



Eugene Francis "Bud" Bennett

December 13, 1938 - March 24, 2024

Eugene Francis "Bud" Bennett, Sr., age 85, went home to be with the Lord on March 24, 2024 at his home with his family by his side. He was a native and lifelong resident of St. Augustine, son of the late Chester and Hattie Mae Bennett. "Bud" proudly served his country honorably in the United States Marine Corps. After his discharge from the Marines, he began a lengthy and successful career as a patrolman with the St. Augustine Police Department, retiring in 1991 after 26 years of service. He was a St. Augustine Little League coach for Baker and Hodges Pest Control for 6 years. During that tenure, his teams garnered 2 second place finishes and 4 first place finishes, including an undefeated season in 1982. Many of the players he coached went on to have successful collegiate and professional careers. He was a longtime member of Turning Point at Calvary where he was very active in various ministries, including building many sets and props for Vacation Bible School and other programs. He also loved participating on the softball team in the church softball league. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and friend to many. He touched many lives throughout the years and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday March 30, 2024 at Turning Point at Calvary, 3500 State Road 16, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

A visitation, beginning at 1:00 p.m., will precede the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory can be made to the Turning

Point at Calvary Building Fund.

He is survived by his wife and “sweetheart” of 62 years, Jeffie Bennett, St. Augustine; son, Gene F. Bennett Jr. (Tamré), St. Augustine; daughter, Amy Olmstead (James), Ormond Beach; brother, Joe Bennett (Millie), St. Augustine; grandchildren, Emily Bennett Geisel (Andrew), St. Augustine, and Aden Olmstead, Ormond Beach.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

MAR **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Turning Point At Calvary

3500 FL-16

St. Augustine, FL 32092

(904) 829-9795

Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Mr. Bennett touched so many lives. None better than him. He certainly will be missed. God Bless..*

don Avedisian - March 31, 2024 at 08:37 PM



“ *Mr. BENNETT! That's what I always called him! What a guy! I know this man walked with the Lord daily! Very kind and thoughtful friend and parent to my best friend Amy!! My thoughts, and prayers go out to Mrs. Bennet, Amy, Jim, Aden, Gene, Tamre, Emily, and friends! RIP Mr. Bennet! You are loved! Lisa & Chris Gibbs*



Lisa Gibbs - March 30, 2024 at 11:01 AM

KH

“ *Thinking of you and the family during this difficult time. Mr. Bennett was a good and honorable man.
Larry & Karen Hudgins*

Karen D Hudgins - March 29, 2024 at 04:19 PM

JL

“ *Baker and Hodges for life!!!!!!!!!!*

Joe Logan - March 29, 2024 at 11:22 AM

JL

“ Mr Bennett was an amazing man and mentor! He was my first baseball coach and he taught all of us so much more. He picked us up for games and practices. He took us on trips as a team. Camping and canoeing. Gene Jr and Amy were like brothers and sisters to us. His sweetheart would cook for us and oh the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Not only were we good, but we had a great time together. This man was as solid as they came. Brian Hoey, George Kotrady, The Goode brothers, Mike Colson, Don Avedesian man we had a squad. He is the reason I played high school, college and professionally. I am still involved in baseball giving back and managing. The big man upstairs called home one of his angels. 🙏🙏🙏

Joe Logan - March 29, 2024 at 11:20 AM

DA

Well said Joe! Great coach, better man.

don Avedisian - March 31, 2024 at 08:28 PM

LG

“ Love, Bill, Cynthia & Ben Geisel purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eugene Francis "Bud" Bennett.



Love, Bill, Cynthia & Ben Geisel - March 28, 2024 at 04:47 PM

LG

“ Love, Bill, Cynthia & Ben Geisel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eugene Francis "Bud" Bennett.

Love, Bill, Cynthia & Ben Geisel - March 28, 2024 at 04:47 PM

LF

“ Love Jimmy & Kim Miller and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Eugene Francis "Bud" Bennett.



Love Jimmy & Kim Miller and Family - March 28, 2024 at 04:26 PM



“ I worked with Gene my whole career at SAPD he was a prince among men.
Ed

Ed Booth - March 28, 2024 at 02:59 PM

AD

“ Ann Dale lit a candle in memory of Eugene Francis "Bud" Bennett



Ann Dale - March 28, 2024 at 12:47 PM

TM

“ Todd & Valerie Mull planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eugene Francis "Bud" Bennett.

Todd & Valerie Mull - March 27, 2024 at 06:42 PM

TM

“ *Todd & Valerie Mull purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Eugene Francis "Bud" Bennett.*



Todd & Valerie Mull - March 27, 2024 at 06:42 PM