



Luther Eugene Edwards

September 6, 1936 - January 4, 2021

Luther Eugene (Gene/Buster) Edwards, age 84, of Lake Oconee passed away peacefully on Monday, January 4, 2021. He was born on September 6, 1936 in Atlanta, Georgia.

At a young age, Gene had an eye for opportunities to use his energy and imagination. At age 15, he and his best friend hand built a cabin on a lot in Mountain Park, Ga. To this day, the cabin is still occupied and loved by the original owner's family that purchased it from Gene.

Gene and his wife Barbara shared a wonderful marriage for 65 years building a loving family in Conyers, Ga and later years at Lake Oconee. There were many business doors open thru the years allowing him to meet lasting friends all over the southeast and assisting Barbara with a real estate company in Conyers.

As retirement seemed near, Gene built their dream home on Lake Oconee; however, retirement wasn't in the future, Gene saw another opportunity and built Lake Oconee Self Storage; which has served the community for 13 years.

Gene's heart belonged to the Lord and he was a servant every day. He was a director for Middle Georgia Christian Foodbank serving the coal miner areas

of West Virginia and Kentucky including delivering food several times a year. Also, he was a member of the Rotary Club of Green and Putnam County giving him the opportunity to deliver Meals on Wheels to Green County residents. In Conyers, he served as an elder in Smyrna Presbyterian Church and currently was a member of Crossroads Baptist Church of Eatonton.

Mainly, Gene/Buster/Pawpaw loved spending time with his family: at the lake or traveling out west exploring the countryside or skiing in the winter. He loved horses, tractors, cars and boating. His grandchildren will remember the times spent with him patiently teaching them to ski. When entertaining family: as a highlight, he loved cooking a big breakfast for everyone.

Those who knew him will remember his faith in God, his smile, optimism, ambition, great conversation, and love of others. He was a true Southern Gentleman.

He is preceded in death by his parents; J.B. and Mildred Edwards: sister, Margaret Dutton and brother-in-law Harry Monroe.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; son, Jeff Edwards (Glenda); daughter, Lisa Slocum (Bob); grandchildren, Heath Edwards (Jennifer), Caleb Edwards (Christy), Sarah Slocum, Sam Slocum, Molly White (Beau), Robb Slocum: great-grandchildren, Jackson, McClain, and Charlotte White and AnnaClaire Edwards: sisters, Juanita Monroe, Sandra Bartlett (George): brother: Joel Edwards (Janelle).

Graveside service at Riverview Memorial Park in Smyrna, Ga on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 11:00 AM, officiated by Pastor John McMillian, Jr. Arrangements have been entrusted to Scot Ward Funeral Services.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Gene to Crossroads

Baptist Church Building Fund, 106 S. Wesley Chapel Road, Eatonton, Ga 31024 or your favorite charity.

Isaiah 41;10--So do not fear, for I am with you: do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you: I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA 30012, 770-483-7216.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Memorial Park

5411 South Cobb Drive
Smyrna, GA 30080

Previous Events

Service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Smyrna, GA 30080

Tribute Wall



“ *Scot Ward Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Luther Eugene Edwards*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - January 08, 2021 at 10:20 AM

FA

Dear Barbara, so sorry to hear about Buster's passing. Fran and I wish you all of God's love and grace in this time of need. Peace and joy for you. Fred and Fran Adams

Fred Adams - January 08, 2021 at 05:04 PM

SM

Sweet Edwards family, I was so sorry to hear about Gene. What a wonderful, kind man! Heaven is rejoicing! I know your hearts are heavy. Praying for strength during this time! So happy to have known you all. Love, Susan Misere

susan misere - January 09, 2021 at 09:22 PM

BW

“ Gene and I cooked many a hamburger at Rotary outings over the years. I was supposed to be the Chef and Gene the helper. That got turned around pretty quick and for the better once he saw the mess I was making. We had some fine talks while cooking. He comes to mind every time I grill hamburgers. I know he is saving us a place at “ The Happy Table”.

*Buddy Watts
Lakeway, TX*

Buddy Watts - May 13, 2022 at 05:40 PM

GT

“ Gene was a kind hearted man who always had time to chat, and always had a smile on his face. I remember fondly the discussions we had while in Rotary as well as when he would visit my Cleaners. Gene was one of those people that seemed to always have a positive, friendly, and welcoming spirit. My sincere condolences to Barbara and to the entire Edwards family. Gene was a good man and made a positive impact on many lives.

Gene Thurston

Gene Thurston - January 16, 2021 at 03:06 PM

GB

“ So sad to hear about our friend's sudden passing. I learned a lot from Gene and working closely with him for all those years was one of the most enjoyable parts of my life. The worry is over now and can be replaced with sweet memories. All our love to the entire Edwards clan.

Gary and Linda Brown

Gary Brown - January 12, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ Jimmy and I are so very sorry to hear about sweet Buster. He had one of the greatest servant hearts of any one I knew. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Jimmy & Mandy Cooper

Amanda Cooper - January 09, 2021 at 02:02 PM



“ Dear Barbara, Jeff, Lisa and all of your family, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers today and in the days ahead as you grieve the loss of Buster. He was a great kind man and all of you, his beautiful family, are his wonderful legacy. He was a great role model to me when I was growing up at Smyrna Presbyterian Church and one of most positive and gracious men I have ever known.
Curtis & Kristin Smith

Curtis Smith - January 09, 2021 at 09:28 AM



“ I seldom ever saw Buster when he didn't have a smile on his face and a cheerful word to say.
I'm sure God has already said to him, "well done thou good and faithful servant, Enter into thy Master's rest".
Jack Thompson..

Jack Thompson - January 08, 2021 at 07:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Luther Eugene Edwards.



January 08, 2021 at 05:10 PM



“ *Gene, thanks for the talks we had. I will miss you.*

Ed Schumacher - January 08, 2021 at 02:51 PM



“ *Carol and I send our sincerest sympathy to Barbara and the Edwards in the death of Buster, a really fine Southern gentlemen and a good businessman.*
Ellis Dunbar

Ellis Dunbar - January 08, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Luther Eugene Edwards.*



January 08, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ *I rejoiced at the happiness of my classmate at the marriage of Barbara and Buster on the day after our graduation. Over the years Linda and I have had brief visits with the two of them over these 65 years and seeing the lasting and deep love between the two of them. We pray for the soul of Buster and the support of Barbara in this temporary parting. We know there will be a rejoining of these two beautiful souls in the future and lasting forever.*

Bill & Linda Thompson - January 08, 2021 at 11:13 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Luther Eugene Edwards.



January 08, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ 83 files added to the album Life Tributes



Scot Ward Funeral Services - January 07, 2021 at 01:33 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Luther Eugene Edwards.



January 07, 2021 at 11:44 AM

CJ

“ *Charlotte And Marty Jones lit a candle in memory of Luther Eugene Edwards*



Charlotte and Marty Jones - January 07, 2021 at 10:22 AM

CJ

*What a tremendous loss for everyone who knew Buster. He's a special person who will never be forgotten. The world has lost a loving man. No one else like him.
Love, prayers, and great sadness,
Charlotte and Marty Jones*

Charlotte and Marty Jones - January 07, 2021 at 10:29 AM

MJ

“ *We had the honor and privilege of meeting Mr. Edwards just this past year when we moved into his neighborhood, after having known his son's family for many many years. His graciousness and generosity, his quiet and sweet demeanor, and his beautiful smile won our hearts immediately. We were so looking forward to getting to know him better. What a wonderful servant of the Lord and family patriarch, and example of a life well lived and well loved. But what a loss to the family. We are so very sorry for your loss and send our prayers and support. Love - Matt and Angie*

Matt & Angie Johnson - January 07, 2021 at 10:20 AM

LA

“ *Jeff, sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Praying for your family and for God to surround you with His peace.*

lana alexander - January 07, 2021 at 09:53 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Luther Eugene Edwards.*



January 07, 2021 at 09:49 AM



“ *Matt & Angie Johnson purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Luther Eugene Edwards.*



Matt & Angie Johnson - January 07, 2021 at 09:30 AM



“ *Matt & Angie Johnson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Luther Eugene Edwards.*



Matt & Angie Johnson - January 07, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ *Barbara, Jeff and Family, I am so sorry to hear about Buster, Buster was a friend of my Fathers and mine <when I was a little boy, I would wait every afternoon on 212 for him, He would always slow down, blow his horn and holler at me, He was fine man and I looked up to him, I will miss him I loved Buster, My thoughts and prayers are with your Family. Gary Goddard*

Gary - January 06, 2021 at 08:00 PM

GD

“ *Grady Dukes lit a candle in memory of Luther Eugene Edwards*



Grady Dukes - January 06, 2021 at 06:47 PM

LJ

“ *Love, Margie and Jerry purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Luther Eugene Edwards.*



Love, Margie and Jerry - January 06, 2021 at 05:17 PM

YA

“ *Your new neighbor Steve and Nell Arnold purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Luther Eugene Edwards.*



Your new neighbor Steve and Nell Arnold - January 06, 2021 at 05:07 PM

PB

“ *He was one of the kindest men i have ever known. He showed God's love to all and I know he will be missed by so many. My condolences to Barbara and the entire family.*
Pam Bunn

Pam Bunn - January 06, 2021 at 03:56 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Luther Eugene Edwards.* ”



January 06, 2021 at 03:28 PM