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Wendell Eugene Laffoon, son of Andrew and Violet Hecox Laffoon, was born February 20, 1929, in Yellville, Arkansas. He departed this life Sunday, September 11, 2016, in Lebanon North Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, in Lebanon, Missouri, at the age of eighty-seven years, six months, and twenty-one days.

On October 18, 1953, he was united in marriage to Mekey V. Shuman, and to this union two daughters and three sons were born.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son, John Michael Laffoon; and two brothers, Howard and Robert Laffoon.

"Gene", as he was called by his family and friends, is survived by his loving wife, of sixty-two years, Mekey, of the home; a daughter, Carol Murphy, of Springfield, Missouri; two sons, Monty Laffoon, and his wife, Brenda, of Tuscumbia, Missouri, and Tim Laffoon, of Carthage, Illinois; four grandchildren, Casie, Miranda, Josh, and Amanda; a number of great-grandchildren; a brother, Leonard Laffoon, and his wife, Betty, of Milan, Illinois; two sisters-in-law, Deloris Laffoon, of Kahoka, Missouri, and Lula Bell Laffoon, of Wayland, Missouri; several nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

He was born and raised in Yellville, Arkansas. He then entered the United States Army as a young man and served in Germany and Austria from 1951 until his honorable discharge in 1953. He studied at a Barber's College and earned his Barber's License. He and Mekey moved to Illinois, where they made their home and lovingly raised their family. Gene worked as a barber for several years. In 1976, the family moved to Northeast Missouri and Gene began working as a millwright in the construction business. He continued in that endeavor until retiring. In 2005, he and Mekey moved to Lebanon, Missouri and made their home.

He was an active member of the V.F.W. and American Legion in Quincy, Illinois.



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Music was always a major part of his life and he enjoyed playing both country and gospel music. He played in a group for eighteen years, and also could be a one-man-band. Through the years, he had made several recordings and C.D.'s. He was a very friendly man who never met a stranger. He enjoyed being with his friends and was comfortable in social settings. His family was very important to him and he enjoyed family gatherings.

Gene was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and was a caring neighbor and friend. We celebrate his life and his accomplishments and know that his family and friends will treasure the wonderful memories he made for them during his eighty-seven years.



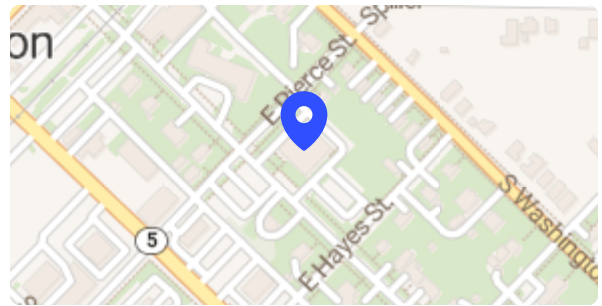
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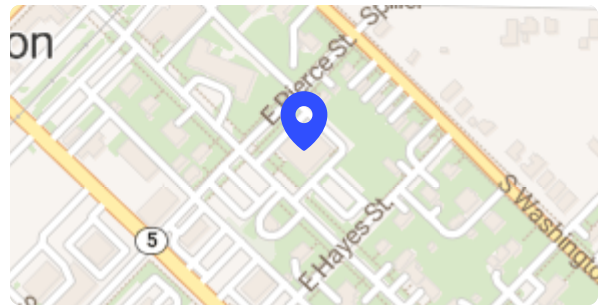
Visitation

- Wednesday**, September 14, 2016
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- Holman-Howe Funeral Homes Lebanon**
320 S. Adams Ave, Lebanon MO 65536



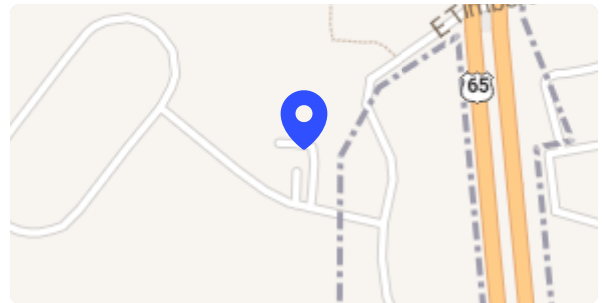
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Cemetery Details

- Mo. Veterans Cemetery**
5201 S. Southwood Rd, Springfield MO 65804





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RT

Rod Tippey posted:

Our condolences to the family. When I was a young man I remember my dad, Willard, playing music with Gene in Augusta, IL. I always enjoyed Gene's singing. I can still hear him singing "Send Me The Pillow That You Dream On".Rod & Mixie Tippey

September 14 at 3:34 PM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Laffoon (Lebanon) family.



September 13 at 2:41 PM

LL

Linda Lindy posted:

You have our deepest sympathies. We are friends of Gene's brother and sister-in-law Nick and Betty Laffoon. We just loved his music. Now he will play with a bigger band.Linda and Bill Armstrong

September 13 at 10:47 AM

BV

Beverly Vonholt posted:

I am sorry to hear of your loss! He was a great musician and friend!Beverly VonHoltWillard, MO

September 13 at 5:19 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Laffoon (Lebanon) family.



September 12 at 4:51 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wendell "Gene" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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