



## Gene Chesnut

April 5, 1930 - December 12, 2013

Lawson Eugene (Gene) Chesnut of Moreland, GA passed away on December 12, 2013. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Patsy Billingsley Chesnut. He was born April 5, 1930 in the Chesnut family home in Moreland, GA to the late Lawson Todd and Fannie Mae Hughie Chesnut. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother J. T. Chesnut and his sisters Eleanor Meadows, Janie Thompson, Nancy Kirby, and Frances Swygert. He has one surviving sister, Electa Summers.

Gene Chesnut would share how much he cared for his family with a few verses from the book of Psalms. Psalms 127:3-5a "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb, a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!"

He led and served his whole life in his beloved church and cherished the church family at White Oak Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. He was also a Mason affiliated with Bigham Lodge #53 F&AM in Moreland.

Mr. Chesnut was blessed to have five children; he had one son and four daughters. Gene was preceded in death by his daughter Wanda Chesnut Lambert. His other four children are Vallori Flournoy (Bobby) of Newnan, Lori Fincher (Greg) of Zebulon, Todd Chesnut (Rene) of Fayetteville, and Carol Robertson (Denny) of Moreland. Gene also has been blessed with an abundance of grandchildren and great grandchildren. His grandchildren are Craig Adams, Carla Sjostrom, Tabatha Mauriello, Chad Lambert, Drew

Fincher, Holly Fincher, Kandy Chesnut, Libby Chesnut, Katlyn Robertson, Caleb Robertson, and Faith Robertson. His great grandchildren are Daniel Lambert, Emily Lambert, Elizabeth Mauriello, Layla Mauriello, Lawson Mauriello, Tristan Chiru-Danzer, Lauren Chiru-Danzer, Carson Pugh, and Camden Pugh.

The funeral service to honor Gene Chesnut's exemplary life will be on Sunday, December 15, 2013 at 2:00 PM at White Oak ARP church with Reverend Mackay Smith, Reverend Chuck Wilson and Reverend Rabun Williams officiating. The elders of the church will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Interment will be in the historic White Oak Presbyterian cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that Gene's memory be honored by a contribution to White Oak Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church's Building Fund 2796 Gordon Road, Senoia, GA 30276. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## White Oak Assoc. Reformed Presbyterian Cemetery

2796 Gordon Road  
Senoia, GA 30276

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 14. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com

## Service

DEC 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

White Oak Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church  
2796 Gordon Rd  
Senoia, GA 30276

# Tribute Wall

GB

“ Patsy and family. I am so sorry to hear about Gene. We grew up together and had many good times. My prayers are with you and your family.

Glenn Bexley - December 15, 2013 at 11:44 AM

BT

“ Patsy and Family You have my sympathy in the passing of Gene. You are in my prayers. Barbara Thompson

Barbara Thompson - December 14, 2013 at 07:44 PM

S.

“ I remember all of the good times we had together. My family and myself adored you and you were precious in their sight. I believe you are a poster child for God and your legacy will long be remembered in the lives, hearts, and minds of your family and the countless others who have been blessed by your presence in this world. In the 71 years i've known you, you have always lived an exemplary Christian life as an example to others----"walking the talk" so others could follow. My gain has been in knowing you and being part of the Chesnut family. With Much Love and Rememberance, S. O. Swygert

S.O.Swygert - December 14, 2013 at 07:33 PM

JB

“ Tabatha and family- So Sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Gene. He was a sweet and dear man. I will be praying for you. Jill ( Wilson ) Buhay

Jill Buhay - December 14, 2013 at 04:58 PM

MP

“ I thought Gene would live forever as he was always so chipper and active. Moreland won't be the same without him. Once Gene was your friend, he was your friend forever. Maryleigh & Robert

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**Maryleigh Preston-McClure** - December 14, 2013 at 03:03 PM

DG

“ Rest in Peace my friend.

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**dale graves** - December 14, 2013 at 02:42 PM

KS

“ When you are an only child the extended family of Aunts, Uncles and Cousins is very precious. Even as the brother and sisters passed away one by one, Uncle Gene was determined to keep the extended family close and all the nieces and nephews received frequent phone calls & visits just to see how we were doing. He especially loved Family Reunions and enjoyed visiting with each of us. Uncle Gene you will be truly missed. You have tried so hard to keep the Chesnut Family together and now it is this generations task to keep all the memories alive.

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**Kay Chesnut Shell** - December 14, 2013 at 01:29 PM

SJ

“ Lori, family and Mrs. Chestnut, May God bless and comfort each of you in the loss of your father and husband. Comfort to know that he is resting in the arms of God. What a legacy he has left. I love each of you.

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**shirley Jackson** - December 14, 2013 at 11:53 AM

MG

“ Remembering Mr. Chesnut There was a certain squeak, and then a soft slam of the screen door as Mr. Chesnut walked out his porch to visit with artists painting his home place. It was a familiar sound, and one I looked forward to in the almost decade that I painted at his family farm. Of the many plein-air workshops we held there and the out of town artists that visited his farm, he always made us feel welcome; entertaining us with stories, and bestowing us with anything from tomato plants, to turnip greens, to walking sticks and even cow pies. He loved walking around to see what the artists were painting. There was something healing and worshipful for me in the I spent at Mr. Chesnut’s ; that quiet beautiful place where the wind blows and the old barns bring comfort to a road weary soul; reminding one of a simpler time. A time that was more connected to God’s Creation and not asphalt. I loved seeing the ‘seasons’ of his garden. Just to think of the years and years of bounty that rich soil produced; and how carefully each year “Mr. Gene” tended to it. One thing I love about an artist’s life is the glimpses you get into the Truth, by the people you meet. Mr. Chesnut tended to God’s creation by living and working closely with his land; and by sharing it with others. As for us landscape painters, he richly blessed out lives many, many times. I can still hear him say, “You can call me Gene, my Daddy’s name is Mr. Chesnut.” His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ Matthew 25:23 So long my dear friend, Love Millie Gosch

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**Millie Gosch** - December 14, 2013 at 11:13 AM

BC

“ A fine Christian man.He was an anchor and beloved member of our lodge in Moreland.I'll miss him.

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**bryant collins** - December 13, 2013 at 06:36 PM