



Allen Eugene Craft

May 16, 1928 - April 14, 2011

Allen "Gene" Eugene Craft, 82, of Zolfo Springs, passed away April 14, 2011 at his home. Gene was born in Wauchula on May 16, 1928 and was a lifelong resident of Hardee County. He attended the First United Methodist Church of Wauchula. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and had been employed as a trainman with CSX Railroad (formerly Seaboard Coast Line RR).

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Craft of Zolfo Springs; two sons, Andrew Eugene Craft of Zolfo Springs, and Rodney Craft (Julie) of Tampa; three daughters, Terry Darlene Steadie of Avon Park, Joy Craft Smith (Stan) of Sylva, NC, and Jeanne Adkins of Dawsonville, GA; one brother, John Craft (Mary Ellen) of Avon Park; one sister, Jackie Hendry of Zolfo Springs; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 4:00 p.m. Monday, April 18th, preceded by visitation from 3-4 p.m. at Friendship Memorial Chapel, Zolfo Springs. Burial is in Friendship Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

BH

“ Nancy, I just want to let you know you are in my thoughts and prayers. You have been a great wife, companion and care giver. Sometimes we just have to let go. Stay strong and remember you have many out here that love you.
Bea

Bea Hickey - May 10, 2011 at 06:40 PM

WS

“ Nancy, We hold you in our hearts. You've been there for us when we needed to be holding YOU up. You are a wonderful friend. God bless you each & every day. Steve & Winnie Ruth

Winnie Ruth Stevenson - April 22, 2011 at 08:44 PM

KR

“ Dear Nancy and all your family, May our good Lord comfort you all in this time of grieving. Know that all of your friends feel love and sorrow along with you. The happy times you've shared will, as you know, sustain and heal the hurt. Kay Daphne Redcoff, with my heartfelt love

Kay (Hurdle) Redcoff - April 21, 2011 at 05:02 PM

SW

“ Dearest Nancy, May your strong faith be a comfort to you and yours. Know that I am thinking of you with love and friendship. Keep that beautiful smile of yours on your face and think of all the beauty & love you shared with Gene. Much love dear Raider friend. Sarita

Sarita West - April 21, 2011 at 09:16 AM

RR

“ Nancy: Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. He is now with our Father where there is no pain, just LOVE.

Richard & Corinne Russo - April 20, 2011 at 10:45 PM

JO

“ dearest Nancy, to say my heart goes out to you in your horrific loss is an understatement ... i am feeling your pain alongside you. when we were carefree teenagers little did we know oue friendship would last beyond our 70s -- we are so lucky in having each other and all our classmates who care deely. God love you and your Gene.
josemarie

josemarie - April 20, 2011 at 09:10 PM

BT

“ Nancy may God comfort you in your loss.

Bill and Shirley Trott - April 20, 2011 at 08:27 PM

VE

“ Dear Nancy: Don and I remember the marvelous time we had at the reunion when we shared a table. You had such joy and fun and I know it will not abandon you through this sad time.

Valerie Edwards - April 20, 2011 at 04:44 PM

BB

“ Dearest Nancy, We are sending our love and healing hugs to you and to your family. We wish we were closer to be able to deliver in person. Our prayer is that you find solace by focusing only on the good memories. Barbara & Dick/aka Larry

Barbara & Richard Bow - April 20, 2011 at 12:03 PM

GD

“ *My Dear Nancy,
Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you in this time
of sorrow and accept my sincere sympathy for your loss.*
Gerry

Gerry Zeamer Dye - April 20, 2011 at 10:53 AM

MB

“ *Nancy, My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.
Losing a loved one is not easy but the Lord gives you enough
strength to carry on and to know that you have the love and support
from all your classmates...*

Mary Vassilakakis Baldwin - April 20, 2011 at 09:49 AM

SA

“ *Dear Nancy, So sorry I couldn't attend the funeral. My deep love
and sympathy goes to you and your family. Hope to visit soon. Sallie*

Sallie Auld - April 20, 2011 at 08:41 AM

JP

“ *YOU ARE NOW IN GOD'S HANDS. WAITING FOR THE REST OF
US FOR THE BIGGEST PARTY HEAVENS EVER SEEN. UNTIL
THEN "MAY YOU REST IN PEACE"
JACK PRICE*

JACK E. PRICE - April 20, 2011 at 07:07 AM

PS

“ Dearest Nancy and Family, May the wonderful memories that you shared together give you comfort during this time of grieving. We your classmates want you to know how much we care and are sending our love to all of you. Someday we will meet again in the most beautiful place, for all of eternity. GOD bless, your friend-Phyllis

Phyllis Sherman-Mora - April 20, 2011 at 12:56 AM

GE

“ Dear Nancy, I want to extend my deepest sympathy at this time. Please know that you have so many friends who share your loss with you. With Red Raider Love, Gene

Gene Eng - April 19, 2011 at 11:32 PM

BV

“ Dear Nancy,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Know that you have friends if you should need us.
Bob & Kathy

Bob & Kathy Vaughan - April 19, 2011 at 07:33 PM

DC

“ Nancy I know & feel your pain. I have had done that & been there for the past 11 years. You will heal some with time passage. You will forever feel the loss and empty place in your past sharing of family loss & love of a soul mate You have a lot of hard bark on your tree. that is the type character that will hold you together My deepest sympathy. Don Cheatham

don cheatham - April 19, 2011 at 05:42 PM

DO

“ Dear Nancy,
My prayers and love are with you and your family.
Diane

Diane Cox Orme - April 19, 2011 at 05:32 PM

C(

“ I wrote before but the message didn't seem to go through. My heart goes out to you at this dark period in your life. You have many caring friends from our "school days" who grieve with and for you. God bless you and keep you strong as you face the days without your beloved. Sincerely, Carole Anne

Carole Anne Baikow (Garnet) - April 19, 2011 at 04:46 PM

SN

“ Nance - know that your friends are thinking of you, praying for you and your family, grieving with you. My heart aches at times like this and we are at an age when we have too many of them. When you surface, come west and see California.
Blessings, my friend. oxoxoxo - suz

suzanne tompkins noble - April 19, 2011 at 04:15 PM

C(

“ My heart goes out to you, Nancy for the loss of your precious husband. At this point in our lives, each day is a gift and we must grow stronger and stonger so as to face the dark times that cannot be escaped. I pray for your strength and spirit to carry you through this period. Sincerely, Carole Anne

Carole Anne Baikow (Garnet) - April 19, 2011 at 03:54 PM

MM

“ Nancy and family.....Know Gene is in great company now with his family and his old rodeo pals....He went peacefully .

Marge and Mel - April 19, 2011 at 03:12 PM

SB

“ Dear Nancy,
May the cherished memories of the life you shared with your husband bring you comfort in his passing.
Your friend, Shirley Bushyager Panebianco

Shirley Bushyager - April 19, 2011 at 01:54 PM

VH

“ With all my prayers and hopes for better times. Enjoy every sun rise and sun set as you go through the rest of your life. He will be there in spirit with you Love Ginny

VirginiaSue Johnson Hull - April 19, 2011 at 01:40 PM

NC

“ Dear Nancy and all the family, My Love and my heart felt Sympathy goes out to all the family. Remembering Nancy & Family in prayer.
Nancy A. Childers

Nancy Adair Childers - April 19, 2011 at 11:36 AM

PW

“ Nancy,
Our prayers are with you and your family.
Paul & Aline Westbrook

Paul Westbrook - April 19, 2011 at 10:57 AM

AC

“ Dear Friend,
Glad we met Gene. Know that we love you and value our friendship with you. Know also that you will see Gene again. Live every minute of your life.
Love, Annie and Al

Al and Annie Carrto - April 19, 2011 at 09:27 AM

JK

“ We are sure that Gene is riding that bucking bronco in the great Rodao in Heaven. ur love and prayers to all the Family. Judi & Charlie Kossuth

Judi & Charlie Kossuth - April 19, 2011 at 06:04 AM

MU

“ Dear Nancy. May the Lord Bless you and your family during these trying days. My deepest sympathy. Your classmate, Mary Sarro Ulmer.

Mary Ulmer - April 18, 2011 at 06:48 PM

OG

“ From our family to yours, deepast sympathy and thoughts at a time of sorrow. Our prayers are offered for God's strength and healing, and for a celebration of life of precious memories. God bless you.
Olin

Olin Greene - April 18, 2011 at 04:51 PM

KB

“ Nancy, Words can not express how sorry I was to hear of Gene's passing, but just wanted to let you know I have thought about you every day since I heard the news. You and your family are constantly in my prayers. Sincerely, Kim Benavidez

Kimberly Benavidez - April 18, 2011 at 06:54 AM

SS

“ Dear Nancy, Please accept my sincerest condolences. May the Lord comfort you. Love, Spessard

Spessard Stone - April 15, 2011 at 02:59 PM