



Gene Page Fairchild

August 6, 1923 - September 15, 2020

Gene Page Fairchild, age 97, of St. Augustine, Florida, passed away peacefully on September 15 at home with his loving wife, Donna Jean Fairchild, and his devoted son, Mark Fairchild, at his side.

Gene was born in 1923 in Paducah, Kentucky, and was raised in Murray, KY, by his mother, Nettie Fairchild Klapp, and his father, Norman Klapp. He was preceded in death by his brother, James Klapp.

Gene had a 45-year career with the National Cash Register Company, living with his family in Lone Oak, KY, Baton Rouge, LA, St. Louis, MO, Indianapolis, IN, and Omaha, NE. He retired to Florida in 1988, where he was an active volunteer in his community and was a longtime member of Anastasia Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and Bible study teacher. Gene was an avid golfer. Among his golf highlights is when he hit a hole-in-one in 1995. He was a life-long fan of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Gene adored his family and was a loving and involved father for his children: Stephen (JoAnne), Connie, Mark, and Matthew (Maria), who are forever grateful for the love and guidance he bestowed on them; and a doting grandfather to Luca and Samuel Torretta, JP Fairchild, and Maxwell and Harrison Fairchild.

Gene was a friend and mentor to countless young people he and Donna knew during their 72 years of marriage. As one younger friend said, "Anytime your dad spoke, I held onto every word because I knew that words of wisdom or wit (or a combination) would always be on his lips. He was always more than willing to sit and talk (or listen), and in almost every conversation, he wove in the Lord. Nuggets of truth, I will cherish forever." Gene drew great strength from his faith.

Gene's was a life well-lived, always leading with a kind heart and an easy smile. He touched the lives of so many people. As one friend said of Gene's passing, "He finished the human race in first place."

A memorial service will be held on a future date.

In lieu of flowers, a gift in remembrance of Gene Fairchild can be made to Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Johns County, 17 St. Johns Medical Park Dr., St. Augustine, FL 32086. Donations can be made online at <https://www.bbbsstjohns.org/keep-kids-connected.html>.

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

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gene Page Fairchild*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - September 21, 2020 at 04:00 PM

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I loved this so much!!! Such a nice tribute!!!! Rest In Peace, Uncle Gene!

I love you!!!❤️❤️❤️ Jenny

Jenny Sorrels - September 24, 2020 at 06:38 PM

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Steve Fairchild - September 22, 2020 at 12:33 PM

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Steve Fairchild - September 22, 2020 at 12:32 PM



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We miss you, Gene!

Andrea - September 24, 2020 at 12:11 PM

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“ *Andrea Lenz lit a candle in memory of Gene Page Fairchild*



Andrea Lenz - September 21, 2020 at 04:53 AM

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“ Love you dearly! 💕💕 We Cherish the memories we have of when our girls were little. So many great times! We love you both!



Patty Crum - September 17, 2020 at 08:34 PM