind to anyone. Gene was a very a patient and respectful man and he will be greatly missed by all. God bless you Gene...may you rest in peace.

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**Brenda Smith** - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I have known Gene for 20 years, working with him was always easy. May God's comfort envelop all who knew Gene. God Bless and keep thee. If

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**Linda F Filipp** - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Gene will be truly missed around Information Systems, and the County for that matter. Gene was a professional in every aspect of the game. When something needed done, he made sure it was assigned to some one to take of. I enjoyed working along side him for 16 years. We miss you Gene, you were a great boss. We will continue to pray for your family through this time of loss.

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**Rick Hilton** - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ I worked for Gene for 3 years, and considered him a good friend, as well as a great boss. I will miss our ongoing conversations on Apple products and new technology. Gene always made time to listen to the people in his dept., and always had the organization's best interest at heart.

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**Mike Najera** - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I have worked with Gene for 16 years at Brazoria County. He was a very talented programmer and possessed a work ethic which would make any Parent proud. First to get here in the morning and often the last to leave. Gene took his responsibilities seriously; but knew how to laugh too. He was instrumental in bringing many new technological advances to Brazoria County. Without his steadfast leadership the County's Information System Department would not be where it is today. I salute you today Gene for a job well done. I wish for you the peace and comfort you deserve. And pray for your Family in their time of grief.

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**Deanna Williams** - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ I extend heartfelt condolences to the Wittneben family. It was my privilege to have played a number of rounds of golf with Gene at charity events. They say you can tell a lot about a man during a round of golf. This was true of Gene. He was honorable, fair, a true gentleman with integrity to match his golfing prowess. He was a credit to his family, this community and this county.

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**George H. Rau, Jr.** - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I knew Gene always to be a fair and good person. He was always there to listen to any concerns that I had. I'm sad to hear of his passing, but take comfort in the fact that he is at home with Christ. I send my heart felt prayers to his family and ask God to give them peace in this difficult time.

*Romans 14:8*

*For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.*

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**John Flores** - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Half of my I.S. career was under the employment of Gene as both a director and friend. His department gave me much of the foundation I use today. He will be missed.

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**Manuel Ortiz III** - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ I had the pleasure of working for Gene for over 6 years. He taught me a lot over those years. I know that the loss of Gene has left a huge whole in the Information Systems family. Gene's family and IS Family are in my thoughts and prayers in this very sad time. Such a great loss way too young.

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**Tena Azbell** - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Gene will be missed by Brazoria County and all who had connection with him here on earth. What a kind, patient, understanding man! Never to meddle in others' business, but always ready to assist when asked. Hopefully your sorrow and disbelief will be tempered by the abiding affection and confidence we felt for Gene, my iPhone partner.

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**Mary Ruth Rhodenbaugh** - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Gene was my boss for 13 years. He was a huge asset to Brazoria County and will be dearly missed by so many, especially all of us in Information Systems. I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to work for him. My thoughts and prayers are with Gene's family during this difficult time. God Bless you all.

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**Debbie Fairbanks** - January 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Gene left this earth way to young. He will be missed by so many. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family during their time of grief. God Bless you all.

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**Terri Trask** - January 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ I must apologize for the mis-spelling of Gene's last name. I hit send before I realized. I am so sorry.

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**RoVin Garrett** - January 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ My condolences to the family of Gene Witneben. I am so saddened by Gene's sudden death. I have worked with Gene for over 20 years as he led the Information Services Dept of Brazoria County. I considered him more than a department head, but a friend in serving county citizens. Gene was always there with a common sense approach to getting the job done. It was an honor to call him friend. He will be sorely missed. May the peace of Christ fall upon Gene's family and give you comfort in the days ahead.

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**Ro'Vin Garrett** - January 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ John and I are so very sorry for the loss of Gene. We offer our sympathy to all the family.  
*Ps.49:15-God will redeem my life from the grave; He will surely take me to Himself. Love and Hope in Christ, Lou and John Gross*

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**John R. Gross** - January 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I have worked with Gene for 10 years and he was such an asset to Brazoria County. You could always count on Gene to "make it happen". I pray you find comfort in the memories you have with Gene. He will be missed by so many.

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**Cathy Campbell** - January 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Gene was my director/boss and mentor for almost 14 years. He was an excellent computer programmer and I learned so much from him. He was always willing to share his knowledge and skills. He wrote so many programs over the years that have helped just about all of the departments at Brazoria County. His expertise in programming made everyone's job easier. I will truly miss him and I'm thankful that I had the opportunity to work for him and with him. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Monica Huehlefeld** - January 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ I came to know Gene when he took me into his aspiring group of computer professionals at Brazoria County in 1997. Over the years with much patience Gene groomed me and helped me find my place in our office family. I owe Gene considerably for his mentorship and the guiding hand he placed in my life. I will remember Gene as an always hard at work, intelligent, generous, compassionate man that stood his post with honesty and integrity. I know that Gene will be proud of his group as we dust ourselves off after this devastating blow and continue to take care of Brazoria County, the IS department and each other. We will miss you terribly Gene. Until I see you again, rest in peace my friend. B

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**William Burton** - January 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I've worked with Gene for 16 years. He was the best programmer I have ever worked with. He will be missed by all of us in Information Systems.

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**jeff wilson** - January 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Gene was my boss also. I really liked him alot. I will miss telling him good morning everymorning when I arrived at work. He was one of the best boss' a person could have. He will be greatly missed

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**Terry Reames** - January 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Gene was my boss for the last 20 years. He was a tremendous asset to Information Systems - such a smart man, smart programmer, smart manager. I will dearly miss him along with the rest of his department and many others at Brazoria County.

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**Pam Hendrick** - January 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ I have worked with Gene at Brazoria County for his whole tenure here. Gene was a brilliant man who was respected by all who knew him. He will be missed by everyone. My deepest sympathy to all of you. I pray God will surround you with his love in this difficult time. God be with you Gene.  
Henri Jean Loessin

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**Henri Jean Loessin** - January 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM