



## Lionel "Gene" Eugene Rownd

March 12, 1919 - June 24, 2018

Lionel Eugene Rownd, known by most as Gene, passed away on Sunday, June 24, 2018 in Hammond, LA at the age of 99. He was born March 12, 1919 to Leslie Eugene and Sallie Sibley Rownd in Springfield, LA.

After graduating from Springfield High School in 1936, he served a tour in the CCC. In 1940 he graduated from the Louisiana State Police Academy as a State Trooper. In 1942, he entered the Army as a Private, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1943, served two years in the Pacific Theater, was with the 27th Infantry Division through the invasion of Saipan, and later served on the Staff of Western Pacific Base Command Headquarters. After World War II, he remained active in the Army Reserve, holding several positions and Commands. At the time of his retirement in 1973, he had been Commandant of the 4157th U.S. Army Reserve School for several years. He is a graduate of a number of Army schools, including the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

In civilian life, he was in the Life Insurance and Securities business for many years. He was a member of the National Association of Life Underwriters, a Registered Representative of the National Association of Securities Dealers, and a Charter Member of the Florida Parishes Estate Planning Council.

Active in Civic and Church affairs, he is a former Director of the Chamber of

Commerce, Past President of the Hammond Rotary Club, Past President of the Tangipahoa Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association, and a long-time active member of the First United Methodist Church.

Gene enjoyed several hobbies including woodworking, guitar, harmonica, traveling throughout the United States, genealogy, and golf.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years Rosemary Maner Rownd; stepson, Vince Causey and wife Panda; sister, Myrtle Durand; grandchildren, Joshua Hyde, Rochelle Lucas, Hank Causey, Vin Causey Jr, and Clayton Causey; and great-grandchildren, Dylan Lucas, Zachary Lucas, Caroline Hyde, and Christian Hyde. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leslie and Sallie Rownd; sister, Georgie Henkel; and daughter, Sharon Rownd.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation at at the First United Methodist Church, located at 2200 Rue Denise, Hammond, LA 70403 on Thursday, June 28, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery in Hammond, LA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gene's memory to First United Methodist Church in Hammond, LA.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Cemetery

Pecan St.  
Hammond, LA 70401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist  
2200 Rue Denise  
Hammond, LA

## Funeral Service

JUN 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist  
2200 Rue Denise  
Hammond, LA

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ *Mr Gene was an unforgettable man. He greeted everyone with a smile, handshake, and the warmth of a summer day. Generous with his time, he once drew me a map to travel to Colorado from Hammond. This was before Siri and gps.*

*He leaves a lasting legacy of hope and sentinel devotion to his faith and family.*

*Love and miss you but will help carry your legacy forward.*

*Dan, Jenny, Conrad, & Owen Hollander*

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**Dan Hollander** - July 02, 2018 at 04:09 PM

RM

“ *Mr Gene was the most wonderful man we have been Blessed to be associated with. Gonna miss him immensely! Ronnie & Joy Morse*

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**Ronnie & Joy Morse** - June 27, 2018 at 06:54 PM

LD

“ *The world has lost one of its greatest men. His kindness, generosity and hard work were just a few of his better qualities. His smile and love of life were infectious and he was always a joy to talk to. I was blessed to grow up next door to him, but still wish I could have spent more time with him! Mr Gene will be greatly missed!!*

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**Lynsie Daigle** - June 27, 2018 at 10:19 AM

PW

“ Gene Rownd was one of the kindest and most loving men I know. Surely he marched into Heaven as a good and faithful servant as he had been on this earth. Much love to all. Peggy Cross Wooley

Peggy Cross Wooley - June 27, 2018 at 10:11 AM

GA

“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.

Gordon Anderson - June 25, 2018 at 05:44 PM

SM

“ Me Gene sure was a man of honor. When in his presence he always made you feel like you were the most important person. I was absolutely blessed to know him. You will never be forgotten. My prayers love and hugs are with you Mrs. Rosemary

sassy mclin - June 25, 2018 at 03:07 PM

DL

“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Gene. He was such a nice person & he always had a big hug when he saw us. Your family will be in our thoughts & prayers the days ahead.  
Love,  
Stormy & Denise Lee



Denise Lee - June 25, 2018 at 02:38 PM

RB

“ He was a really great person.. It was a pleasure taking care of him in his final days. I will truly miss him. My prayers for the family.. I thank him for serving our country. . Mr Gene was a very kind sweet person .He had a very sharp mind at the age of 99. Prayers and love. Rita Carroll Branch



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**Rita Carroll Branch** - June 25, 2018 at 10:07 AM