



## Jimmie Eugene Dunning

July 8, 1934 - January 7, 2023

Jimmie (Gene) Eugene Dunning, 88, of Lampasas, Texas passed away at his home on January 7, 2023. He had lived in Lampasas since 1963. Gene was born on July 8, 1934, at the family home in Voca, Texas in McCullough County to Ellis Russell and Norma (Weeks) Dunning. He graduated from Brady High School in 1952. He and Willene Mask were married on September 29, 1956, and enjoyed 59 years of marriage before her death in 2015. Mr. Dunning was a Christian and was baptized in Jarrell, Texas. Gene, being born during the depression, had a special upbringing and was a hard worker all his life. He was a heavy equipment operator as a finish blade man building and rebuilding Texas highways and roadways. His father and grandfather preceded him in the business and he started to learn and assist at the early age of 12. He was part of creating the infrastructure for highways all over Texas and could recount which roadways he had worked on while traveling with his wife and children. He was known far and wide as the “Best Blade Man in Texas”. It was the type of job that took you all over the state at the drop of a hat, his family was always ready to move. During the eighth grade, Gene attended eight different schools in one year while traveling with his father. His own family recounts that Gene was on the road so much that the first vacation that they remember was a trip to Six Flags in the late 60’s. Gene always had a spirit of responsibility and during his high school days, he worked at a gas station for eleven cents per hour and saved up over \$300.00. With these funds he purchased a sewing machine for his mother and school clothes for

him and his brother. Gene's goal was to find a place where he could settle permanently with his wife and children so they could attend one school in one community. He made Lampasas that permanent place. After retirement, Mr. Dunning was completely devoted to his wife, and they were inseparable, and he continued to visit her gravesite every day.

Mr. Dunning is survived by his daughter Carolyn Henry (Gary) of Lampasas and one son Jed Russell Dunning (Missy) of Alaska, and four grandchildren, Garrett, Jed E., Claire and Anna. He is preceded in death by his wife, Willene Dunning, his parents, and one brother, Dean Dunning.

The funeral for Mr. Dunning will be on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at 12:00, with visitation prior at 11:30 AM at Heritage Funeral Home in Lampasas, Texas. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lampasas.

Pallbearers serving will be Garrett Henry, Jed E. Dunning, Layne Kendrick, Seth Kendrick, Ryan Mask and John Mask, along with honorary pallbearers, Dudley Butts, Marshall Perry, and Jerry Porter.

Memorial donations may be made to School Creek Baptist Church.

Arrangements are entrusted to Heritage Funeral Home of Lampasas, Texas.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

East Ave D & W Ave D  
Lampasas, TX 76550

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Heritage Funeral Home  
401 N Key Ave  
Lampasas, TX 76550

## Funeral

JAN 14. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Heritage Funeral Home  
401 N Key Ave  
Lampasas, TX 76550

## Burial

JAN 14. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Oak Hill Cemetery  
East Ave D & W Ave D  
Lampasas, TX 76550

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fulton Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Jimmie Eugene Dunning*



Fulton Family Funeral Home - January 14, 2023 at 12:27 PM

JP

“ *Carolyn and Family: So sorry for your loss--sending hugs and prayers your way.*

James & Marilee Pierce - January 17, 2023 at 10:04 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers for the family. I was just talking with Gene a few weeks ago at city hall . He was sharing stories of everything the family has been doing and how proud he was of each of you . I am very sorry for your loss .*

Wayne Sanders - January 13, 2023 at 05:34 PM

SG

“ *Earl and I will always cherish our memories of Gene. What genuine, personable and great man. I loved my days off; I would join Earl at Whataburger for their morning meeting of the minds. Prayers and comfort for all the family. Gene will be missed. Earl and Sharon Gandy*

SHARON GANDY - January 13, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Jimmie Eugene Dunning.*

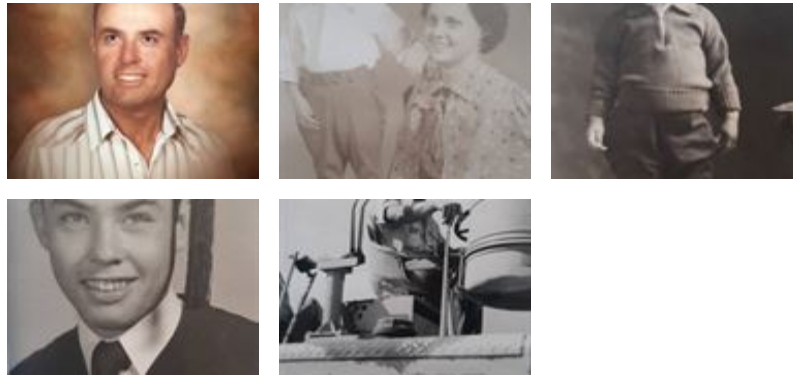


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January 13, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ *50 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Fulton Family Funeral Home** - January 12, 2023 at 10:43 AM



“ *Gene was my Mom's first cousin and she loved him dearly. I was honored to get to see him in June at Weeks cousin reunion and will remember him fondly. Rest in Peace dear Cousin. Much love to his wonderful family. Tracy Kidd Terry*

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**Tracy Kidd Terry** - January 12, 2023 at 10:04 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jimmie Eugene Dunning.*



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January 12, 2023 at 09:24 AM



“ *Jed and family and Carolyn and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. The last few times I saw your dad was at the shop and he always remembered me and we had some good conversations. He always had a cup of coffee in his hand, my kind of guy. We know he will be missed by everyone, but those memories will be cherished. Sandra & Michael*

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**Sandra West** - January 11, 2023 at 12:49 PM



*So sorry for your loss!!! He was a nice man!*  
*Denise Wagstaff*

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**Denise Wagstaff** - January 11, 2023 at 11:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jimmie Eugene Dunning.*



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January 10, 2023 at 04:31 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to the Dunning family on your loss of Gene. I am one of the new Whataburger morning crew. When I was able to be there, Gene always made me feel as one of the morning gang. Gene, being a lifelong resident of Lampasas, was able to give me information on the area. I asked Gene one morning if he wanted to help me put a gate at my Lometa property, and I got a very definite, No! He said I don't do that type of work any longer and he might not get off the ground while helping. Not knowing Gene for a lifetime, he was always kind with encouraging words to lighten the mood. When I finally move to the Lampasas area soon, hopefully, I will cherish those fond memories of Gene. Rest in peace my brother.

Sincerely,  
Steve McLemore  
Granger/Lometa Texas

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Steve McLemore - January 09, 2023 at 09:51 PM