



Mr. Gene Talmadge Sellers

November 4, 1934 - August 31, 2017

Gene T. Sellers, 82, passed away in the early morning hours of August 31, 2017. Following a strong battle with cancer, Gene suffered a cardiac event and passed suddenly in his home in Tallahassee with his wife Connie by his side.

A native of Tallahassee, Gene was born November 4, 1934 to the late Alma (Gatlin) and Talmadge Sellers. He attended Sealy Elementary School and Leon High School, where he participated in the first Oliver Hobbs Band and graduated in the class of 1952.

In 1956 he received his B.S. in Chemistry from Florida State University. Following graduation, he was selected as the first forensic chemist at the Florida Sheriff's Bureau. He served in the US Army chemical corp and then worked as a toxicologist in the Alabama Department of Toxicology and Criminal Investigations.

Gene changed his profession by enrolling at the University of Florida College of Law, where he received his Juris Doctor in 1962. He then joined the Griggs & Meadows Law Firm in Cocoa, FL. In 1965, Gene returned to Tallahassee where he began a long career as a government lawyer. He served as Senior Attorney and Assistant General Counsel for the Florida Industrial Commission, State Board of Education, and Florida Department of Revenue, retiring after 38 years of state service. He was an active member of The Florida Bar for

over 50 years.

Gene has been an active member of Christian Heritage Church all his life. He began as the pianist at the church at the age of 14, and served over 60 years. He also served on the local and international church boards for many years. Gene helped found the Tallahassee chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International and served as the local chapter president for over 20 years. Gene was a long time participant in the meals on wheels program with Elder Care Services of the Big Bend. Long a staunch supporter of Florida State University and a member of the Seminole Boosters since 1965, he served on the National Board of the FSU Emeritus Alumni Society.

Gene played the piano at countless religious and church conventions for many years. In addition, he accompanied his wife Connie who sang as a soloist at many religious meetings, conventions and gatherings throughout the United States and Canada. Gene loved the red clay hills of Tallahassee and spent his leisure time hunting and fishing from the time he was a small child.

Gene is survived by his wife of 59 years, Connie Sellers (née Allen), his daughter Lori Fender (Carl), and his granddaughters Whitney Herrington (John) and Ashley Carey, all of Tallahassee. He is predeceased by his son Steven Lee Sellers and his parents Alma (Gatlin) and Talmadge Sellers.

A memorial service to celebrate Gene's life will be held at Christian Heritage Church, 2820 Sharer Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32312 on Saturday, September 16, at 2 P.M. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to SamaritansPurse.org (with Franklin Graham) to benefit Hurricane Harvey relief. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.abbeyfh.com.

Previous Events

Service

SEP **16.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Christian Heritage Church
2820 Sharer Road
Tallahassee, FL 32312

Tribute Wall



“ 52 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens - September 08, 2017 at 11:06 AM

TB

“ *Connie: I worked with Gene at the Department of Revenue for about 10 years and he was one of the kindest people I have had the pleasure of working with. A passionate Seminole fan, Gene was always willing to help others and was as dependable as someone can be. He will be missed by many and I know you will miss him every day. May God bless you and your family as you deal with your loss.*

Tom Barnhart - September 07, 2017 at 09:41 PM

KH

“ *Dear Connie - We were so very sorry to hear of Gene's passing. He was such a fine man and always had a smile and a sweet hug every time we ran into him. You two always set the example of a Godly/loving couple and we feel blessed to be your friends. We are sending you prayers of comfort. Love, Kaye and Joe Hyde*

Kaye Hyde - September 07, 2017 at 09:29 AM

KB

“ I am blessed to have known this wonderful, kind man. He and Connie became my friends through our attending Seekers Fellowship in Thomasville, GA. I loved it when he played the piano and Connie sang - the perfect accompanist to her beautiful voice. I loved how they communicated when they were doing the music for us. He was an amazing pianist who could have put Scott Joplin to shame. He also was an avid note taker which impressed me a lot. Gene will be greatly missed, but glad that he is with his Lord. He was definitely one of a kind, multi-talented man who didn't have a lazy bone in his body.

Kate Buchanan - September 05, 2017 at 11:38 AM

LS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. May the God of all comfort show Himself strong to you as you walk through your valley of grieving and adjustment.

I know that for the remainder of your life in this temporal state, there will be an empty place. Fortunately, we know that this is not the end and that Gene is now truly alive and waiting for you to join him when your journey here has been completed.

Gene ran his race well. You have much to celebrate in the wonderful life he lived and the love you shared. However, the better that relationship is, the more it is missed and the bigger the void.

May you be encompassed about by the Comforter and may the Peace that passes our understanding guard your heart as you move through this transition season and beyond.

Laurie Skipper

Laurie E. Skipper - September 04, 2017 at 09:46 PM

PJ

“ Mr. Gene Sellers is one of the most gentle souls I have been privileged to have ever known. He parallels the life of Jabez in the Bible who prayed to God "If only You will bless me, extend my border and equip me to handle more responsibilities, let Your hand be with me, and keep me from harm, so that I will not cause pain or displeasure to any person." And God granted his request, and so it was with Gene. He was kind and full of compassion and reached out his hand to bless. God bless the memories of this kind man!

Pastor Don & Phyllis Jackson - September 04, 2017 at 08:40 PM

LC

“ We were heartbroken to learn of Gene's passing, and we'll always remember his beautiful piano playing and his incredible dry sense of humor. He was so much fun! A line from a favorite poem of ours by the British poet Campbell reads:

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

Gene will live on in many hearts because he touched many lives.

*With heartfelt sympathy,
Dale and Linda Croy*

Linda Croy - September 03, 2017 at 04:21 PM

SD

“ Prayers for Connie & Lori on the passing of Gene. So many fond memories at the Bunco parties. May God wrap his arms around you & provide comfort. Sandy Durrant



Sandy Durrant - September 03, 2017 at 01:24 PM

KL

“ *Mrs. Sellers and Lori,
We are deeply saddened by the news of your loss. We pray that
God will grant you the strength needed to get through this moment
in your life. Our most sincere condolences.
Kelly and Claire Logan*

Kelly and Claire Logan - September 03, 2017 at 10:36 AM

 Sharon
Elsberry

“ *Dear Connie & family, We were sad to hear of
Gene's passing. He was a wonderful man for
so many reasons. He will be truly missed by
all who knew him. Sending you our love,
prayers, and a hug. My God provide comfort
as only He can during this difficult time. --Jimmy & Sharon Elsberry*



Sharon Elsberry - September 03, 2017 at 09:01 AM