



Mr. Elmer Eugene 'Gene' Hodges

October 3, 1925 - December 18, 2021

Mr. Elmer Eugene "Gene" Hodges, age 96, of Forrest City, Arkansas passed away from this life and joined his Savior on Saturday, December 18, 2021 in Forrest City.

He was born in Forrest City and lived there all of his life, and retired from Charles Todd Inc., and a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II. He had a personal relationship with his Savior Jesus and attended Emmanuel Baptist Church and loved his church family. He was a deacon and was a charter member of Emmanuel for 63 years. He loved reading his Bible.

He loved all kinds of ball, football, basketball and baseball. He touched a lot of lives volunteering by coaching little league baseball. He loved watching Mustangs, Razorbacks and the Braves. He also served as a proud member of the football chain gang of the Mustangs for several years. He also played on the Emmanuel softball team for several years. Gene hardly ever met a stranger.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Reuben and Rosie Hodges, one sister Annie Mae Dover, three brothers, Reuben Hodges Jr, Jessie Hodges, and James Hodges, one grandson, Brian Shaddock.

Survivors include the love of his life, his wife of 69 years, Evelyn Hodges of

the home. He will be dearly missed by his wife, children and grandchildren. He leaves behind two daughters, E.J. (Lewis) Etheridge, Rita (Jody) Nail and one son Barry (Cindy) Hodges, 6 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren who were his pride and joy and a host of many dear family members, friends and acquaintances..

Funeral services will be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church on Wednesday, December 22, 2021. Visitation will be from 1 to 2 and the service will begin at 2:00 p.m. The family request memorials be made to the Gideon International, P.O. Box 506, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72336, or to Emmanuel Baptist Church, P.O. Box 2214, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72336. Visit online registry at stevensfuneralhome.net.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC **22**. 2:00 AM (CT)

Emmanuel Baptist Church
1453 Lindauer Rd.
Forrest City, AR

Visitation

DEC **22**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Interment

DEC **22** (CT)

Forrest Park
Hwy 1 South
Forrest City, AR

Tribute Wall

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“ *Shirley Williams Thorn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elmer Eugene 'Gene' Hodges*



Shirley Williams Thorn - December 27, 2021 at 08:34 PM

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“ *Dear God Be With The Family Walk With Them This Hard Time He Will Be Missed By All Who Knew Him Amen.*

Carol Cummings - December 21, 2021 at 02:46 PM

JH

“ *Rita and Evelyn, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May you celebrate the blessings of his life and the hope of eternal joys. Jane*

Jane Hartley - December 21, 2021 at 09:37 AM

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“ *I do not know if I met him, but I will say this he is out of his pain if he was suffering from a medical illness and that is what matters I hope his family family are all safe and take care of each other, We have to look out for family because no one else will. All my family deceased Forrest City, Arkansas long time now since 2009 of cancer who served his county in North Korea from 1951 at 18 to 1964 when wounded and almost died,*



Kevin Ellison - December 20, 2021 at 07:24 PM

KC

“ *Keith Causey lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Elmer Eugene 'Gene' Hodges*



Keith Causey - December 20, 2021 at 02:30 PM