



## Gene Callaway Obituary

November 14, 1954 - September 22, 2008

Stanley Eugene (Gene) Callaway, 53 of Winter Springs, FL passed away in Orlando, FL, Monday after a lengthy illness. The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors at 12 noon until 1:30 PM, Saturday, September 27, 2008 and graveside services will follow at 2 PM in Crown Hill Cemetery. Dr. Michael Helms of Trinity Baptist Church in Moultrie, GA will officiate. A native of Albany, Georgia, Gene graduated from Albany High School and the University of Florida in Gainesville. He lived and worked in the Gainesville and Orlando FL areas for the past 30 years. Gene loved people and valued his friends. He had fond memories of special friends from his younger days in Albany, from his experiences caddying at PGA and Senior PGA golf tournaments, as well as from his Gainesville and Orlando area years in the sales profession. He was an avid golfer, former member of Radium Springs Country Club, and a passionate Florida Gator fan. Gene cherished his family and the memories of his Byne Memorial Church family in Albany. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Carl and Eileen Hayes Callaway of Albany. Gene is survived by his brother and sister in law, Don and JoAnn Callaway of Moultrie, GA, two nieces, Debra Rowe and her husband Ronald of Leesburg, GA and Julie Kim and her husband Chucky of Spring Hill, TN, two grand nephews, Spencer and Hayes Rowe of Leesburg, GA. Gene is also survived by a special friend of many years, Linda Guenther of Orlando who loved and cared for him, by several dear aunts and uncles, many cousins and lifelong friends. Those desiring may send memorials to the American

Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 1010, Rockville, MD 20852, to The Christian Caring Center, 600 N. Hwy. 17-92, Suite 158, Longwood FL 32750-3638, to Byne Memorial Baptist Church, Living the Legacy Fund, 2832 Ledo Rd., Albany GA, to The First Tee Program, World Golf Village, 425 South Legacy Trail, St. Augustine, FL, or to the charity of their choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gene Callaway Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Gene Callaway Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *I worked with Gene for a number of years and it was truly a pleasure. He was a great colleague and friend.*

*Gene, I hope you are looking down from heaven upon the Gators and they are bringing a smile to your face!! You are not forgotten.*

**Chris Bilbao ~ Carpe Diem** - December 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Matthew, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Amanda Wingate** - October 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Good bye Gator Gene. REst in peace.*

**Philip Clavert** - October 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ I went through elementary and high school with Gene. He was a good friend and I have many fond remembrances of our times together. My wife also attended high school with Gene. We are sad to here of his passing.

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**Mike & Sharon Veasey** - October 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ The Gators lost a great fan and many of us have lost a good friend. Than you, Linda, for giving Gene such a special person to love. We'll miss you, Gene!

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**Terry and Barbara Mathis** - September 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Gene, there is great sadness in my heart that you are gone, but there is also joy of relief that you are now with the Lord. God Bless you and your family. Forever in my prayes. Margaret

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**Margaret Casciorizzo** - September 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ I am sad to hear of Gene's passing. We have lots of good ole memories. I grew up living on 2nd avenue and we went all through school together. I'll always hold onto the fun memories. My father is Roy Staines @ Kimbrell & Stern. You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
DeLora

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**DeLora Staines Rogers** - September 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Gene was a wonderful man and I am honored to have worked with him and to learn what true strength is. He is now forever in the Lords light. God bless his family.

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**Kyle Landers** - September 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Don, I am so sorry for the passing of your brother. I wish I could do something to ease the pain. I will never forget when you came to my house after losing my sister and brother-in-law. Just those kind words and you being there for me meant so much to me. You and Jo Anne are truly special friends. I am glad I was able to meet Gene. Take care. Jimmy

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**jim maxwell** - September 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Gene was one of the greatest and closest friends that I ever had in my life. He was a gentleman, in the true sense of the word, extraordinarily loyal to all of his friends and very generous to everyone who knew him. I loved playing golf with Gene, not only that he was an accomplished player, but because of his passion and honor for the game. And, this is the way that Gene lived his life, much too short as it was, always giving the best that he had to everyone around him and in everything that he did. Although I did not get the chance to see Gene just prior to his passing, we did talk on the phone a few times in those final days, and said that we loved each other. That was our goodbye together, and I know that Gene understood that I was with him in spirit. I loved Gene Callaway and I will dearly miss him for the rest of my days. And, I know that Gene will now and forever be in peace.

*Our deepest sympathies to Gene's family,*

*Tom, Debbie, Lauren and Thomas*

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**Tom Baker** - September 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ To all of you who read these kind words about Gene and words of condolence to the family...What these words mean to us is beyond expression in mere words...We wish we could give each one of you who sent your thoughts a big Gator embrace for Gene...you are a special part of our lives even though we have not met some of you. Thank you for helping ease the pain of losing a very special brother. Msy God Bless,  
*Don and JoAnn*

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**Don Callaway** - September 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Please accept the sympathies of the entire Carpe Diem family. Personally, I will remember Gene's quick wit and the many times we talked sports.

Mike Giordano  
Carpe Diem

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Michael Giordano - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I was saddened when I heard that Gene had passed... I knew Gene the 2 years we worked together at Carpe Diem before he left.. He was a great person who always had a smile, even when he didn't feel well.. He was a great sales rep for my dad and the clients my dad referred to our company.. Gene will definitely be missed and will always be in our hearts.. My prayers and condolences are with the family in this hard time..

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Cassi Bedward - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I did not get the chance to meet Gene and have only worked for Carpe Diem for less than 2 months, but everyone could not stop speaking well of him and how concerned they were for his health.

May the Lord be with his family through this difficult time.

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Krissia Mendez - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Don, I hated to hear of Gene's death. The passing of our loved ones is never easy. We realize their suffering has ended, but we are still saddened. Our comfort is in the arms of our Lord. Feel His comfort in this time. You are in my prayers.

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Currey Gayle - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ We were very saddened to here of the passing of our good friend Gene. He will be greatly missed.

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**Jimmy, Lori, and Jamie White** - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ ALTHOUGH I NEVER KNEW GENE, I DO KNOW THAT HE HAS A WONDERFUL BROTHER---DON.

HERE IS MY FAVORITE EXPRESSION AT A TIME LIKE THIS:

"GOD GAVE US MEMORY  
SO WE ALL  
MAY HAVE ROSES IN DECEMBER"

---j. m. barrie,  
author/PETER PAN

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**durwood Fincher** - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ It brought great sadness when I heard of Gene's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with him and everyone who knows this wonderful man. He will be greatly missed.

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**Margaret Casciorizzo** - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Don, we are sorry to hear about the loss of your brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Bobby and Kay alderman** - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ I worked with Gene for about 3 years. Gene was a kind soul, and had a special way of making people feel at ease when they met him. He was always polite, upbeat, and full of cheer. Gene's positive attitude was infectious, and he will be missed by all of us who knew him. Don and Joann my prayers are with you and your family. God bless you.

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**Vivian Weldon** - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ I grew up at Radium Country Club and have known Gene for 40 plus years. We played alot of golf together as with all my brothers. I remember the Kawainis Jr. Golf tournaments we all used to play in and Gene was always a great competitor. I ran into Gene many times over the years and we all had some great times. Gene will surely be missed.

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**Ronnie Owens** - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Don,  
As you know I do not live in Albany any longer, but got a call from Jim Prothro that Gene had died. I guess we have both sides of Eager Avenue covered. Certainly sad to hear of Gene's passing, but it brings back many memories of growing up: all the grown ups & kids, running through all the backyards, playing Army and cowboys, Palmyra Elementary, Merry Acres and good ole AHS. The old neighborhood is not the same but the memories are still strong. Mama is up here with me for a while, but lives full time with her sister in Birmingham. Just know we are thinking of you.

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**Mike Greene** - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Don and Joann, You have my deepest sympathy. I will always remember Gene as a lively, fun-loving young man who was a dear friend to my brother, Billy. I rejoice that he can rest now in heaven.

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**Dianne Whitley Davenport** - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ I knew Gene growing up from elementary, middle, to high school. He always had a smile on his face and brought smiles to others. We visited at our last A.H.S. class of '72 reunion, which has been a few years, but he was the same Gene. Although I am unaware of his health issues, it seems he struggled but fought hard. After reading other messages, I am thankful that Gene had you in his life. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Susan Geeslin

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**Susan Sheppard Geeslin** - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Don & JoAnn, Even though I never met Gene I felt like I knew him. His battle over the last year reminded me so much of my Uncle Jerry who passed away a few years ago after struggling through some of the same health problems. We miss him so much and I know you will miss your brother dearly and even though the prayers you prayed were not answered the way you expected them to be you were exactly right when you said God's Will is perfect. We are so Blessed as Christians that we have a Father that is PERFECT in every way and he loves us unconditionally and will make sure we are taken care of. We love you and we will continue to pray for you!

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**Daniel & Rhonda Dunn** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ I knew Gene for about 6 years. He was a pleasant guy to be around, and was perpetually upbeat. He rarely had a bad word to say about anyone (except maybe Ron Zook?) Gene was a good guy. Positive and easy to be around. We will remember him fondly and miss him greatly.

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**Phil Fry** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Don & JoAnn,

Sandy and I were so saddened to hear the news about Gene. Our thoughts & prayers are with you.

Gene and Sandy

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**Gene & Sandy Suber** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ I feel as though I knew Gene personally. I have had him in my prayers through all his suffering. I mourn with all his family.

Sincerely,  
Jean Newton

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**Jean Newton** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ I WAS SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS. GENE AND I WENT TO BYNE MEMORIAL CHURCH TOGETHER BACK IN THE 70'S AND HIGH SCHOOL. HE WAS VERY OUTGOING AND ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HIS FACE. HE WILL BE MISSED AND IS NOW IN HEAVEN WITH MOM AND DAD. PAM, DUSTIN AND DONNIE PEACHER

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**PAM WHITTINGTON PEACHER** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ You have all fought the good fight! May God bless you as you go through this grief period. He was loved, and he knew it! Now he is in His Savior's hands - safe!

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**Sarah Mitchell** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ To the Callaway Family: My heart aches with yours as God reaches down and calls another one of our LOVED ONES home. I know you REJOICE in knowing that he is healed and in the arms of Jesus but will miss him so VERY MUCH. My prayers are with you during this time.

Love, Anna Bowman Roberts

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**Anna Bowman Roberts** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I am trying to get to the funeral home, hopefully to see you. Breathing problems hinder but I am still hoping to be there. God bless you all.

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**Sarah Mitchell** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I'm so very sorry. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Grace & peace, Scott

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**Scott Ford** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Don & JoAnn,  
You and all of Gene's family and friends are in our thoughts and prayers.  
With love,  
Linda & Jerry

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**Linda & Jerry James** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Don and Joann and family, We are so sorry about the passing of your brother Gene. The relationship between siblings is special and we know how hard it is to let go of one in death. Words don't touch the pain at this time of mourning, but please know that you are in our hearts and prayers.

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**Bob and Sharon Roberson** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ I met Gene when I worked at The Holy Land Experience and he was with Carpe Diem. Our business association turned into friendship and I considered him a dear friend. He always made me laugh and we could always talk about anything. I always looked forward to his visits. Gene was such a gentleman (and a gentle man), and never spoke a harsh word. I always think of him and smile. I, too, am a believer in Jesus Christ and I am so glad to know that I will see him again one day. He always called me his favorite redhead!! Love ya Gene

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**Linda Griese** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ I am sorry to hear about Gene. Although I have not seen him in a few years, I will always remember the good times we had playing golf when Gene was still living in Albany. Gene was in our wedding almost 25 years ago. Lisa and I send out sympathy to the family.  
*Lisa and Tard Wright*

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**Tard Wright** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Don and all the family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your brother. Your mother and father were such wonderful Christian people and raised a wonderful family as well. May you find peace in time, again our heartfelt sympathies are with the family. *Dian Thompson Clark*

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**Dian Clark** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ Don, he fought a good fight and you were right there beside him all the way. While God is welcoming him into heaven, may He give you peace knowing that all is well. We Trinity folks love and appreciate you and Joan. *Lou*

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**Lou Vickers** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Gene was sweet and kind to everyone in our office and we really enjoyed working with him. I was so heartbroken to get your email. We had no idea he was going through such struggles. Our prayers go out to your entire family. Nahum 1:7 - The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.  
*Know that your brother was loved by many.*

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**Shannon Sayre** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Don and JoAnn: Reflect on the many precious memories of your brother to ease your pain during this time of sorrow. We love you.*

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**Judy and Danny Dunn** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Don, JoAnn and Family,*

*My deepest sympathies and prayers are with you. I know Gene fought a hard fight.*

*Love,  
Carol*

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**Carol Martin** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ *Our Prayer are with you. And I know he will be miss. Love W.C. & Jeanette*

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**W.C & Jeanette Crawford** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Don,JoAnn & Family*

*Our prayers have been with you these past several months. We know that the many trips have taken a toll but your efforts will be praised ,mamy times. Gene was very fortunate to have you both as family. We will continue to keep you in our prayers as the healing process begins and we ask our God and Savior to keep watch over you.*

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**Amorelle & Ernie Feille &Dorthy Smith** - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Gene was such an easy going person and he probably had a connection with everyone in some way, but he made me feel important and I know he cared about me. I was unable to reach him in the last year and am terribly saddened by the news. Gene had been on my mind lately and I only wished I could've let him know I never stopped thinking of him and wondered how he was doing. I sent a prayer to heaven and I hope he gets it so he knows I thought he was a great guy and he will be missed. My sincerest sympathies and heartfelt prayers go out to all who are affected by this loss. Thanks for being a friend Gene, I know you suffered late but are in such a better place now. All my love always, Tori

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**Tori King** - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Don & JoAnn,  
We are so sorry to learn of Gene's death. You all continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Jerry & Kay Green** - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ Don and JoAnn,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you both. Love, Gregg and DeAnna

*P.S. I never met Gene but he must have been a good man after all he was a Gator Fan!*

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**DeAnna Isaacs** - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ Gene "Gator Gene" was my best college football fan friend. We loved to talk college football and if everything didn't go right, wait till next year!!

We will miss Gene for his great friendship and loyalty. God bless you Gene.

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**Van & Barbara Proudfoot** - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Don and JoAnn

As you know I made a trip to Orlando on Monday. Actually, the trip was to Groveland, so I was still about 30 minutes from Orlado. I didn't get enough sleep the night before and I had trouble staying awake. The point is that I thought about how many times since April you've made that trip--dozens. You've been on an emotional roller coaster. You've been present for every major change and surgery. There must be some emotional exhaustion to go along with your grief. I know you've seen this coming. Even so, the finality of it all has to really hurt deep. You have been a caring brother and sister-in-law. Gene was lucky to have you.

Michael Helms

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**Michael Helms** - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Don and Joann - we love you both so very much. I know Myra was waiting to usher Gene into the presence of Jesus. It probably was so good for Gene to see your mom and dad. God's love surround you and blessings to you both. You truly were a good brother and your love for Gene was evident until the end. Love you- jane and randy

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**jane and randy tucker** - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Gene was a lifelong friend. I will remember him fondly and miss him dearly.

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**Billy Whitley** - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM