



Gordon W. Cone Obituary

February 7, 1929 - June 6, 2004

There is a story to tell about a young couple's move from Tampa, Florida to Albany, Georgia. The year was 1954. Neal was 8 months old and Karen was 2 ½ years old. A wonderful "shoe dog", Ben Watts, was there to greet them on behalf of Curtis Barfield, who had just hired Dub Cone to be manager of Barfield's, Albany's new family shoe store. Dub and his wife Carmen first lived at the Pecan Cottage at Radium Springs. The owner of the Gordon Hotel graciously housed them there because of the need to heat food and milk for the babies. They later moved to an apartment in town. Gordon William Cone, always called "Dub", opened and managed Barfield's for 20 years. Eventually, Dub went into business for himself, opening Dub Cone's Shoes at the then new Midtown Shopping Center. Always interested in proper fit for children's shoes, he next started Dub Cone's Buster Brown Shoes at the new Albany Mall. Community support for his businesses prompted Dub to expand and open Dub Cone's Feet First, a Naturalizer women's shoe store, also in the Albany Mall. Subsequently, he purchased Aaron's Shoes and opened Carmen's Fine Footwear in the Mall. Dub always attributed his business success to a wonderful group of loyal and hardworking employees. Carmen's is now owned and run by Dub's son, Neal. Dub was active as a community leader. He served as secretary and president of the Albany Lions Club. He was a Mason and Shriner. He also was president of the Albany Merchant's Association, the Midtown Merchant's Association, and the Albany Mall Merchant's Association. Dub served as a deacon and elder at Westminster

Presbyterian Church and later as a steward at First Methodist Church, where he and Carmen are still members. Dub was an avid gardener, talented carpenter and enthusiastic fisherman. He and Carmen enjoyed many years of boating, fishing, and beachcombing at their vacation home in Destin, FL. Dub was born in Savannah, GA and grew up on a farm in Brooklet. His parents were Winton and Ethel Cone. While starting his career in the shoe business, he met Carmen Tudela in Tampa, FL and they were married in 1949. Carmen became instrumental in the merchandising and buying of his Albany shoe stores. Dub died at age 75 after bravely battling cancer for over eight years.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gordon W. Cone Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy goes with the family. I'm the former Kathy Pierce and went to school with Neil and Gail who I love very much. I'm so sorry. Mr. Cone fitted my son and daughter with all of their shoes. My home address is 14191 North Clio Road, Clio, Michigan 48420*

Kathryn Pierce McAllister - June 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was sad to hear that Mr. Cone had passed on, but I know he is on a journey to a much better place. My condolences to the entire family. I had the pleasure of working for Mr. Cone and I will always remember him. Peace.*

Patti Marker - June 22, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Dear Carmen, Karen, Neal, Gail and the entire family,

I wish so much that I were there with all of you to bless the passing of such an

honorable, loving, kind and gentle person such as Dub.

All of my memories are very fond ones of Dub as I'll never forget all the great

unselfish deeds he did for my mother so many times driving all of those miles back

and forth from Georgia to Tampa to visit in order to be with her he in her time of need.

Nor, will I forget the time he taught me how to bait a hook with squirming worms at

the creek that he pronounced (Krick). Most of all, I will always remember his

kindness and sense of humor and the way he always teased Carmen in a loving

way. Along with the way he teased Sylvia when she would ramble on and on.

The timing couldn't have been more perfect I bet in Dub's eyes from heaven in

that Reagan is passing on at the same time. Two great people with big hearts,

quick wits, humanitarian spirits, and enduring patience---not to forget Ray Charles

who inspired so many as well with blessed musical talents.

I saved this prayer to share with the entire family in loving memory of

Dub. It's title is Safely Home.

SAFELY HOME

I am home in Heaven, dear ones; Oh so happy and so bright!

There is perfect joy and beauty In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over; very restless tossing passed;

I am now at peace forever, Safely Home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly Trod the valley of the shade?

Oh! but Jesus' love illuminated Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me In that way so hard to Tread;

And with Jesus' arm to lean on, Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely, For I love you dearly still:

Try to look beyond earth's shadows, Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you, So you must not idly stand;

Do it now, while life remaineth, You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed, He will gently call you Home;

Oh, the rapture of that meeting, Oh, the joy to see you come!

All my thoughts and Prayers

*Love,
Laurie*

Laurie Bath - June 11, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Our sincerest sympathies to the entire family. We have many memories of trying on hundreds of shoes at Barfield's and then at the other stores. Dub led his staff in courtesy and warm greetings. We will always remember his helpfulness and friendliness. God bless you, Robert and Linda Wells*

Robert and Linda Wells - June 11, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Goodbye good friend. God bless you Carm.*

David Buttram - June 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ *So sorry to hear about Dub. He was a very nice man who really cared about people. May the Lord comfort and you and give you peace during this difficult time. Lean on Him - he is always there for you! God Bless Each of You.*

Greg and Rita Jones - June 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *My prayers are with you all in this time. Dub was a dear friend and the best boss I ever had!*

Rev. Paula S. Hoffman - June 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My sister, Aileen, and I were sadden to hear of Dub's death. He was such a wonderful person and was a dear friend of ours for many years. When we were in service and on our visits home, to Pelham, I always made it a point to come see him. Now, I've gotten to meet and trade with Neal, who is following in his Dad's footsteps. Carmen I've not got to see you since we've moved back to Pelham, but I always ask about you and know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Our Love, Judy Sherrod and Aileen Breland from Pelham.

Judy Sherrod - June 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Carmen, Neal, Gale & Karen,
We are grieving with you and have you all in our prayers. May He grant you His grace to get through these coming days and months.
Love, Bill & Sue and family

Bill & Sue Bath - June 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I am sending my sincere sympathy, loving thoughts and prayers to Carmen, Karen, Neal, Gail Cone and all of the Cone Family and friends. Dub was a very loving, kind, considerate, unselfish, hard-working family man who loved his family dearly. I consider myself lucky to have known him as a cousin (more like a brother), and I will miss him very much. With Love to all, Cousin Sylvia

Sylvia Bath Buttram - June 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ We both bought shoes at Barfields. We remember the golden eggs that were given out. We did live in Albany many years ago. He will be missed. Our Prayers are with his family.

Elizabeth Pattillo & Pauline Lewis - June 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I will always remember Dub Cone shoes at Midtown Shopping center. With Mrs Cook & Mr Enfinger. Dub shoed all four of my children for years. My sincere sympathy, Martha McDowell & Family

Martha McDowell - June 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Dear Karen: We were so sorry to read over the Internet of Dub's death. We bought a lot of shoes from him in the years we lived in Albany. We both enjoyed having you in class at Westover and appreciated your work on the yearbook staff. Our prayers are with you and the family. Love, Helen and Paul, 610 Mountain Ridge, Manchester, GA 31816.

Helen and Paul McCorvey - June 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ I remember buying many shoes at Dub Cone's. I think I might have taken care of Mr. Cone at the Cancer Center at Phoebe also. The name is very familiar. I am now in Michigan but through the internet, I am able to keep up with the happenings in Georgia. May God be with all of the family. He will be missed greatly. Tonya Erickson

tonya erickson - June 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Our sincere condolences to the Cone family. Dub was an "institution" and an inspiration for business men and women in Albany. He always greeted everyon with that great smile. Dub will be missed. God's blessings and comfort to you.

Don Callaway - June 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ We are so sorry for you and your family--we loved Dub so much and he has been so good to my sister, Mildred Stewart. Know you are in our thoughts and prayers and God bless you and all your family.

Reba W. Stewart - June 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I am very sorry to hear about your loss. I can remember when my father, Jim Dupree, worked for Dub Cone when I was a child. I enjoyed visiting my dad at work because Dub would always offer a joke and candy. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Kim

Kim Hollingsworth - June 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM