



## Mr. Gene Huckelberry

February 10, 1931 - April 26, 2012

Gene Huckelberry, age 81 years, a resident and longtime former mayor of the village of Belknap, passed away Thursday evening, April 26, 2012, at 9:20 PM at Massac Memorial Hospital in Metropolis, Illinois.

Gene was born February 10, 1931 in Belknap, Illinois. He was the son of Ralph & Wilma (Crawford) Huckelberry.

Gene was united in marriage to Alene (Felker) on November 8, 1952 in Corinth, Mississippi. She survives.

Other survivors include:

2 Daughters – Susie & James Smith of Metropolis, IL

Janet Barrett & David Hester of Belknap, IL

A Son - Paul & Krista Huckelberry of Metropolis, IL

8 Grandchildren - Lisa Palmer and Justin

Justin Smith and Crystal

Brandi Short and Jamie

Brittany Johnson and Nick

Bridgett McMurtry and Josh

Bergandi Johnson

Josef Huckelberry  
Carissa Huckelberry  
5 Great Grandchildren - Jordan Palmer  
Maci Palmer  
Landen Randolph  
Carter Short  
Lillie Huckelberry  
A Brother – Johnny & Janine Huckelberry of Vienna, IL  
A Sister – Martha Burnam of Vienna, IL  
Nieces and Nephews

In addition to his Parents, Gene was preceded in death by:

2 Sons – Robert Dale Huckelberry and Clinton Eugene Huckelberry  
A Granddaughter – Baily Lynn Johnson  
2 Brothers – Joe M. Huckelberry & J.R. Huckelberry  
2 Sisters – Pat Huckelberry & Janice Wright

Gene was a U.S. Army Ranger and was stationed in Germany during the Korean War.

He was a former maintenance employee with Allied Chemical (now Honeywell) in Metropolis, IL. Gene retired in 1994. He was a union representative for the United Steelworkers Union Local # 7-669 in Metropolis.

Gene was dedicated to his family, friends, and the Belknap community. He had served for 32 years as a mayor of the village of Belknap. During his tenure as mayor, Gene was instrumental in obtaining grants for the implementation of a community water system, as well as a senior citizens center and upgrades for the fire department. Gene had also served for 34 years as the administrator and operator of the Belknap Water Department.

Gene and Alene gave tirelessly of their time and energies for the care and upkeep of the Belknap Masonic Cemetery.

Gene also faithfully served for many years as a member of the Cypress School Board and served several terms as board president.

Gene was of the Christian faith and was a Past Master of the former Belknap Masonic Lodge.

He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals Baseball Fan and enjoyed spending time outdoors. Gene especially enjoyed rabbit, squirrel, and coon hunting as well as trapping. He had achieved the designation of a black belt in karate during his training as an Army Ranger and also was a Golden Glove Boxer. For a period of time, Gene pitched for the Red Sox Minor League Baseball team.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, May 1, 2012, at 11 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Jerry Huckleberry will officiate.

Burial will be in the Belknap Masonic Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be accorded by the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post 5222 and the Illinois National Guard Burial Honors Detail.

Visitation will be from 5 PM – 9 PM Monday at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Belknap Masonic Cemetery, c/o Alene Huckelberry, PO Box 144, Belknap, Illinois 62908.

# Cemetery Details

## Belknap Masonic Cemetery

Sunflower Lane  
Belknap, IL 62908

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 30. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2311  
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com  
<https://baileyfh.com>

## Service

MAY 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Gene Huckelberry*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Missing you Dad! Great to have such great memories to reflect on!*

**janet hester** - August 22, 2013 at 02:57 PM



“ *Kelly Nicole Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Huckelberry*



**Kelly Nicole Jones** - July 14, 2012 at 09:27 AM



“ *Janet Huckelberry Barrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Huckelberry*



**Janet Huckelberry Barrett** - July 12, 2012 at 09:38 PM

JB

“ Janet Ruth Barrert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Huckelberry



Janet Ruth Barrert - May 27, 2012 at 02:42 AM

JB

“ Janet Ruth Barrert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Huckelberry



Janet Ruth Barrert - May 27, 2012 at 02:40 AM

NH

“ He was a great man who will be missed by many, finally at peace. Blessings to the family.



Nancy Hester - May 01, 2012 at 12:14 PM

DT

“ Doug Thorne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Huckelberry



Doug Thorne - April 30, 2012 at 06:17 PM

DH

“ *Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Huckelberry*



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**Dennis and Pat Harner** - April 30, 2012 at 04:20 PM

SO

“ *I certainly thought alot of Gene and his wife Ailene. Gene will be missed but as we know he has gone to a greater place.*

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**Sharon S. Oliver** - April 30, 2012 at 10:10 AM

SO

“ *Sharon S. Oliver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Huckelberry*



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**Sharon S. Oliver** - April 30, 2012 at 10:08 AM

KE

“ *Kelly lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Huckelberry*



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**Kelly** - April 29, 2012 at 09:04 PM

AJ

“ Alice Shot Jeffords lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Huckelberry



Alice Shot Jeffords - April 29, 2012 at 01:50 AM

AJ

“ Alice Shot Jeffords lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Huckelberry



Alice Shot Jeffords - April 29, 2012 at 01:48 AM

BM

“ Becky Mercer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Huckelberry



Becky Mercer - April 28, 2012 at 09:57 AM

CT

“ Carl Thorne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Huckelberry



Carl Thorne - April 27, 2012 at 05:11 PM

KH

“ *Janet, Bergandi, John and Families,  
I am sorry to hear of your loss. His suffering is over and he has left  
behind many  
memories for all of you. I pray for your healing and God's comfort  
over you all  
during this time.*

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**Karla Hale** - April 27, 2012 at 08:59 AM