



## Marvin Eugene "Gene" Steward

December 15, 1927 - December 31, 2022

Marvin Eugene "Gene" Steward, 95, of Bald Knob, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 31, 2022 at Oakdale Nursing Home. He was born December 15, 1927 in Bald Knob to the late Murrell and Lillian (Richards) Steward.

He is survived by 2 daughters, Marcia Ables (Kevin) and Gina Bunker as well as a host of nieces, nephews and extended family.

Eugene was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Jean Steward; and infant daughter; one brother; four sisters and son-in-law, Kent Bunker.

He grew up on the family farm and attended Bald Knob Schools, graduating in 1948. While there he played football, basketball and ran track. After graduating, Gene drove a dump truck for Sullivan and Fletcher Trucking Company. He obtained his Arkansas Funeral Directors License and worked for the Hale Funeral Home. After several years serving the community of Bald Knob, he was employed by Daniel Funeral Home in Searcy.

In 1969, he began a career with the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department where he was a motor patrol operator for many years. He advanced to the position of Area Foreman and retired in 1989. Not being the type to sit around, Gene went back to work driving a dump truck for Searcy Asphalt and Materials and retired from that role in 1999.

Gene enjoyed spending time with family and friends, raising cattle and horses, working on the farm, raising a garden and watching the Razorbacks play and traveling to games with the Back of the Bus Razorbackers. He was a member

of the First United Methodist Church, Jaycees, Cattleman's Association and the Back of the Bus Razorbackers. He was also a member of the White County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol, had served as a member of the Bald Knob Volunteer Fire Department where he served as chief for several years and had refereed football for 25 years. Gene also held a lifetime funeral director's license.

Gene was dearly loved and admired by his family, friends and all who knew him.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 6, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Powell Funeral Home in Searcy. Graveside services will be held on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at the Shady Grove Cemetery in Bald Knob with Bro. Caleb Decker officiating. Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Homes. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net).

# Cemetery Details

## Shady Grove Cemetery

Bald Knob Lake Road  
Bald Knob, AR 72010

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)  
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy  
Searcy, AR 72143  
(501) 268-7220  
searcy@powellfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.powellfuneralhome.net/>

## Graveside Service

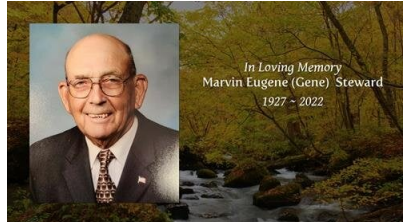
JAN 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

Shady Grove Cemetery  
Bald Knob Lake Road  
Bald Knob, AR 72010

# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Marvin Eugene "Gene" Steward



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 06, 2023 at 02:39 PM

VB

“ Eternal rest grant unto Uncle Gene O Lord.  
And let thy perpetual light shine upon him,  
And may the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. 🕊️  
Amen. Love you my sweet Uncle Gene you  
will forever be in my heart



Valerie Odom Brackman - January 06, 2023 at 09:11 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Marvin Eugene "Gene" Steward.



January 05, 2023 at 09:23 PM

TT

“ Theresa Wallace Thompson lit a candle in memory of Marvin Eugene "Gene" Steward



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**Theresa Wallace Thompson** - January 05, 2023 at 08:46 PM

MG

“ Marla Martin Gurkin lit a candle in memory of Marvin Eugene "Gene" Steward



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**Marla Martin Gurkin** - January 05, 2023 at 07:42 PM

TT

“ Marcia, I'm so sorry for your loss. I remember your dad as such a sweet, kind man. I know you will miss him so much. Prayers and deepest sympathy for you and your family. Teresa Crymes Throckmorton

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**teresa throckmorton** - January 05, 2023 at 07:40 PM

KH

“ Karon Cooley Henderson lit a candle in memory of Marvin Eugene "Gene" Steward



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**Karon Cooley Henderson** - January 05, 2023 at 06:46 PM

MD

“ *Margaret Davis lit a candle in memory of Marvin Eugene "Gene" Steward*



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**Margaret Davis** - January 05, 2023 at 07:04 AM

MG

“ *Marcheta Goodin lit a candle in memory of Marvin Eugene "Gene" Steward*



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**Marcheta Goodin** - January 04, 2023 at 07:05 PM

MG

“ *Mr Steward left a legacy of honesty and candor. He was a good man who lived in service to his children, devoted wife and community. He will be remembered as honorable.*

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**Marcheta Goodin** - January 04, 2023 at 07:04 PM

JH

“ *Marci & Gina, Thoughts and prayers are with you, may you find peace in the days ahead as Mr. Gene would want you to continue on like he would be back after he finished chores. Mr Gene was chief when i joined the Fire Department and he said he would assist me anyway i needed and i think he always was there for me.*  
*Johnny Hodges*

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**Johnny Hodges** - January 03, 2023 at 08:58 PM

MS

“ *Marcia and Gina,. Sorry to hear of your father and mother's passing. I am not able to attend church and did not know until Monday. May God be with you and your families. Love Thelma Spencer.*

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**Mary Spencer** - January 03, 2023 at 07:21 PM

TP

“ *Terri Pate sent a virtual gift in memory of Marvin Eugene "Gene" Steward*



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**Terri Pate** - January 03, 2023 at 05:52 PM