



Gene Austin Howard

September 1, 2007

Gene Austin Howard, age 57 of Cimmerron Plantation died Saturday, September 1, 2007 at Waccamaw Community Hospital. Born March 12, 1950 in Monroe, NC, he was the son of the Emma Jean Howard and the late Henry Frank Howard. Mr. Howard was a US Air Force veteran serving in Vietnam. He was a 1968 graduate of Sun Valley High School in Monroe, NC and had attended Central Piedmont College in Charlotte. Mr. Howard had been a railroad engineer for 15 years and a long haul truck driver for 5 years. He was the owner of Howard Auto Sales in Monroe, NC. He was a member of the brotherhood of local engineers union and had been an organ donor. Surviving in addition to his mother are his wife, Lynda Howard; step son, Nick Yeatts; granddaughter, Brianna Yeatts; sister, Penny Howard; brother, Alex Howard and a best friend, Jimmy Mangum. Services will be 1:00 PM, Saturday at Victory Baptist Church with Pastor Gene Wallace officiating. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association Memorial Center, PO Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058.

Tribute Wall



“ *A true friend...he will be missed. May peace be with you and your heart be comforted. Gene is gone but, will not be forgotten.##imported-begin##W H Morris##imported-end##*

September 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gene "Wheel" as we know him is my brother and will truly be missed. I feel so honored that he had so many friends. Wheel was such a "special person" and that is what I loved so much about him. He cared about other people and he loved meeting new people. He never met a stranger. I am so happy that he was able to live the last years of his life at the coast where he always wanted to be. My heart fills with joy over the fact that he had so many friends that cared so much about him. My family and I will truly miss him the visits, daily e-mails. phone calls, etc.. He could always bring a smile to your face, whether it be a joke he had heard or just something he would do or say to make you smile. God now has another angel to look over us. I am truly honored and proud to be his sister. Penny Howard##imported-begin##Penny Howard##imported-end##*

September 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gene, "bypass" as we knew him will be missed by us as we looked forward to his daily e-mail messages. Lynda, may your memories of Gene and Aunt Myrt comfort you in this hour of grief. God Bless.##imported-begin##Brother and Gwen##imported-end##*

September 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Lynda, we are so sad about Gene's death. He will be missed by all who knew him. We appreciate so much his love and caring for Aunt Myrt and enjoy the CD he made for us about her. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Andree & George Lowry##imported-end##

September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I am one of the ladies who sits with Gene's mother at her home. Although I never knew Gene, I feel he comes from a great family. He is truly missed. His mother said these words the other day: "I can hardly believe I'll never see him on earth again. That's the hardest part." My heart goes out to his entire family; mother,wife,brother and sister, and stepson and granddaughter. May God fill that place left in your heart with His amazing love. God bless all of you. Vivian##imported-begin##Vivian Smith##imported-end##

September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time and always. My memories of Gene always brings a smile to my face and a warmth to my heart.##imported-begin##Elaine Pender##imported-end##

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“ I got to know Mr. Howard Wheel as we called him when I worked for The Bargain Loft in Monroe , he stopped in to visit with my bosses Jack & David .He was always so very kind and funny . I got to know his parents , and brother in law since the building I worked in was rented from his family . The Howards are a wonderful family and Gene Wheel will I know be truly missed by them all and by all who knew him. I extend my heartfelt sympathy to your family & will remember you in prayer.##imported-begin##Pamela Edwards##imported-end##

September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless and be with you.##imported-begin##Jack Harless##imported-end##

September 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Wheel will truly be missed. Such a good person is gone God has another Angel. Lynda we are here for you during this hard time. My prayers are with you, Brianna, and Nick. Love, Lisa & Family##imported-begin##Lisa Surratt##imported-end##

September 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ We wish our most sincere heartfelt condolences and prayers to the Howard family, and hope that the wonderful memories of Gene's life brings much comfort during this difficult time of his passing. Gene Austin Howard was the dedicated hardworking coworker that became a fun loving cheerful and caring acquaintance of many that were blessed to know him. He was the honest witty acquaintance that became a true steadfast and rare committed friend to many, without expectations or reserve. He often reminded me of a windmill, with his strong, steady, and determined will, never letting anything misdirect his goals or accomplishments, he was sure and determined. Gene always seemed to be able to differentiate, separating the simple enjoyments that mattered, from the fluff that occurs through out one's life. His family, friends, and God were most important and remained always foremost throughout his life, with his faith in God being unwavering. I have no doubt he is sitting alongside our Savior in paradise today. Gene's priorities were always admirable. He was very unselfish, giving much more of his life than what he received, yet living each moment with complete appreciation and enjoying the simplest of pleasures wholeheartedly. Gene became an everlasting friend with a heart of gold, blessing many lives with his personality and the ever so many wonderful qualities of the diverse attributes of his character. His friendship evolved into a brotherhood, a brother that was admired for his honor, and integrity and was much loved by the many people that will sorely miss him. I am sure that today he is already working on that glorious reunion in heaven of all his family and friends to enjoy together again. Rest my brother, rest in peace, knowing you are loved and missed.##imported-begin##Gary & Rachel Weir##imported-end##

September 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Wheel will surely be missed. If there is anything I can do please don't hesitate. I did enjoy him stopping by and visiting from time to time*##imported-begin##*Dave Dixon*##imported-end##

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.*##imported-begin##*Carolyn Finlayson*##imported-end##

September 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gene was a good friend and a good person. It's hard to believe he is gone. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. We wish we could be there with you.*##imported-begin##*Terry and Rosi*##imported-end##

September 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM