

Calvin Eugene Butler

December 10, 1926 - December 30, 2015

Calvin Eugene "Gene" Butler passed away peacefully on Wednesday December 30, 2015. at UMSMC at Easton, with his family by his side. He was 89 years old.

Gene was born on December 10, 1926, in Centreville, MD, to the late Calvin and Blanche Scott Butler.

At Centreville High School, Gene was quite the athlete as he lettered and captained the soccer, basketball and baseball teams. After graduating in 1944, He enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served in the Pacific Theatre until being honorably discharged in 1946. Gene was hired by C & P Telephone (now Verizon) in June of 1948, where he worked in Centreville, Chestertown, Queenstown, Hurlock and Easton.

On March 23, 1952, Gene married the former Ann Chance, whom he affectionately called "poor old soul." They are survived by four children, Claudia Knox (Wally) of Trappe, Mike (Brenda) of Cordova, Bill (Gayle) of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and Mitch (Linda) of Easton. They are also survived by twelve grandchildren, Chad, Heather, Jason, Matt, Corey, Courtney, Chris, Kyle, Logan, Brian, Connor and Nathan), two step-grandchildren (Ryan, Jennifer); and seven great-grandchildren (Thatcher, Katherine, Addison, Geneva, Natalie, Jameson and Alaina). Gene is also survived by his two sisters, Evelyn Berry and Ruth Tabler (Dan) of Centreville;

a brother-in-law, Bunky Chance of Queenstown; along with ten nieces and nephews.

In 1958, the Butler family moved to Easton, where Gene retired in 1986. He had 38 years of service with Verizon. He belonged to the Telephone Pioneers Club and in 1982 he received the prestigious Kiwanis Club of Easton Citizen of the Year award. Since moving to Easton, Gene was very active in youth and adult sports, the Easton Volunteer Fire Department, local politics and various civic organizations.

Gene coached and officiated youth baseball and football. He coached many championship and all-star teams with his mantra being, "the way you practice is the way you play." He was most proud when he got to watch his former players play at the high school level, wearing the orange and black of the Easton Warriors. In the late 70's, Gene coached in the Tidewater Softball League, a men's softball league. He coached the Roe's Snack Bar team, a very successful team which won two state titles under his guidance and finished 3rd in the 1978 National Championships in Spokane, WA. In 1999, Gene was voted into the Maryland State Modified Softball Hall of Fame.

In 1962, Gene joined the Easton Volunteer Fire Department where he held all line officer positions, holding the position of chief on two different occasions. He also held the administrative positions of treasurer, vice president and president (twice). During his tenure as president, the Easton Volunteer Fire Department hosted one of the largest parades in Easton's history, the 175th Anniversary Parade. Also during his tenure, the Easton Volunteer Fire Department bought home many trophies from parades, especially best appearing company at the Maryland State Firemen's Association Parade in Ocean City. In 2012, Gene was voted into the Maryland State Firemen's Association Hall of Fame. "SERVICE FOR OTHERS."

In 1989, Gene was elected to the Easton Town Council to represent the second ward. After serving four years as a town councilman, Gene was selected as town council president. In 1996, former Mayor George Murphy suddenly passed away and Gene was moved into this vacated position and served as the mayor of Easton for the next eight years. During this time, he was most proud of being a leading force behind North Easton Park. In the year 2000, North Easton Park was completed. The Gene Butler field was dedicated to him as he was so passionate about kids having a place to play baseball, soccer, softball, football, lacrosse and field hockey.

In 2005, station 66 on Matthewstown Road in Easton was completed. The Mayor Gene Butler Fire Station proudly serves the town of Easton, especially the east end of town and its residents. Gene also served as a Cub Scout leader (1964-1970), and was a member of VFW Post 5118, American Legion Post 70, Elks Lodge BPOE 1622 and St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

A viewing will take place on Thursday January 7, 2016, from 6 to 8 pm at the Easton Fire House,. A celebration of Gene's life will be held on Friday, January 8, 2016, at 11am at St. Mark's United Methodist Church at 100 Peachblossom Road in Easton. Burial will be at New Spring Hill Cemetery in Easton.

In lieu of flowers, Gene would want donations to be sent to either the SOS Club of Easton High School, St. Mark's United Methodist Church or the Easton Volunteer Fire Department.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Easton Volunteer Fire Department
315 Aurora Park Drive
Easton, MD

Service

JAN 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
100 Peach Blossom Road
Easton, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 04, 2016 at 04:01 PM

KC

Hi Butler family, I just got done watching the video that U guys did of Mr Butler. It brought back a lot of memories. It was a very touching & moving video of your Dad. I am so sorry that I won't be able to make the funeral but I just wanted to let U all know that my prayers & thoughts r with U all always. May God Bless U all. Your friend always, Kim Curry

Kim Curry - January 06, 2016 at 11:57 PM



“ *Calvin Eugene Butler*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Calvin Eugene Butler*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

LM

“ *Lois & Phil MacDonald lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler*



Lois & Phil MacDonald - January 06, 2016 at 04:07 AM

CB

“ *Sending prayers and hugs to all of the Butler/Knox family. Looking at the tributes and pictures on this site made me smile at what a wonderful life Mr. Butler had...surrounded by all of the people he loved so dearly. I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Mr. Butler very well, but the few times over the years that I was around him, he was an absolute pleasure to be around. My heart goes out to Ms. Ann and your entire family. Together you raised 4 wonderful children and have a host of wonderful grandchildren and great grandchildren who, I'm sure all have special memories of Mr. Butler. May you all find comfort in your wonderful memories and special times you shared.*

Casey Baynard - January 05, 2016 at 02:17 PM

 Valerie Wheatley

“ *Valerie Wheatley lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler*



Valerie Wheatley - January 05, 2016 at 08:56 AM

CW

“ *Centreville Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler*



Centreville Methodist Women - January 05, 2016 at 06:53 AM

AR

“ *Anne Ryan lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler*



Anne Ryan - January 04, 2016 at 08:53 PM

AR

Dear Ann and Family, I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved Gene. Ann, you two were such a great couple, it was always good to see the two of you enjoying each other's company and having such fun together. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. May you be comforted by "Precious Memories" and the love and support of family and friends.

With deepest sympathy.

Anne Ryan Neary

Anne Ryan - January 04, 2016 at 08:56 PM

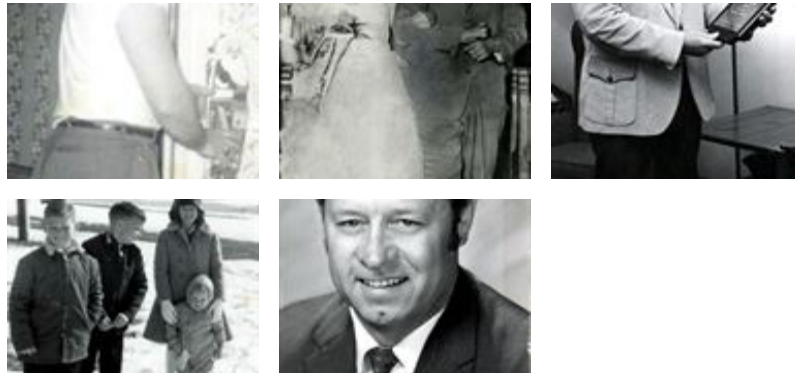
DC

Dear Mrs. Butler and Family! It has been a pleasure to know your family for so many years, and thus I know what a terrible loss this is for you all, as well as our community! I think of you all often, and pray that Mr. Butler's peace has brought you comfort. You will continue to be in my prayers! Donna Healy Clem

Donna Clem - January 26, 2016 at 06:21 AM



“ 144 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 04, 2016 at 03:36 PM

WJ

“ *Wayne And Becky Jones lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler*



Wayne and Becky Jones - January 04, 2016 at 03:31 PM

BK

“ *We were so very sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Butler and our sincerest condolences go out to Miss Ann and Claudia and the Butler men, Mike, Bill, and Mitch. Mr. Butler was my first football coach as a child in Easton and our family lived in the same neighborhood and I spent many days at the Butler house and the Butler family was like a family to myself and my brothers, Keith and Jack. Mr. Butler was truly a great, great man and am so very sorry to hear about his passing.*
Brian and Jewell Kirby

Brian Kirby - January 04, 2016 at 12:54 PM

BG

“ *Beth Green lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler*



Beth Green - January 04, 2016 at 10:51 AM

DC

“ *Dolores Cockey lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler*



dolores cockey - January 04, 2016 at 09:35 AM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler*



Doug Pierson - January 04, 2016 at 08:07 AM

KL

“ *Karen And Teddy Legg lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler*



Karen and Teddy Legg - January 03, 2016 at 06:39 PM

MG

“ To the Butler family...

Matt, my brother, told me about the passing of your beloved husband, dad, grandfather..... Mr. Gene Butler. I am so sorry for this incredible loss for you.

I went to school with Mitch and knew him more than Claudia, Mike and Bill, but feel like I know the Butler family like many of us Eastonians do - a wonderful family! My sincere and heartfelt condolences to each of you, as I know what the loss of a father is like, having lost our dad in August of 2014. It is still very difficult without him, but we celebrate him each and every day. I understand this incredible void you are feeling.

Our dads are our rock, eagle, teacher, leader, and hero to mention just a few things they represent. I hope each of you gather round and have lots of hugs, laughter when remembering the funny times, and talk about all the great things you hold in your memories of him.

How proud you must be of his so very accomplished life! What a man! What a legacy he left!!! And what a wonderful long life he had! I know you will miss him dearly, but hopefully you will always feel he is here, or nearby, when seeing the mark(s) he made in life with his contributions in our hometown. Hopefully, they will make you smile each time you see his name, or a landmark - letting you know he's always there.

Stay close to one another and help each other through the times ahead. I know you all will, as the Butler family is strong and loving. I am sending long distance hugs, sympathy and gentleness to your hearts and souls. I wish I could be at the service, but I have already gone back to North Carolina. I am there in spirit though and will keep you all close to my heart, especially this January 7th and 8th.

Godspeed to Mr. Butler, and to the entire Butler family.

With love and peace to each of you....

- Melissa Guthrie

Melissa Guthrie - January 03, 2016 at 05:20 PM



“ *Tim & Laura Bishop lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler*



Tim & Laura Bishop - January 03, 2016 at 08:53 AM



Thoughts and Prayers go out for The Butler Family.

Tim & Laura Bishop - January 03, 2016 at 08:54 AM

WJ

My thoughts and prayers to the Butler family> i did not know Mr Butler personally however I knew his son's Mike and Bill who I play varsity football with at Easton Senior High.

Walter Chase, Jr.. January 5, 2016

Walter Chase, Jr. - January 05, 2016 at 04:20 PM

SC

“ *meet mr butler in 1951 when he played 3rd base for centreville giants a team my dad was with.great third basemen.also family man civic leader, and a true american gentleman. RIP MR GENE*

Sonnie conley - January 03, 2016 at 07:47 AM

AB

“ *Agnes Blades lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler*



Agnes Blades - January 02, 2016 at 09:05 PM

TH

“ *Mr Butler was always kind and fun to talk with was a very knowledgeable man who always had time to chat or help someone. I enjoyed his passion with ms Ann who helped keep him straight wether he wanted it or not . He was a true gentleman and will be missed*



tom Hickey - January 02, 2016 at 08:00 PM

MB

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Butler family. Gene was a mentor and friend to me. He will be dearly missed.*
Marilyn T. Barton

Marilyn T. Bartyon - January 02, 2016 at 06:04 PM

LW

“ *Larry And Lynne Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler*



Larry and Lynne Wilkins - January 02, 2016 at 05:03 PM

SR

“ *Sandy Rosenfield lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler*



Sandy Rosenfield - January 02, 2016 at 03:15 PM

AJ

“ *Ann and family - Adrian and I want to express our sincere sympathy to you and your family. May the memories of the good times you all shared help to ease the pain. You are in our prayers. Janet and Adrian Derooy*

Adrian and Janet - January 02, 2016 at 02:54 PM

DK

“ *Donna Kaufman lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler*



Donna Kaufman - January 02, 2016 at 06:46 AM

TE

“ *Uncle Gene was a very special uncle to me. I will miss our visits the times we shared together.*



TerryMiddleton - January 01, 2016 at 08:06 PM

TE

“ TerryMiddleton lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler



TerryMiddleton - January 01, 2016 at 07:39 PM

BT

“ Betsy Truitt lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler



Betsy Truitt - January 01, 2016 at 02:53 PM

DC

“ David And June Clark lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler



David and June Clark - January 01, 2016 at 02:23 PM

DC

*Ann and family,
our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

June and David

David and June Clark - January 01, 2016 at 02:25 PM

OC

“ *Olivia Clark lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler*



Olivia Clark - January 01, 2016 at 01:52 PM

LW

“ *Len & Kay Wendowski lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler*



Len & Kay Wendowski - January 01, 2016 at 12:37 PM

DP

“ *Doug And Bailey James / Caron Pons lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler*



Doug and Bailey James / Caron Pons - January 01, 2016 at 09:23 AM

CC

“ I remember Mr. Butler so well as a fun loving individual who used to go to Rehobeth beach with our family on picnics held decades ago. It was the highlight of my summer years ago, when my Uncle Jim Morris and the Family of his wife, Shirlee Chance Morris, along with sisters, brothers, cousins, grandparents sometimes, aunt and uncles. Mr. Butler was married to Aunt Shirlee's sister Anne. My Prayers and thoughts are with the family. Christine Massey Collier



Christine Massey Collier - January 01, 2016 at 07:33 AM

JK

“ Janet Perkins Kullman lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler



Janet Perkins Kullman - January 01, 2016 at 06:54 AM

TM

“ Tricia And Michael Malczewski lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler



Tricia and Michael Malczewski - December 31, 2015 at 07:09 PM

GC

“ Gene & Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler



Gene & Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - December 31, 2015 at 03:54 PM

RS

“ Ruth Ann Smith lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler



Ruth Ann Smith - December 31, 2015 at 03:35 PM

JF

“ John Stichberry Jr & Family lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler



John Stichberry Jr & Family - December 31, 2015 at 01:42 PM

GB

“ Gary & Kathy Ball lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler



Gary & Kathy Ball - December 31, 2015 at 01:23 PM

JE

“ James Ewing lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler



James Ewing - December 31, 2015 at 12:34 PM

BW

“ Bob & Sheila Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler



Bob & Sheila Willis - December 31, 2015 at 09:29 AM

BJ

“ Billy, JJ & Jared lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler



Billy, JJ & Jared - December 31, 2015 at 08:56 AM

GS

“ Glenn Saulabury lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler



Glenn Saulabury - December 31, 2015 at 07:48 AM

PF

“ Philip Carey Foster lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler



Philip Carey Foster - December 31, 2015 at 01:39 AM

SM

“ Steven Mccarty lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler



steven mccarty - December 30, 2015 at 08:20 PM

PS

“ Phyllis And Bill Seymour lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler



Phyllis and Bill Seymour - December 30, 2015 at 08:01 PM

BS

“ Becky Sharp lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler



Becky Sharp - December 30, 2015 at 04:16 PM

JA

“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Gene. He was a great friend and neighbor. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ann and the family at this difficult and sad time.

Jeanie and Mark Aydelotte - December 30, 2015 at 03:22 PM

PC

“ Polly Carroll lit a candle in memory of Calvin Eugene Butler



Polly Carroll - December 30, 2015 at 02:07 PM

PC

Ann and family. We are so sorry for your loss. We all have many memories of him. He will be truly missed. Love to your family. Polly & Winnie

Polly Carroll - December 30, 2015 at 02:08 PM

BF

Ann and family. My sincere condolences. I know he will be truly missed. Bonnie (Booze) Ford.

Bonnie Ford - December 31, 2015 at 12:13 PM

DC

Sending condolences to the Butler family!!! Wishing you comfort and peace.
Donna Clem

Donna and Darrin Clem - December 31, 2015 at 07:23 PM

RM

Sending condolences to your family. Gene was truly one of a kind. A real Gentleman .He was a good friend, and will be missed.

Rose Milesrosespixs@verizon.net - January 04, 2016 at 02:14 PM