



Gene Tunney Polk

November 4, 1927 - February 14, 2017

Gene Tunney Polk, 89, of Mt. Jackson, passed away Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at his home. A Private graveside service will be held at Conicville Cemetery.

Mr. Polk was born November 4, 1927 in Conicville, son of the late Luther F. and Margie M. Ryman Polk. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1946 was discharge and re-enlisted in the Air Force. He bought his farm in 1950 and lived there until his death. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Lester M. Polk and wife Frances, Alvin L. Polk and wife Laura Beatrice, Franklin D. Polk and wife Emma Jean and Melvin D. Polk.

He is survived by three sisters, Betty Herald and husband Paul of Woodstock, Diana Polk Lonas and husband Hope of Mt. Jackson, Donna Polk Sortzi of Mt. Jackson; two brothers, Alfred L. Polk and Ida of Verona, Donnie Polk and wife Tracy San Antonio, TX; sister in law Clara Polk of Mt. Jackson and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Conicville Fire Department, 763 Conicville Rd, Mt. Jackson, VA 22842

Gene was a great historian on genealogy and kept up with current happenings until 2016 when he lost his eye sight. He had a great love of nature, never met a stranger and would help anyone in need.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gene Tunney Polk*

January 30, 2023 at 03:03 AM



“ *Gene Tunney Polk*

January 30, 2023 at 12:44 AM



“ *The Polk family has our sincere condolence.
Being born & raised in Conicville, I have many thoughts & memories
of Gene and his siblings as we played baseball together at his
homeplace and went to school with several brothers & sisters at
Conicville and Mt. Jackson.. The last time I visited our Teaberry
farm near Genes house, I failed to locate him. Again, please accept
our condolence on his passing.
Kyle Lee Miller*

Kyle Lee Miller - March 03, 2017 at 06:44 PM

KH

“ Uncle Gene (we all called him) was always a part of our family since we were kids. He taught us about the history of the Polk family. I remember having Sunday dinner @ Grandma Margies in the 70's and all the family in that area was there. I learned how to make fresh BlackBerry pies from Bertha's blackberries I picked at her home. The pie crust was awesome, that his Sister, Donna taught me to make. Our family was friends with the entire family. We loved Gene and will miss taking him a plate of food or Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter and our families Birthday cake. Gene was a GOOD man, loved by many. Our sincerest condolences to the Polk family at the loss of their Brother, Uncle and Cousin.



Much love & prayers,

Kathy Lawrence Hernandez & José Hernandez

Kathy Hernandez - February 18, 2017 at 11:10 AM

DO

“ Gene will be forever apart of our lives. Our hearts are hurting and the sorrow is so real. Donnie has lost his historian of the Polk and Weatherholtz families and that can't be replaced. His long phone calls almost nightly was a part of our evening and always looked forward to . He was so much apart of our family ,the things we did the person we always counted on,esp. for his library. May all his family rest because Gene is seeing now so will watch over us all
LOVE Donnie AND June

Donnie - February 16, 2017 at 11:52 AM

DO

“ Donnie lit a candle in memory of Gene Tunney Polk



donnie - February 16, 2017 at 11:37 AM

DO

“ Our hearts are hurting ,we will miss and need Gene everyday,,His long phone calls about every topic in the news and especially about the history of the Polks and Weatherholtz family will be a truly vacant space in Donnie's life. It made Donnie's day when Gene would need something fixed and ask him. Gene is a wonderful friend and cousin. We are blessed to have had him for so many years in our lives. Please let your mind rest He is at peace and can see again,,,,,,,,,LOVE ,,

DONNIE and JUNE

donnie - February 16, 2017 at 11:36 AM

MP

“ Gene Polk was one of the finest people you could ever meet. A special time remembered by myself was of a pig roast we did in the old wash house. That was a fun night for everyone. Another event was getting to ride with Gene and Arthur Beedle to Mt. Jackson to go to the movies while they were at a veteran's meeting. In my book not a nicer man was not around. RIP my friend and my heart goes out to all the family.

Mary Ellen Pryor - February 16, 2017 at 08:16 AM

JH

“ Gene will be missed by so many who loved him. His family has my Sincere Sympathy during this most difficult time. Gene was so blessed to have your support and love these many years.....89 is a long time and a lot of memories. Jan Hood

Jan Hood - February 16, 2017 at 07:00 AM

JL

My sister's and I are so sad. Gene was someone we always knew from passing his place on the way to our grandparents, Lula and Russell Smoot, who lived back at Teaberry when we were little girls to a year or so ago when we quizzed him on our father and poured through many of his genealogy accounts. He showed us the back room with floor to ceiling books. He was a strong presence in all of our lives. Janet Polk Lehre, Jean Polk Hanky, Jane Polk Moore

Janet Polk Lehre - February 17, 2017 at 10:44 PM