



## Gene Autry "Aut" Wood Jr.

August 13, 1964 - March 21, 2024

Waynesville, NC- Funeral Services for Gene Autry "Aut" Wood, Jr., 59, who entered into rest March 21, 2024, will be conducted Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock from the Posey Funeral Chapel, Dr. Paul W. Noe officiating. Burial will follow in Pineview Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Gene was born August 13, 1964, in Orangeburg, SC to the late Gene Autry and Bronell Driggers Wood, where he grew up and lived for many years. He had made Waynesville, NC his residence for the past eight years. Gene was a Service Technician for Ledbetter Heating and Air for over 20 years where he served the Waynesville, Canton and Ashville areas and was beloved by his customers. He enjoyed keeping his mind and hands busy by tinkering with odds and ends around his home, building projects fixing cars, or prepping his "Doomsday" stockpile. Gene loved all genres of music and watching movies. He enjoyed spending time with his family especially, taking his grandchildren, Chase, Jared, and Julianne to Jelly Belly's Candy Shop or taking his nephew, Hunter to Waffle House and teaching him to love music as much as he did.

Gene will be remembered for being a true, kind, and salt of the earth gentleman. He was known for his heart of gold, always willing to help others before himself. Gene was the king of procrastination and a jokester. He always told his family to "Drive Safe and I love you." He will be greatly missed

by all who knew him.

Surviving members left to cherish his memory include his wife of 4 years, Brenda Byars Wood; a daughter, Elizabeth Norton (Kevin) McCarthy; three grandchildren, Chase Harper, Jared Harper, and Julianne Harper; two sisters, Natalie (David) Sasser and Wanda Kay (Joe) Carney; a niece, Savana Grace Carney; a nephew, Hunter Wood; and his beloved fur babies, Bella and May.

Pallbearers will be Jared Harper, Hunter Wood, Chase Harper, David Sasser, Kevin McCarthy, and Gene McCarthy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society, [www.donate.cancer.org](http://www.donate.cancer.org) or Enhabit Hospice, 2743 Perimeter Parkway, Building 100, Ste 100, Augusta, GA 30909.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to the staff of Enhabit Hospice, especially, Jordan, Linda, and Lou Cindy for their compassionate and loving care for Mr. Wood.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta is in charge of arrangements (803) 278-1181.

# Cemetery Details

## Pineview Memorial Gardens

450 West Five Notch Road  
North Augusta, SC 29841

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors  
1307 Georgia Avenue  
North Augusta, SC

## Funeral Service

MAR 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

Posey Funeral Chapel  
1307 Georgia Avenue  
North Augusta, SC 29841

# Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Gene Autry "Aut" Wood Jr.



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - March 26, 2024 at 08:19 AM



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Gene Autry "Aut" Wood Jr.

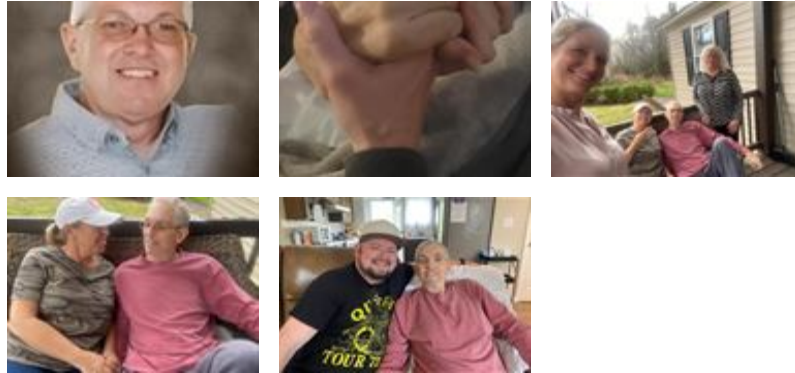


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**Posey Funeral Directors** - March 25, 2024 at 02:51 PM



“ 177 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - March 25, 2024 at 02:45 PM

WD

“ *I had the pleasure of working closely with Gene for over 7 years. It was such a blessing to have him in our lives each day. To know him was to love him💕 We shared many laughs together to help us get through the tough days at work....I even gave him the Italian nickname of "Geno"....I told him I saw him as the godfather of Ledbetter's. He is one of the most precious people I've had the pleasure of knowing. I was so blessed to have him as a friend! He always showed so much care for me and my family. He will be greatly missed but he will always be with us, people like Gene stay in your heart and soul always!*

*Sending love and comfort to his family! God blessed us all with having such a precious person to share life with!*

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**Wendy Dye** - March 23, 2024 at 09:57 AM

CJ

“ Childhood memories came flooding back yesterday when I found out of your passing. Then, Nat sent me this picture today & wow, the tears fell hard. We didn't see each other after our teen years, but our child hood will always remain in my heart. Love you Cuz & til we meet again. Give them a big hello❤️🙏❤️



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**Cindy Driggers Joyner** - March 22, 2024 at 08:52 PM

SW

“ Sally, Preston, Wes, Mitch, Amanda Wood purchased the Divine Light for the family of Gene Autry "Aut" Wood Jr..



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**Sally, Preston, Wes, Mitch, Amanda Wood** - March 22, 2024 at 11:24 AM

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“ Sally, Preston, Wes, Mitch, Amanda Wood planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gene Autry "Aut" Wood Jr..

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**Sally, Preston, Wes, Mitch, Amanda Wood** - March 22, 2024 at 11:24 AM

LK

“ *I can still see him as that little boy jumping and laughing on the bed. My deepest sympathies to all that love him. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. As long as he’s remembered, he’ll never truly be gone* 💜



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**LaVerne Kearse** - March 22, 2024 at 09:13 AM