



## Eugene Jackson Craven

October 2, 1935 - November 24, 2022

Eugene "Gene" Jackson Craven, 87, of Newnan passed away Thursday, November 24, 2022 at Sacred Journey Hospice of Newnan from complications of a fall. He was born October 2, 1935 in Heard County, GA to the late Rufus Howard Craven and Ethel Hardegree Craven. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Deborah Haynes, son Jeff Davis, sister Julia Boone, brother Kermit Craven and great granddaughter, Alyssa Calhoun.

Gene moved to Newnan when he was seven years old, attended the old Atkinson Elementary School and was a graduate of the Newnan High School class of 1954. During his senior year, he began his career at Trimedge Aluminum Co. In 1958, his work career was merged with his desire to serve in the military. He served in the Georgia National Guard from 1958 to 1964. Gene's career with the Bonnell Company advanced and he was offered a job in the drafting department where he worked his way thru the transition and name changes of Bon L, Ethyl and Tredegar. He retired in 1998 as Product Engineer. Gene earned respect and confidence of many industrial suppliers of aluminum products across the country who continued to seek his assistance with designs after his retirement. Gene

He began his Christian journey at Antioch Christian Church in Heard County, later moving his membership to First Christian Church of Newnan for 27 years

where he had served on the board of deacons. He later became a member at Royal Baptist Church, being a faithful member of Riggs Life Group.

Gene was a member of the Masonic Lodge #60 in Newnan for 62 years, the former Newnan BPOElks and currently the Union City BPOElks for 54 years. He was a member of the Civitan Club until it ceased and earned the reputation as the "Onion Man" because he sold the most Vidalia onions each year to benefit the Rutledge Center. He was an avid supporter of children' and Veteran's programs.

The funeral is Monday, November 28, 2022, at 11:00 AM at Royal Baptist Church, 70 Mayo Royal Drive, Newnan, with Pastor Steve Bullard officiating and Abe Wilkinson, eulogist. The visitation is Sunday evening between 6:00 and 8:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan. Rather than flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to Coweta Cancer Support Group, 15 W. Washington St., Newnan, GA, 30263; Elks Aidmore Childrens Center, 2394 Morrison Road, Conyers, GA 30094; Sacred Journey Hospice Foundation, 138 Peach Drive, McDonough, GA 30263.

Condolences may be expressed on line at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

Surviving is his wife Patricia Davis Craven, son James (Darlene) Davis; grandchildren, Joyce Davis (Ray) Merritt, B.J. Haynes (Holli), Brittney Haynes; nine great grandchildren and extended family of cousins, nieces and nephew.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Funeral Service

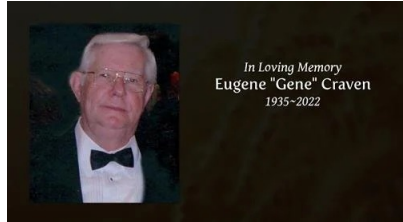
NOV 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Royal Baptist Church  
70 Mayo Royal Industrial Drive  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Eugene Jackson Craven*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - December 05, 2022 at 10:39 AM

AC

“ *I first met Mr. Craven when I went to work at Bonnell. He was very friendly toward me when I needed some encouragement. I saw him a few times after I left Bonnell and met his beautiful wife. Unfortunately, these meetings were usually at McKoon's for bereavement visits for various friends or relatives. I was always glad to see him again and somewhat surprised that he remembered me. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. May God continue to shower his healing blessings down on each of you. Alice Mask Coggin*

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**Alice Coggin** - December 17, 2022 at 08:54 PM

JM

“ *Junie Austin Merkle lit a candle in memory of Eugene Jackson Craven*



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**Junie Austin Merkle** - November 30, 2022 at 11:02 PM

CH

“ I was so sorry to hear this. I always enjoyed talking with him. It seemed we always scheduled our hair cuts on the same day so we had plenty of time to catch up on things. My thoughts and prayers are with you Pat and family.

Cheryl Cole Hyde - November 30, 2022 at 03:53 PM

FF

“ I am so sorry to hear this. Mr. Craven was a great man. He will be missed by all. My prayers are with you Miss Pat.

FRANK FARMER - November 30, 2022 at 11:24 AM

MD

“ Hello Pat and family, please accept my condolences for the loss of Gene. I worked for Bonnell for over 40 years and I always enjoyed and was enriched by my association with Gene. He was always kind and thoughtful and very smart. I enjoyed working with him very much. Be well and God bless.  
Mike Delaney

Michael Delaney - November 29, 2022 at 10:30 AM

GV

“ Pat I am so sorry to hear of Gene's passing and so very sorry for your loss. I pray you will find strength in the many wonderful memories you must have and that the prayers of all your many friends and family will be uplifting and will sustain you until you can get through the grief. I only learned of Gene's passing tonight or I would have been there for you today. God bless you.



Glenda Viverette - November 28, 2022 at 09:08 PM

MR

“ *Mary E Robertson-Harris lit a candle in memory of Eugene Jackson Craven*



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**Mary E Robertson-Harris** - November 28, 2022 at 09:54 AM

JC

“ *I am very sorry to hear about the passing of Bro. Craven John Coshnitzke Coweta Masonic Lodge #60*

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**John Coshnitzke** - November 27, 2022 at 09:24 PM

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“ *My condolences to Gene's family and friends. I was one of his architectural aluminum extrusion customers (Bon-L) for over 20 years. I always appreciated his vast knowledge, experience, and common sense approach with our systems design ideas. Likewise I always appreciated his jovial wit and good clean humor. He was a true witness to his faith and our Lord in his daily walk. I suspect all who knew him, know that. May God's peace rest upon you and comfort you all.*

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**Mike Rogers (retired)** - November 27, 2022 at 08:07 PM

WJ

“ *Pat: Our condolences on Gene's passing. He was a great friend, always willing to assist in any way we needed. Always a gentleman, and certain a great and true Elk. He will be greatly missed. Wayne & Charlotte Johnson*

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**WAYNE JOHNSON** - November 27, 2022 at 03:29 PM

TF

“ To Mr. Cravens family.  
Mrs. Pat I so sorry far yalls lose. I know yall are a great family as long as I've know yall. I wish i could be there with yall. My condolences to each of yall. We love yall  
Mac & Brenda Farmer

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**thomas farmer** - November 27, 2022 at 03:17 PM

LH

“ Pat, I am so sorry to hear about Gene. I know how devastating it is to lose your spouse. As of 12/21, Lawson will have been deceased nine years, and I miss him every day of my life. Always cherish the memories of the things you two did together. My thoughts and prayers go out to you, and may God comfort you and help you to find peace at this time. My love to you.

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**Liz Hughie** - November 27, 2022 at 01:30 PM

SW

“ Ms. Pat and family, we are very sorry to hear that Mr. Gene has passed and our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Steve and Elaine Warren*

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**Steve Warren** - November 27, 2022 at 12:24 PM

GW

“ May he rest in peace.



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**Geraldine Welch** - November 26, 2022 at 02:04 PM

LB

“ I have had a place in my heart for Mr. Gene for many years. We have crossed paths in several stages of my life. Mr. Gene and Ms. Pat were good friends of Glenn and Alice Bexley, went to the Elks Club and attended UGA football games with them. Mr. Gene worked at Bonnell with my mother, Juanita Brown. I have had the pleasure of attending some of the Bonnell Retirement Breakfasts with Mama, Mr. Gene and Ms. Pat. Most recently, I've joined Mama, Mr. Gene and Ms. Pat for Friday night dinners at Golden's Restaurant. I'll always remember Mr. Gene. Every time I saw him, he hugged me and told me he was glad to see me. Mr. Gene was such a sweet, caring gentleman.

*Sending love and prayers to you, Ms. Pat,  
Lynne*

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**Lynne Bexley** - November 26, 2022 at 11:33 AM

EB

“ There are people that come into your life that make a profound impact on you without truly knowing how very special they are. Mr. Gene was one of those for me. He and Mrs. Pat found a place in my heart shortly after we started going to church at Royal. I am going to miss him. Mrs. Pat, we love you and we are here for anything you need. Liz and Eddie.

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**Elizabeth T Blume** - November 25, 2022 at 09:11 PM

EJ

“ Ellen And Rick Johnson lit a candle in memory of Eugene Jackson Craven



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**Ellen and Rick Johnson** - November 25, 2022 at 09:02 PM

GB

“ Pat I am so sorry for you loss. My condolences! Prayers for you all 🙏🙏💔



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**Gwenda Boone** - November 25, 2022 at 08:58 PM

DG

“ Pat, so sorry to hear of Gene’s passing. My sincerest condolences and prayers to you and your family.



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**Deborah Grote** - November 25, 2022 at 08:33 PM

GM

“ Pat I am so sorry to hear of Gene’s passing. You will be in my thoughts and prayers ❤️

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**Glenda McDuffie** - November 25, 2022 at 08:09 PM

GP

“ Gerrie Petty lit a candle in memory of Eugene Jackson Craven



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**Gerrie Petty** - November 25, 2022 at 02:39 PM