



Gene Russell Hallmark

July 17, 1948 - May 25, 2026

Gene Russell Hallmark passed away peacefully at home on May 25th, 2026 surrounded by those he loved most. Gene is preceded in death by his parents, Willard and Dorothy Hallmark, his brother, O'Neal Hallmark, and his granddaughter, Alyssa "Lyssy" Carroll.

Gene is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Wanda Hallmark, who he affectionally called "Gail." He also leaves behind his children: Debbie "Bird" Love (Danny), Dana "Roots" Bailey (Jimmy), Jason "R" Hallmark, Jonathan "Snap" Dearman, and Christopher Dearman.

Gene is also survived by his grandchildren: Ashley Coppock "Ashleylett" (Tyler), Brooke Reeves (Jon), Ash Hallmark (Heather), Amber Hallmark, Lily Hallmark, Aleigha Bailey and Kaylee Bailey . Gene is also survived by a host of great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and his sister, Lois Tate (Don).

Gene worked all of his life as an auto mechanic and took great pride in opening and operating his own shop, Cane Creek Auto. He was known for joking around and giving everyone around him a personal nickname.

He loved fishing, camping, traveling across the US, and despite being a diabetic, he was a lover of all things sweet. So much so, a chocolate donut was one of the last things he ate. Gene was always tinkering with different projects around the house. After he retired, he found an interest in working on small engines. He rarely sat still for long and enjoyed staying busy.

Gene was a member of Decatur Highway Church of Christ where he and Wanda attended for many years. His love for his family, dedication to his work, and the many friendships he built throughout his life will never be forgotten. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, his strength, and the lasting impact he made on everyone who knew him. His memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved him.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 2pm at Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Mt. Zion Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 1pm to 2pm.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery

2427 Corner Road
Warrior, AL 35180

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home
2214 Decatur Highway
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Funeral Service

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