



Alvin Eugene "Daddy Gene" Durham

May 30, 1933 - September 22, 2020

Mr. Alvin Eugene "Daddy Gene" Durham, of Hohenwald, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at the age of 87. He was surrounded by his beloved family and close friend.

Daddy Gene was loved by everyone who knew him. Once you met him, you knew you had a friend for life. He was born on May 30, 1933 to Colonel Alvin Durham and Eura (Nutt) Waymon, in Wayne Co. In 1949, he married his best friend and the love of his life, Johnie V. (Burns) Durham. They lived a wonderful life together and raised a loving family. Daddy Gene worked at Genesco. He worked there for over forty years until its closing. He then worked for the Lewis County Government until his retirement. He was a devoted member of the Lewis County Senior Center, and served on their board of directors. Daddy Gene could play shuffleboard or pool all day long. Above everything, he was a Christian. He was a devoted member of the Springer Church of Christ, often arriving first to turn the lights on and get the building ready for everyone. One thing is for sure, Daddy Gene is finally where he always wanted to be, Home.

He is survived on this earth by his children, Kenny (Debbie) Durham-Hohenwald, Beverly (Don) Durham Hull-Decatur, AL, Mary Frances Durham Marshall, Jo Ruth Shelby, brothers Golden Ray Durham and Cranford Durham, grandchildren John Cordell (Stacy) Hull, Joshua Eugene Hull,

Jennifer Durham (David) Baker, Betsy Hull Hesselrode, and Seidina Day Ingram, great grandchildren Joseph Hull, Collin Hesselrode, Cameron Hesselrode, William Gavin Baker, and Samuel Baker, Schyler Adams, Sawyer Staggs, Kaden Marshall, Karly Marshall, and Kasey Marshall. Also, he leaves behind a special friend, Phyllis Cogdill.

Along with his parents and his wife, Johnie V. Durham, he is preceded in death by three brothers, Clovis, Thomas, and William Durham.

Visitation with the family will be held on Thursday evening from 5-9PM at the McDonald Funeral Home in Hohenwald. Funeral Services will be held on Friday at 1:00 PM in the McDonald Funeral Home Chapel. Kenny Durham, Don Hull, and Daddy Gene's Grandchildren will officiate. Burial will follow at Swiss Cemetery.

If you wish to make a donation in memory of Daddy Gene, the family asks that you do so to the Lewis County Senior Center.

Cemetery Details

Swiss Cemetery

281 Summertown Hwy
Hohenwald, TN 38462

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **24.** 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Lewis County
20 West 2nd Avenue
Hohenwald, TN 38462
(931) 796-2207

Funeral Service

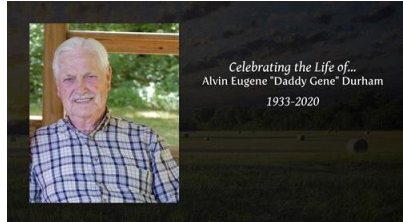
SEP **25.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McDonald Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Alvin Eugene "Daddy Gene" Durham*



McDonald Funeral Home, Inc - October 25, 2021 at 11:05 AM

BL

“ *Bryan Lane lit a candle in memory of Alvin Eugene "Daddy Gene" Durham*



Bryan Lane - September 25, 2020 at 12:23 PM

J(

“ *DADDY GENE Loved him he was a soft hearted kind man. He will be missed.*
Jeff Michelle Ashlyn and Dalton Carroll

Jeff Carroll (nephew) - September 25, 2020 at 10:19 AM

PC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all the family!!!! So sorry Kenny and Beverly to hear of your loss.*

Pat Hyatt Campbell



Pat Hyatt Campbell - September 25, 2020 at 06:56 AM

MA

“ *Such a wonderful man, such a fun guy to be around, he lived a good life with wonderful wife children and other family members RIP*

mary/mike - September 24, 2020 at 11:38 PM

DW

“ *What a wonderful man, we love you Kenny!*



Damon Wherry - September 24, 2020 at 06:47 PM

LH

“ *Lynda Hinson lit a candle in memory of Alvin Eugene "Daddy Gene" Durham*



Lynda Hinson - September 24, 2020 at 02:56 PM

LD

“ To say that a person the caliber of Gene will be sorely missed would be an understatement. Surely everyone who knew Gene will share an emptiness by his passing. Having grown up in the Summertown Hwy area from birth I (Larry Dorning) knew several members of Gene’s family. I always enjoyed talking to them. Beverly and Kenny are lucky to have had him as their dad. We extend our condolences to all members of his family and friends. Larry and Mary Dorning



Larry Dorning - September 24, 2020 at 12:51 PM

SH

“ Sara Cooper Harrington lit a candle in memory of Alvin Eugene "Daddy Gene" Durham



Sara Cooper Harrington - September 24, 2020 at 08:06 AM

KM

“ Kay Lynch Murphy lit a candle in memory of Alvin Eugene "Daddy Gene" Durham



Kay Lynch Murphy - September 24, 2020 at 12:14 AM

GR

“ *Gwen Rogers lit a candle in memory of Alvin Eugene "Daddy Gene" Durham*



Gwen Rogers - September 23, 2020 at 11:51 PM

LF

“ *MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF MR. DURHAM, HE WAS QUITE A REMARKABLE AND MEMORABLE MAN WHO LOVED GOD. THIS LIFE IS A FLEETING THING WE LIVE BUT FOR A SHORT TIME ON EARTH THEN WE GO HOME TO GOD FROM WHENCE WE CAME. HEAVEN IS A JOYOUS PLACE WHERE GOD'S PEOPLE LIVE FOREVER.*

*SINCERELY,
LARRY FERGUSON*

LARRY FERGUSON - September 23, 2020 at 10:39 PM

HC

“ *Hubert & Donna Currin lit a candle in memory of Alvin Eugene "Daddy Gene" Durham*



Hubert & Donna Currin - September 23, 2020 at 10:28 PM

PJ

“ Patsy James lit a candle in memory of Alvin Eugene "Daddy Gene" Durham



Patsy James - September 23, 2020 at 09:37 PM

JF

“ Jim Fite lit a candle in memory of Alvin Eugene "Daddy Gene" Durham



Jim Fite - September 23, 2020 at 09:09 PM

GC

“ Gene was a very good person, I remember working at Genesco with him .



Gary & Debbie Carroll - September 23, 2020 at 08:28 PM

JM

“ Joyce Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Alvin Eugene "Daddy Gene" Durham



Joyce Mayberry - September 23, 2020 at 08:12 PM

BB

“ *Mr Gene will be missed. I am so glad he is no longer suffering, but his warm smiles and happiness will forever be remembered. Prayers and love for Ms Phyllis and his family.*



Bobbie Barrow - September 23, 2020 at 07:12 PM

AD

“ *Arelus & Ernestine Dye lit a candle in memory of Alvin Eugene "Daddy Gene" Durham*



Arelus & Ernestine Dye - September 23, 2020 at 05:17 PM

RC

“ *Rusty Colvett lit a candle in memory of Alvin Eugene "Daddy Gene" Durham*



rusty colvett - September 23, 2020 at 03:39 PM