



Gerald Forkner

December 25, 1921 - September 12, 2005

Gerald Eugene "Gene" Forkner, 83 year-old former resident of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died September 12, 2005, at Ft. Roots Veteran's Hospital, N. Little Rock, Arkansas. Born December 25, 1921 in Reeds, Missouri, he was the son of Art Forkner and Addie Elam Forkner. Gene was a Navy Veteran of World War II and was a manager for 38 years at Allen Canning Company, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. He was a member of First Christian Church in Siloam Springs, where he served as a Deacon. On July 28, 1946, he married Grace Hess in Siloam Springs. He was an avid fisherman, and after his retirement, he built a woodworking shop to build carts designed by Troy Anderson for the Dogwood Festival. He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister, Bernice Brown. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Grace, of Bigelow, Arkansas; one son, Danny Forkner and wife Debbie of Springdale, Arkansas; one daughter, Janice Caldwell and her fiancé, Stewart Toombs, both of Bigelow, Arkansas; one sister, Eunice Heaven of Inola, Oklahoma; one grandson, Bryan Caldwell and fiancé Tonya Gross of Bigelow, Arkansas; one granddaughter, Shianna Malone and her husband Sgt. Edward Malone of Bauxite, Arkansas; six great grandchildren, Garren, Kristen, Rowan, Bethany, Rebecca, and Kasia. Funeral services will be 2:00 Wednesday, September 14, 2005, at First Christian Church, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, with Pastor Riley Donica and Jason Murphy officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ I was on this site reading tributes to Terry. Sorry to hear about your father.
This part of "growing up" is very difficult.

Sherry Studards Bass - September 19, 2012 at 12:02 PM

SL

“ Mrs. Forkner, Janice, Danny, and Family,
My God bless and comfort each one of you in the loss of your family patriarch. You are in our prayers.

Steve and Janice (Barnett) Low - September 19, 2012 at 12:02 PM

SR

“ Our thoughts are with your family.

Sue & Milfred Anglin and Ruth Reasons - September 19, 2012 at 12:02 PM

MS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult season of your lives. I count it a blessing to have been able to know Gene. He was a kind, considerate man and a loving humble servant of God.
I appreciated his genuine warm handshake everytime I came to church for a visit. He will be missed.
Mike

mike scacewater - September 19, 2012 at 12:02 PM

RN

“ Dear Debbie and Danny,

God's Love is Always ther for you. Trust in God to strenghten you as only He can do. To give you peace, and happiness, and many blessings, too. For

He's a very caring Lord on whom you may depend. Whose goodness, love and mighty power truly have no end.

Our love and prayers are with you at this time. If you need anything just let us know at Walmart.

Ruth Newton - September 19, 2012 at 12:02 PM

JT

“ *Grace and the rest of the family..I remember our many experiences with thanksgiving..getting to know you was a blessing..may you have the Lord's grace throughout this time of sorrow. John T.*

John V. Terry - September 19, 2012 at 12:02 PM