



Gene Allan Richardson

October 17, 1932 - December 4, 2024

Gene was born at home in Kennett, Missouri, the youngest of five children, four surviving: Paul, Helen, June, and Gene. His parents, Irl and Pearl Richardson, were lifetime residents of southeast Missouri. Pearl was a homemaker, and Irl was a postal worker and Baptist pastor. Growing up in Kennett, Gene ran his own newspaper franchise and played tennis and football. He enjoyed choir and playing trumpet in a trio, the marching band, and a jazz band.

After graduating from high school in 1950, Gene attended Baylor University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Biology in 1954. He graduated from Baylor College of Medicine in 1957.

At 26, Gene combined his natural business sense and medical training to create a family practice in far west Sanderson, Texas. With the nearest hospital 65 miles away, he was the only doctor caring for this large rural county.

In 1959, Gene married Mary Margaret Collins. In 1960, they moved from Sanderson to Galveston, where he completed his residency in radiology before settling in Baytown, Texas. Gene practiced radiology, served on multiple hospital boards, and was President of East Harris County Medical Society. In 1973, Gene co-founded a mobile nuclear medicine company to

serve small U.S. hospitals.

In 1987, Gene and Mary moved to Hideaway, Texas. Gene retired from radiology at 58 and pursued investing in resources, real estate, and numismatic coins; fishing with family; golf with the Hideaway Duffers; and snow skiing with friends in Crested Butte until age 80.

Gene established a nonprofit organization, Ultrasound Fund for Latin America. He furnished ultrasound equipment and trained medical staff in small community hospitals in Mexico. Gene later joined Helps International. With an ultrasound machine in his backpack, he traveled with medical professionals to treat patients in isolated areas of Guatemala, many of whom walked 30 miles or more to be seen.

Gene lived adventurously, paving the way for family and groups of friends to travel together. As a lifelong learner, Gene discovered other cultures and world history through travel. Gene and Mary joined Baylor in the British Isles for five summers, where Gene and Dr. Bill Hillis developed a course for pre-med students. Gene and Mary then backpacked across Europe.

For 70 years, Gene actively supported Baylor University's academics, athletics, and mission. He attended over 220 Baylor football games and especially loved attending the games with his grandkids.

Gene enjoyed music throughout life and played trumpet in the Baylor marching band. He added rich bass harmonies to the Baylor Bards Men's Chorus, Hideaway Lake Community Church Choir, and quartets. Gene taught line-dancing and loved to jitterbug from his teens to his 90's.

In his book, *Gene's Memories*, Gene wrote, "I have had, and continue to have, a very fulfilling life. I have been so blessed to have a wonderful wife. I could

not have chosen a more perfect helpmate: Mary. My love for her has grown through the 65 years of our marriage. Our two children, Gene, Jr. and Kay have developed into such capable adults who have great character and wonderful personalities. I am so proud of them! Our grandchildren: Caroline, Daniel, and Kathryn have developed into superb young people. Each of them give me much joy – they are wonderful!”

Every year for 38 years, Gene and Mary hosted the Richardson-Cargill family reunion. In 2024, Gene shared with his beloved family: “God has given us gifts, and one of the greatest gifts he has given us is life itself. It allows us to enjoy our relationships with family and friends. So if you take faith, family, and friends, those are the three F’s we are to follow. And two attributes that God gives us that are very important are grace and mercy.”

Gene is survived by his wife, Mary; son, Gene A. Richardson, Jr. and wife, Jennifer of Dallas; daughter, Kay Martin-Richardson and husband, Eric of Port Townsend, WA; grandchildren Caroline Richardson Taylor and husband, Jack of Dallas; Daniel N. Richardson and Kathryn C. Richardson of Waco.

Gene’s life will be celebrated on Monday, December 16 at 10:00 am at Hideaway Lake Community Church, 1115 Lake Cross Rd, Hideaway, TX, reception following. Open visitation is on Sunday, December 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale. Memorial gifts may be made to the Hideaway Lake Community Church Music Ministry, Baylor University https://bbis.baylor.edu/give?id=49837&a=2&f=425SFVV&code=25_BOA_RICHARDSONFAM, and Trinity Christian Academy, Dallas <https://www.trinitychristian.org/give/give-now>

Cemetery Details

Restland Cemetery

13005 Greenville Road
Dallas, TX 75243

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
206 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771
(903) 882-3141
jeff@crdfh.com

Church Service

DEC 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

Hideaway Lake Community Church
1115 Lake Cross Road
Hideaway, TX

Tribute Wall

CS

“ Dear sweet Gene Sr. Love you and enjoy your next life with the Lord. We will miss you!! Love Charlotte Serold

Charlotte Serold - December 15, 2024 at 06:26 PM

EH

“ Gene was one of the "older" boys I looked up to as a kid. He was very kind to me. I was very thankful for his efforts in sponsoring the "mini" Kennett reunion several years ago. God speed and God bless. Brother Irl richardson baptized me during a revival at first Baptist Church in Kennett in 1947. Paul was my 8th grade science teacher at KHS.

Earl Husband - December 12, 2024 at 06:52 PM

ER

“ We met Gene, Mary and kids many years ago in Baytown. What a good man and family. Many shared memories with them. I remember the deer hunting trips with Gene, little Gene and Doc giving autopsy reports and we took care of harvested deer. Another memory was the time Gene had my mom make Kay a dress from a potato sack. He always told Kay she would look great in anything she wore, even a potato sack. Rest easy my friend, you have earned it. Thank you for your friendship.

E.J. "Punchy" and Linda Riley

E.J. Riley - December 12, 2024 at 11:51 AM

HA

“ Hon. Mark Alford and Leslie Alford purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Gene Allan Richardson.



Hon. Mark Alford and Leslie Alford - December 12, 2024 at 09:37 AM

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“ Hon. Mark Alford and Leslie Alford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gene Allan Richardson.

Hon. Mark Alford and Leslie Alford - December 12, 2024 at 09:37 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Gene Allan Richardson.



December 11, 2024 at 09:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gene Allan Richardson.

December 11, 2024 at 09:54 PM

OA

“ Gene and I arrived in Hideaway about the same time. We were both retired and no longer had the pressure of our careers just looking to live out our years having fun. We hit it off ver quickly thru common interests such as skiing, church, family activities. We enjoyed some 30 years of friendship. He was my “second option” guy for the illness I had through the year and was always right!! After having good friends from school and business I thought I would never find another friend so great. Gene corrected that thought so quickly. He always had my back and was there. He was a gentleman in ever sense. I will miss him every day! Omer Adams

omer adams - December 11, 2024 at 05:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gene Allan Richardson.



December 11, 2024 at 09:26 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gene Allan Richardson.

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RT

“ I don't remember exactly how we met but Gene always treated me like his best friend. I think he treated everyone like that. Seeing his smile and warm greetings always brought me great joy and I loved him like my own father. I look forward to seeing Gene again in heaven.

Ron Tamlyn - December 10, 2024 at 06:42 PM

JL

“ We are so sorry to hear of Gene’s passing. We have such happy memories of spending time with Mary and Gene. John enjoyed playing golf with Gene in Sedona only 6 weeks after he had both knees replaced. We feel so blessed to have moved to Hideaway and met the Richardsons.
John and Kay Loucks

John Loucks - December 09, 2024 at 03:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gene Allan Richardson.



December 08, 2024 at 12:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gene Allan Richardson.

December 08, 2024 at 12:18 PM

JM

“ I met Gene years ago at Line dance. He was a very special man, Rest in Peace. I remember he loved to help Missionaries 🙏❤️

Joan Margaret Mullen - December 06, 2024 at 02:19 PM

PO

“ My family and I have so many wonderful memories of Big Gene. The camping trips that the O'Rears and Richardsons shared at River Bend campground near Leakey, Texas top that list of memories. This is where Gene inherited the name "Boudreaux." He was such a fun-loving person and cared genuinely for others. My life is forever blessed because Boudreaux has been part of it. Mary, "Little Gene," and Kay, we love you guys dearly and are so thankful that you guys are family.

Paul O'Rear - December 05, 2024 at 05:19 PM

KM

Thank you Paul for your memories of fun-loving Big Gene. We love you and cherish our cousin camping trips together. Always, Kay

Kay Martin-Richardson - December 06, 2024 at 02:47 PM

GS

Gene and Mary welcomed my wife and I into their home. Gene was a very special man who was honest, wise, and kind. He treated me like a son and I will always be very grateful for our friendship. Rest easy my friend, I know you're sharing love high above the clouds.

Mary take comfort in knowing that Gene's spirit is in heaven with family and friends. Cherish the multitude of memories from your journey through life together, and look forward to the day when you will reunite once again.

Greg & Nhan Shishmanian

Greg Shishmanian - February 20, 2025 at 12:11 PM