



Gene Wagner

February 20, 1934 - September 12, 2011

Goose Creek...Gene Franklin Wagner, age 77, died Monday, September 12, 2011 at Trident Medical Center.

Mr. Wagner was born on February 20, 1934, Bluefield, Tazewell County, Virginia. He was the son of the late Oscar Frazier Wagner and Beulah Franklin Lynch. Mr. Wagner attended Bluefield College and served as Principal of Springfield Elementary School in Bluefield. He served in the US Army at Fort Jackson for two years (1957-1959). Mr. Wagner graduated from Concord College, Athens, West Virginia with a B.S. in Business Administration. In 1960, he joined the Social Security Administration in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, serving in Charlottesville, Virginia, Bristol, Tennessee, and Asheville, North Carolina. In 1966 he transferred to Conway, South Carolina, as Manager to open the first Social Security Administration Office in Horry County. In 1973, he transferred to Goose Creek to open and manage the North Charleston Social Security Administration Office. He retired in 1993 with 34 years of service. Mr. Wagner was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Vernon Wagner.

Mr. Wagner is survived by his wife of 38 years, Barbara J. Wagner of Goose Creek; two sons, John Franklin Wagner of Lake Lure, North Carolina and Adam Murray Wagner and his wife Rachel of Moncks Corner; a granddaughter, Christin M. Sirlin of Mt. Pleasant; and a great grandson,

Bradley Mason; a sister-in-law, Charlotte Wagner of Pearisburg, Virginia; his mother-in-law, Josephine Dunn Johnson Bounds; brothers-in-law, Edwin M. Johnson and his wife Jean, Errol K. Johnson and his wife Barbara; five nephews, Andrew P. Wagner, Jeffrey E. Johnson and his wife Tammy, Bryan C. Johnson and his wife Jessica, Nicholas K. Johnson, and Elliott L. Johnson; three great nephews, Davis, Tyler, and Evan Johnson; and two great nieces, Ava and Lauren Johnson.

Visitation and wake with the family will be held Thursday, September 15, 2011 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at St. James United Methodist Church, 512 St. James Avenue, Goose Creek, SC.

Graveside services will be held Friday, September 16, 2011 at 3:30 pm from the Hillcrest Cemetery, 1000 Highway 544, Conway, SC. Visitation with the family will be 2:00 to 3:00 pm at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel. Rev. Anthony Hodge of St. James United Methodist Church will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. James United Methodist Church, 512 St. James Avenue, Goose Creek, SC 29445 or Centenary United Methodist Church, 1527 Hwy. 544, Conway, SC 29526.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 347-4909
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Service

SEP **16.** 3:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LJ

“ *Barbara & Adam, I am sorry I cannot be with you at this time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I love you both, Linda S. Jones*



Linda Squires Jones - September 16, 2011 at 08:53 AM

JE

*I knew I had a friend for life the first time I met Gene. He had just came to Conway and I was working for the Summer at Nye's on Main street. I had a big crush on him. He was such a gentleman and handsome man. He was a few years older than me. I am so glad I knew him still. He got a great girl when he met you Barbara. I know times will be rough for a while but I pray God will strengthen you and the boys and keep you comforted. I know you will miss him a lot.
Love to you all,
Lewis and Jeanne Edwards*

Jeanne Causey Edwards - September 20, 2011 at 11:49 AM

RS

“ *MY BEST FRIEND GENE WAGNER*

Gene Wagner was my best friend of 41 years. I first met him at the Conway Social Security Office while I was servicing the Xerox Machine in 1968. We then started doing things together such as boating and fishing on the Waccamaw River and going out on the town.

One day we decided to go to Murrells Inlet and out into the ocean to fish. Gene wanted to take a break and steered his boat onto the beach and we promptly sunk the boat in the big waves washing over the boat. What a great time that was.

Another time Gene took me, his wife Barbara, and my wife Hilda out to the woods in Conway to pick huckleberries with gene pointing out where they were. Later that day we had plenty of berries but also were covered with redbugs. None on Gene though because he was wearing long pants. The rest of us were really suffering by that evening, but Gene got off redbug free.

Gene was also a wonderful cook and we shared many of his meals together. He was a great guy, generous and always there for his family and friends.

*Gene will be missed very much by his family. I will always remember the happy times shared with my lifelong friend Gene.
Bob and Hilda Sobon 09/14/2011*



Robert sobon - September 14, 2011 at 07:19 PM

GJ

Mr. Wagner hired me to work for him at the Social Security Administration Sept. 15, 1967. This was my first full-time job. I have always been indebted to him for this wonderful job, therefore, allowing me to retire from the federal government at age 46. He was a wonderful, caring and patient boss. My prayers are with Barbara, John, Adam and the rest of the family.

Glenda Johnson

Glenda Johnson - September 14, 2011 at 09:47 PM