



## James E. "Gene" Carnation

February 13, 1955 - June 8, 2023

James E. "Gene" Carnation, 68, died on June 8th, 2023, in Tyler, Texas, with his wife and daughters by his side.

Gene was born February 13, 1955, in DeQueen, Arkansas. He graduated from Texas High in Texarkana, Texas. Gene accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at a young age and continued to follow Jesus all his life. He loved nature, enjoying all of God's creation. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved to hunt and fish, especially with his girls, grandkids and brother. He also loved working in his garden and always had plenty of tomatoes to share with friends and family. Flowers were always in abundance in his yard and he often had a handpicked bouquet in the house for his girls. Gene had a strong work ethic and always provided well for his family, retiring from AT&T in 2015.

Gene was preceded in death by his father James T. Thompson, his mother Lyda M. Reinheimer, and his stepfather Charles R. Carnation.

He is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Jeanine Carnation; daughter, Jillian Carter and husband Bryan of Tyler; daughter Jocelyn Carnation of Tyler; grandkids Audra, William, Anna, and Cameron; sister Viki Smith and husband Ken of Laguna Beach, California; brother Alan Carnation and wife Joy of Hughes Springs; and his loving mother-in-law, Joene Bryant of Tyler.

Friends and family visitation will be Tuesday, June 13th, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University  
Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701 ([www.hospiceofeasttexas.org](http://www.hospiceofeasttexas.org)).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 13. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James E. "Gene" Carnation



Stewart Family Funeral Home - June 12, 2023 at 03:46 PM

LR

“ Deepest sympathy, friend, in the loss of your dearest husband. It has been a long battle but we know Christ is the victor. One breath here and the next with Jesus. Praise God for that comfort.

Lynda S Ragan - June 13, 2023 at 04:08 PM

KJ

“ Gene was a joy to work with. Always willing to help with a smile on his face. Always talking about Jeanine and his girls. He showed his Christianity by helping others who were having trouble out on a job. My prayer is that the Lord will comfort your broken hearts because I know he will be missed.

Katie Jeter - June 13, 2023 at 01:58 PM

SS

“ Jeanine, it's been a long time but I wanted to express my deepest sympathy during this time. May God give you peace and comfort.  
Shirley Sloan

Shirley Sloan - June 13, 2023 at 09:38 AM

DG

“ In the late 80's Gary met Gene while working at Bonar. When they were both laid off they applied for, tested and went to work for Southwestern Bell together. Shortly after Gene retired Gary retired but they always stayed in touch. Gene was more like Gary's brother than a friend. I have never met his girls but I feel like I know them. Gene and I used to set outside on break and he always talked about Jeanine and the girls. He loved them all dearly and was so proud of his family. Gene was a devoted friend and family man. He will never be forgotten.

Deborah Viken Glenn - June 12, 2023 at 06:26 PM

GG

“ Gary and Debbie Glenn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James E. "Gene" Carnation.

Gary and Debbie Glenn - June 12, 2023 at 06:15 PM

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“ Gary and Debbie Glenn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James E. "Gene" Carnation.



Gary and Debbie Glenn - June 12, 2023 at 06:15 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James E. "Gene" Carnation.



June 12, 2023 at 04:45 PM

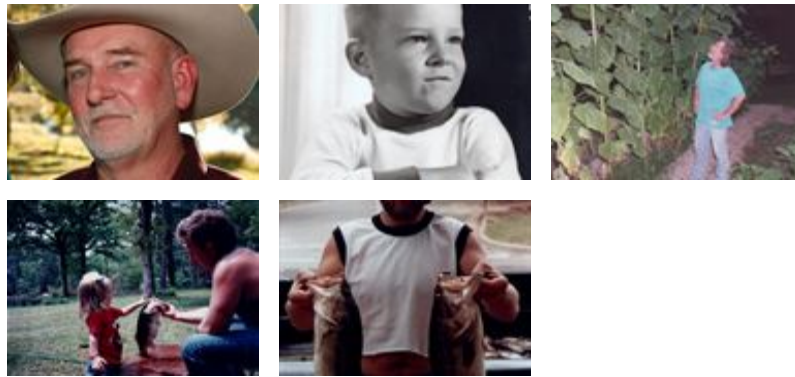
DT

“ Jeanine, Jillian and Jocelyn, I am so sorry for your loss...praying for comfort for all his loved ones. May you hold the precious memories of joyous times in your heart and mind.  
Love, Diana Taylor

Diana Taylor - June 12, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ 87 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - June 12, 2023 at 03:19 PM

MG

“ So sorry for your loss. My heart and prayers are with each of you.  
Love,  
Mary Garrett ❤️



Mary Garrett - June 12, 2023 at 02:10 PM

RS

“ *Jocelyn - My deepest condolences to you and your family for your loss. I know this is a hard time for you all.*

*Ron Stutes*

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**Ronald D. Stutes** - June 12, 2023 at 11:49 AM

ZG

“ *Zana G. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James E. "Gene" Carnation.*

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**Zana G.** - June 12, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of James E. "Gene" Carnation.*



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June 12, 2023 at 11:17 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of James E. "Gene" Carnation.*



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June 12, 2023 at 09:08 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of James E. "Gene" Carnation.*



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June 11, 2023 at 08:54 PM