



## Eugene Johnson Burney

September 22, 1924 - January 13, 2007

Eugene J. "Gene" Burney, was born September 22, 1924 in Camp Verde, raised in Center Point Texas, and died January 13, 2007 in Georgetown Texas. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Winnie D. "Pete" Burney, daughters Kay Lance and husband Charles, and Judy E'Lane Lefforge and husband

Paul, all from the Georgetown area. He also leaves grandsons Jay Lefforge with wife Gwendy and Chris Lefforge, and granddaughters Susan Lance Briggs, Judy Lance Goodfellow, and Karen Lance Hairston, and their husbands Larry, Tim, and John Michael. Gene is also survived by 7 great grandchildren, and many in-laws, nieces and nephews, whom he loved dearly. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Carol, Gary and Victor, and by his granddaughter Lara Lefforge. Gene was born into a colorful Texas family and raised in the Texas Hill Country , where he and his brothers shared the adventures of growing up in the country. Graduating from high school during WWII, he joined what was at that time the Army Air Corps. He was chosen out of a large class to become an officer and a pilot. The war ended during his training, but the Air Force became his career until his retirement in 1968. Gene and Pete married in 1944 and began a relationship that would last a lifetime and would take them around the world. They were devoted to each other and were best friends to the end. Early in their marriage they were stationed in California, New Mexico and South Dakota. Later they would live in England, Massachusetts, and Tennessee. They traveled to

many other states and countries, but they always kept a home in San Antonio, where they returned after his retirement. Even though their lives were full, they always had time to help their families and friends in times of need. Gene and Pete lived in San Antonio until 2005, when they moved to Sun City in Georgetown to be closer to their daughters and their families. Gene had an amazing ability to relate to anyone, regardless of age, background, occupation or station in life. He was comfortable with himself and was truly interested in others. He was a FUN person, with a quick wit, a contagious laugh and the ability to see humor in the world around him. He was a 'Darling', a Daddy, Granddaddy, Uncle Gene, 'Babe', and Colonel Burney. He was a pilot, a hunter, a golfer, a craftsman, a skilled handyman and a master storyteller. But most of all, he was an amazing man whose life has left an indelible stamp on those around him. His influence and memory will remain for generations, and he will be sorely missed.

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ *"Babe" was my mother's first cousin and although I never spent a lot of time with him, when I did see he and "Pete" at family reunions at my grandparents' home or most recently at my mother's home, he was always gracious and kind. He was an interesting pe*

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**Steve Hamlyn** - January 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *I was raised with/and around the Burney Family Edna Burney was my mom's sister. I remember how much fun Gene was at the family reunions. He will be missed.*

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**Johnny & Geneva Heard** - January 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *God knew what he was doing when he sent Gene to this earth. We all loved him....He was a good "cousin" to all of the Burney bunch....*

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**Peggy McKanna** - January 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *so sorry for your loss*

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**daniel burney** - January 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SB

*Thank you for writing this. I am doing a family tree. This is my very loved grandfather. I would love to know more about his side of the family!!!*

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**Susan Briggs** - April 02, 2020 at 03:07 PM

CH

“ Gene & Pete Burney are among my dearest friends. My prayers are with the family of Gene and I know they will have beautiful memories of the wonderful times with Gene. I know I will continue to thank the Lord for Gene's friendship.

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**Charles W Hodgson** - January 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Our thoughts, love and prayers are with you.

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**Judy Lester and Sue Allgood** - January 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ I remember Mr. Burney from another life, long ago and far away. He struck me then as a source of energy and adventure for his family, with a depth of intellect and a breadth of curiosity. May all of his loved ones find peace and comfort during this time

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**C. Ed Davis** - January 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ I sure remember great times with 19th LSS. We have had a wonderful life Blessed with family and love. See you when I get there. Gene

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**Eugene Comontofski** - January 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Kay, E'lane and family,

*Please know that you will be in my prayers. You can rest in the knowledge that you did right by your father. What a wonderful witness to your children and grandchildren. I know how difficult it can be after such a long time o*

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**Cynthia Stien** - January 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM