



# Eugene Wayne "Gene" Jantz

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Eugene Wayne "Gene" Jantz, 81, passed away Monday, February 29, 2016, in Christus St. Patrick Hospital in Lake Charles, LA. He was born on June 30, 1934, in Ulysses, KS, to Amos Benjamin and Adena Gay Kahn Jantz. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2016, at 10 A.M., in Labby Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in DeRidder with Rev. Lindsey Burns officiating. Burial will follow in Beauregard Cemetery under the direction of Labby Memorial Funeral Home in DeRidder. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, in the funeral home from 5 P.M. until 8 P.M., and Thursday, March 3, 2016, from 9 A.M. until time of the service.

"Gene" is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mary Lou Jantz; son, Shannon Jantz(Peggy); daughter, Kelly Cronce (Joe); son-in-law Byron Cooley, all of DeRidder, LA; sister, Thelma Koehn of Leland, MS; eight grandchildren, Matthew, Brandon, Kayley, Kade, Andrew, Chance, Chase and Kirby; three great grandchildren, Fynnlie, Kynli and Korben. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter, Marlanea Cooley, and seven brothers and sisters.

He moved to DeRidder at the age of three where he lived for most of his life. He was owner of Simmons Hardware in DeRidder since 1962. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in DeRidder. Gene enjoyed hunting, fishing and boating and loved his family and especially his grandchildren, dearly. He was a member of Deep South Equipment Dealers Association and served on the board of directors from 1999 thru 2002.



## Tribute Wall

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**Linda G Davis** posted:

Mary Lou, my heart goes to the family and our memories shall never be forgotten, Gene was a great man and was a encouragement for me during my time to help Richard in his last day, God Bless all of you and give you comfort during these time of lost.

March 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

The Graves Family sends there condolences, so sorry for your loss. The Graves Family, Pat, Mike, Danny, Tim and David.

March 2 at 7:00 PM



**Mural Cormie** posted:

Dear Mary Lou and the "Gene" Jantz family, Camille and I first met Gene at Simmons' in 1990. You and He became our Christian friends when we joined FBC DeRidder in '1991. We deeply respected Gene's kindness to us and his customers and his business acumen as we visited his store over the years. We were privileged to have served with you, Mary Lou, in our Church's prayer ministry where we were encouraged by yours and Gene's faith even in very difficult times. Our sympathies and prayers go out to you and to Kelly and Shannon and your grand and great grand children and all who loved and revered Gene.

March 1 at 7:00 PM



**Mural Cormie** posted:

Camille and I first met Mr. Eugene Jantz at Simmons' in 1990. He and Mary Lou became our Christian friends when we joined FBC DeRidder in '1991. We deeply respected Gene's kindness to his customers and his business acumen as we visited at his store over the years. We were privileged to have served with Mary Lou many years in our Church's prayer ministry where we were encouraged by her's and Gene's strong faith even in the most difficult times. Our sympathies and prayers go out to Mary Lou, Kelly, Shannon and the grand and great grand children and the Jantz family! Mural and Camille Cormie and Family

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**Frances Crawford** posted:

Mary Lou, so sorry for you and your family's loss! Am praying for you!

March 1 at 7:00 PM



**Bettie Hubbard** posted:

Kelly, my deepest heartfelt condolences to you, and your family! I was saddened to hear of this news. My thoughts and prayers for you, and your family.

March 1 at 7:00 PM



**Belinda Farquhar Strittmatter** posted:

I am so very sorry for your loss. We'll be keeping the whole family in our prayers.

March 1 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mary Lou, We consider you and Gene the best friends we ever had. So sorry for your loss. Carroll and Sharon Fikes

March 1 at 7:00 PM



**Wesley & Doretta Taylor** posted:

So sorry for your loss.

March 1 at 7:00 PM



**Donna Kelly** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Will keep you all in my prayers.

March 1 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mary Lou, I am so sorry for your loss! Gene was a great man and good friend! Carney J MIDKIFF

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DB

**Denise Bailey** posted:

This wonderful man will be missed by all who knew him

February 29 at 7:00 PM

MH

**Mark Hanchey** posted:

Best wishes from the Hanchey family.

February 29 at 7:00 PM

AL

**Ashur Lindsey** posted:

We are so sorry for yalls loss he was a great man fron the lindsey's Glen and Ashur

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PS

**Phil & Carolyn Simmons** posted:

My husband and I are very sorry for your loss...Mr. Jantz was such a nice man and he was always ready to help you find what you were looking for...he will be missed.

February 29 at 7:00 PM

GF

**Georgia (Havens) Franks** posted:

So sorry to hear of your loss, always a smile when I come in ...I could never ask for anyone to have been any nicer to my daughter (Tiffany (Beard) Cooper when she worked for him. Sending my prayers & love

February 29 at 7:00 PM

KT

**Karen Drake-Townsend** posted:

I am soooo sorry for your loss. Mr. Jantz was such a sweet man. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Anonymous** posted:

So sorry to hear about Gene's passing. He was a dear friend who I enjoyed visiting with. Grady & Nancy Stephens

February 29 at 7:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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