



Eugene J. Fincke

September 25, 1918 - May 16, 2009

Fincke, Eugene Julius, age 90, passed away peacefully in his sleep on May 15, 2009 in his home at Morningside Meadows retirement community in San Antonio, Texas. Beloved son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather, he was born September 25, 1918 in Camp Stanley, Texas to Ervin Fincke and Louise Moreau Fincke. A life-long San Antonio, Texas resident, Eugene along with his brothers Rudolph and Ralph served in World War II with Eugene serving in the US Navy in the Pacific Theater from October 1944 through February 1946. Upon returning from serving his nation he worked for the San Antonio Police Department as a Electronic Technician for 43 years before retiring. In his younger years he was an excellent athlete, baseball player, avid hunter and fisherman. Deeply religious and devoted to serving his church, Bethany Presbyterian Church, he was a deacon and elder. He was a life-member Past Master Mason, Past Worshipful Master of Bluebonnet Lodge #1219 and an endowed, 32° member of the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry. He neither asked for nor sought recognition for his many acts of charity, benevolence and kindness. A self-made man with integrity, character, warmth and humor, in his later life he enjoyed traveling with his Good Sam Club, playing cards with his friends, being with his family and supporting his church. He made the world a better place for those who had the good fortune to know him.

He was preceded in death his by brothers Rudolph Fincke of Uvalde, Texas and Ralph Fincke of Bertram, Texas; his sister, Ethel Fincke Needham of San

Antonio, Texas; his first wife of 48 years, Opal Fay Thornsberry Fincke of Leslie, Arkansas, who died in 1988; son, Glen Ervin Fincke, who died in 1953; and second wife, Mary Schlichting Fincke of San Antonio, Texas, who died in 2003. Survivors include his son, Dale Eugene Fincke and wife Susan of Alexandria, Virginia; Grandsons Dale Eugene Fincke, Jr., of Amarillo, Texas and Christopher Stephen Fincke of Mansfield, Texas; two great grandchildren - Carla Christine Fincke and Christopher Nicholas Fincke of Mansfield, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Other Survivors include step-daughters by his second wife: Karen Schlichting Young and husband John of New Braunfels, Texas, Debbie Schlichting Georgacakis and husband Deno of Spring Branch, Texas, Gail Schlichting Saunders and husband Larry of San Antonio, Texas; step son Jeff Schlichting of Austin Texas; and many great step-grandchildren.

The Fincke family will receive friends at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, May 22, 2009. The funeral service will be held at on Saturday, May 23, 2009 at 1:00 PM at Bethany Presbyterian Church with interment following at Mission Burial Park South.

Tribute Wall

AY

“ Grandpa,
I was thinking about you today and how much I missed you. I am sorry I was unable to attend your funeral at the time. I love you and miss you lots.

If somehow a family member still gets this message it would be great if you would email me b

Alyssa Young - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dale and Susan, *You are in our thoughts and prayers as you endure the loss of your father. Although they are now at peace, it still breaks our hearts to lose a parent.*

John and Joanne Mosig

Joanne Mosig - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *To the family of Gene Fincke. Thanks for sharing your loved one with us in the Highland Lakes Good Sam Club. We always enjoyed Gene's warmth and humor. We will surely miss such a sweet member. Much love to all the family, Sharron & Benny*

Benny & Sharron Locklear - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Dale,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in the death of your dad.

Garold D. Gary Huey - May 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Eugene J. Fincke

Joan Goldman - May 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dale,
I send my condolences to you and your family. Your father was indeed a kind and wonderful person.
My husband, Clark Goldman, and I first knew Gene and Fay at Southeast Christian Church, also through the Lodge, and through accounting work Clark d

Joan Goldman - May 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AY

“ Grandpa Gene,
You are one of the most loving, caring, fun, and amazing grandparents that any granddaughter could ever ask for. I just wanted you to know that you mean the world to me whether you are here on earth or up in heaven, I love you and you are

Alyssa Young - May 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I'm at a loss for words. Only to say this is really a hard year for the ones we love the most....Uncle Gene will be missed

Bradley Marshall - May 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dale,

You have my deepest sympathies on the death of your Dad.

Doug Birr - May 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Enjoyed so much listening to Dale's stories of his grandfather, truly a great man who loved his family dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Darius and Kelly

Darius and Kelly Hammac - May 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FW

“ Marci and I are out of State at the moment or we would be there to say goodbye. Dad Fincke was an Icon in my life. During a time in my life when I had no direction in my life, Dad Fincke as part of the dad advisors for DeMolay put me back on the right tra

Frank Woolf - May 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ My deepest sorrow on the passing of your grandfather. You are in my prayers.

William Sistrunk - May 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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GB

“ Dale,
My thought and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Glen Burks - May 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Dale,

My heartfelt condolences go out to and your family in this trying time.

RL

Robert Long - May 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Dale
Sorry for your loss, my thoughts are with your and your family

Trent

Trent Thate - May 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Dale,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Steve and Corina Rudat - May 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Though Mr. Finke hadn't lived at our community for very long, we all fell immediately in love with him. His kind nature was magnetic. We are blessed to have gotten to know him and he will be missed by staff & residents alike.

Teresa Jones - May 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Eugene J. Fincke

Emory and Dawn Bluhm - May 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ There are a million memories of my Grandpa. As a child I remember my first fishing trip with Grandpa. As a Marine on Leave, I remember trying to get him to eat Calamari, and Grandpa calling it bait. Some of my best memories are much stronger. Grandpa f

Dale Eugene Fincke, Jr - May 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Eugene J. Fincke

Gail Fincke Conatser - May 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Gene was one of the most sincerely caring people I have ever known. He loved life and lived it to the fullest. Gene had a lot of tragedy in his live, but chose to dwell instead on the positives in his day to day living. He cared about everyone, and was n

Kit Farris - May 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Although I only had the honor of knowing "old funky" for a few years before he left us, my life was blessed by the time we spent together, mostly laughing and sharing stories. I will miss him and think of him often, especially when I am on the Guadalupe

David D. Turner - May 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Many great stories from Dale...Eugene sounds like a fine, respectable, wonderful man...with many people in his life that adored him. Much love and prayers. Michelle Myers and Aaron Bonds.

Aaron Bonds and Michelle Myers - May 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Eugene J. Fincke

Robert & Jana Bluhm - May 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM