



Eugene "Gene" Arthur Smith

September 5, 2023

On Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at the age of 84, Eugene 'Gene' Arthur Smith went home to his eternal rest, into the arms of his Saviour, Jesus Christ. Gene was husband to Monica 'Nola' Smith for 58 years, father to Sheldon and Monique, and grandfather to Simeon.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert & Ena Smith, brothers George, Lionel, John, Wilfred, and Clifford Smith, and sisters Irma and Elizabeth Smith. He leaves behind brothers Allan, Stanley, and George Smith, as well as many cherished nieces and nephews.

Gene was born on April 17, 1939 on the island of St. Vincent. Early in his life, he developed a love for travelling and found employment on a sailing vessel, which took him through many parts of the world. In 1964, he joined his siblings, who had migrated to the U.S., assisting in his brother Allan's bakery, which was just getting started, before moving on to his intended destination, Toronto, ON. In Toronto, Gene reunited with his fiancée, Nola, and they married in 1965. The following year they welcomed their son Sheldon, and then 8 years later, their daughter Monique.

Gene owned a very successful auto-mechanic business for many years before making a significant career change – following in brother Allan's footsteps and starting a bakery business with his wife. For over 30 years, Hairoun Bakery was a well-known spot to the West Indian community in

Scarborough, ON and beyond.

Outside of work, Gene enjoyed playing a round of golf every once in a while, but his real passion was music. He never missed an opportunity to play his saxophone at any church or event to which he was invited.

The family would like to express heart-felt thanks to the staff at Shepherd Lodge Long-Term Care facility, who provided him with top-notch care during his stay.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held for Gene on Saturday, October 7 at Wesley Chapel Free Methodist Church in Scarborough, ON (2385 Warden Avenue). The service will begin at 11:00 am. For those unable to attend in person, the service will also be live-streamed via YouTube, which you can access via the church website: <https://www.wcfmto.com/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wesley Chapel Free Methodist Church
2385 Warden Avenue
Toronto, ON (CA)

Tribute Wall

WJ

“ Wendy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Eugene "Gene" Smith



Wendy Johnson - October 07, 2023 at 11:05 AM

JJ

“ My condolences to the family on the passing of their loved husband, father, brother and friend.

Gene, as I recall was always jovial, gave a good joke and doted on his children. He was kind and considerable as he went about his life. I had the privilege of receiving of his kind and considerate nature as I lived with the family during my early college years.

On a most recent visit, to Gene's dismay he heard that I had not had dumplings for ages. Upon returning from shopping, Gene surprised us all with a fish boil and of course coconut dumplings. He did warn that they would be the best I'll eat and they were.

May his soul rest in peace and his family relish in fond memories

jae jae - September 20, 2023 at 10:10 AM

AJ

“ My Condolences to the Smith family.

Adina James - September 13, 2023 at 02:41 PM

MJ

To Monique and mom, may the God of peace Comfort strengthen and keep you in his divine care. So sorry for your loss know that you are in my thoughts and prayers 💕

Mrs. Joseph - September 16, 2023 at 06:33 PM

FP

“ *Deepest condolence to the family*

Fitz Phillips - September 12, 2023 at 08:31 PM

TF

“ *Dear Monique and Family.
Ron and I are deeply saddened by your Dad's death We are happy that we got to meet the family We always felt Welcome and Enjoyed spending time at the Bakery
May you reflect on the strength that your Dad possessed .May the Family use that strength with God's Grace to make it through this difficult time ,
We hope that the Love and Support of Friends and Family will bring you Comfort .
Sincere Condolences to the Entire Family and Friends and those whose lives he touched
May he rest in peace,
From the Blackman Family
Ron ,Cynthia,Rachel,Raphael Bernice and Racquel*

The Blackman Family - September 11, 2023 at 06:41 PM

RM

My condolences to the family my thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time

Rosie McIntosh - September 30, 2023 at 12:44 PM

EL

My condolences to Nola, Monique and the entire family. It is indeed sad to experience the loss of a loved one but as Christians, we have hope. Paul in 1 Thess 13 & 14 tells us that there is hope in the resurrection. We will meet Gene again.

Ewan Lewis - October 09, 2023 at 09:19 AM