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When speaking of his two long marriages, Gene Cauthen said, "It was like I went to town to get a Ford and came home with a Cadillac, twice."

He was talking about his first wife, Lillie Stanford, and his second wife, Janice Carter. He was married to Lillie for 45 years until her death in 1987 and to Jan for 20 years. He liked being married. There was never a honey-do list that was too long for him.

Gene was always busy with household repairs and keeping up the lawn and gardening as well as woodworking and reading educational how-to materials. In fact, he only had one bill when he died for book he had ordered about fishing. And he always paid his bills on time.

Gene and Lillie worked hard and raised four children, Gerald, Gary, David, and Nancy. They moved a lot to some people, 16 times in LaGrange. But they felt it was always to a good neighborhood and better schools. He was loving and dutiful to his family.

In LaGrange, where he was a linotype operator for the LaGrange Daily News, his job was to set the type for the newspaper. That means using a machine that required melting lead to form letters that he put together. He spaced them properly for a roller that inked it and pressed a sheet of newsprint paper over it to make the newspaper. It was a massive, awesome machine and he knew every piece part of it. He could take it apart and put it back together. Many

times he would get calls to please come fix other newspaper's linotype machines. The newspaper was sold and he had to move on; this time to East Point where he worked as long as the old linotype technology lasted. It became obsolete and so did his job.

His mechanical know-how came into use at his new position in the engineering department of the South Fulton Hospital. He gained experience there until he and Lillie moved to Newnan, planning to retire, where he continued working at Newnan Hospital. His beloved Lillie died shortly before his retirement.

Gene met Jan Carter at Newnan Hospital. She was working in the accounting office when her husband of 38 years passed away. They soon became friends and liked to go square dancing together. A year or two later, they retired and went back to the Newnan Hospital Chapel and got married. This began their life together as happy seniors. They continued square dancing until his hearing got bad and he couldn't hear the square dance calls. He and Jan went on trips to Europe, all over the continental US and on a cruise to Alaska to see a glacier. Their trip through the Panama Canal was one of their favorites. They went to Senior Hostels, something where seniors go to a host college and they spend a few days learning about some subject in which they're interested. They learned all about the Creek Indians one time.

His woodworking skills blossomed also after he retired. He began playing and making dulcimers. Very nice ones too. He started the CWC, Coweta Woodworkers Club, where he and other woodworkers would meet monthly and discuss their projects and techniques and hear invited speakers.

Gene was a veteran of WWII and enjoyed the comradeship of local Veteran's Day events. He broke his back during training so never had to endure the tragedy of the battle overseas. A blessing that is not lost on his family, who is grateful to have had him. Gene was also a member of the Newnan First Baptist Church.

Mr. Cauthen was preceded in death by his first wife, Lillie Mae Cauthen and

grandson, Britton Eugene Cauthen, and sister Elaine Rider Cauthen. He is survived by his wife, Jan Carter Cauthen; sons, Gerald and wife Hedy Cauthen, Gary and wife Marie Cauthen and David D. Cauthen; daughter, Nancy C. Cauthen; brother, Melvin and wife Ruth Cauthen; step-sons, Larry and wife Debbie Carter and Tony and wife Cheryl Carter and ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.mckoon.com
Funeral services will held Monday, January 9, 2012 at 2:00 pm in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home. Rev. Jerry Walker will officiate. Burial will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be held Sunday, January 8, 2012 from 6:00 pm till 8:00 pm at McKoon Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association 225 Peachtree St. N.E. Suite 550 Atlanta, GA 30303.

McKoon Funeral Home 38 Jackson St. Newnan, GA 30263 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JAN 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Roy E. Cauthen*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - January 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Farewell Fellow Veteran, We hope that the family shares our pride in the love of country and his time taken to share the burden of defending America. VFW Post 2667*

Dick Stender - January 10, 2012 at 12:37 AM

PP

“ *All our sympathy and much love. You can tell what a special person Mr. Gene was by all of you that loved him. God Bless you all, Patrece Prescott and family*

Patrece Prescott - January 09, 2012 at 02:49 PM

DW

“ *What a pleasure to have known Mr. Gene (as I called him at Newnan Hospital). I also worked there when these two wonderful people met and married. I know you will miss him Jan and I also know he brought such great love and pleasure into your life. Just know that you are in my prayers.*

Dale Westbrook - January 09, 2012 at 08:05 AM

MP

“ *Jan and Gene's family Sorry we were unalbe to attend the funeral...We will really miss Gene..Our love and prayers are with each one of you. God gives us strength. Marlene Cauthen Pipkin Daphne Cauthen Brewer*

Marlene Cauthen Pipkin - January 08, 2012 at 09:37 PM

DH

“ *We all miss you at Peach Pickers. Our condolences to Jan and family.*

David & Pat Hobson - January 08, 2012 at 09:04 PM

JC

“ *We have enjoyed Gene and Jan's company these past few years, both in the Silver Sneakers Exercise Classes and Senior Friends trips. We will miss his congenial, friendly and positive attitude. He lived life well. Our condolences to Jan and all family members. Jim and Eileen Clinton*

Jim and Eileen Clinton - January 08, 2012 at 03:19 PM

KR

“ *Our thoughts and prayer are with each of you. As my Dad said today - He was always there for the family. We are sorry that we will not be able to make it there for the funeral. We love each of you and he will truly be missed at our Cauthen Reunion. May God richly bless and be with each one of you. Kay and Rudolph Ray Arthur and Ruth Cauthen*

Kay Ray - January 07, 2012 at 10:27 PM

KH

“ Jan and family, We are so sorry to hear about Gene passing away. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you peace, comfort, and strength during this time. Mama and daddy send their love to you. We will never forget getting to go and watch you all square dance in Macon. Lori, April, and I learned about a "yellow rock" that weekend at the Square Dancing Convention. Those were some good 'ole days! Also, we still have such fond memories of the fun times we all had at the Cauthen Reunions - such good food, fun, and fellowship. May God bless all of you. Love, Kim and Chris Hill and Donnie and Dianne Cauthen and family

Kim Hill - January 07, 2012 at 09:32 PM

AM

“ Jan, Larry, Tony and Debbie, I was saddened to hear that Gene had passed away. I am sorry for your loss and heaven has a gentleman of many qualities. I will see you soon. God Bless all of you, Art Murphy

Art Murphy - January 07, 2012 at 06:00 PM