



## **EUGENE "BIG GENE" GARVIN, JR.**

June 2, 1942 - February 7, 2015

Eugene "Big Gene" Garvin Jr., 72, passed away Saturday, February 7, 2015.

He was a member of New Jerusalem Apostolic Church, Owner of Big Gene's Market and retired Security Officer at duPont Manual High School.

He is survived by his wife, Jerelene Garvin; sister, Barbara Garvin; nephew, Shawn Garvin (Stacy); children, Angela Williams, Sherrise Leslie (Eric), and Aaron Livers (Queenie); eight grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren, and a host of family and friends.

Visitation: 5 pm-8 pm, Thursday, February 12, 2015 at A. D. Porter & Sons, 1300 W. Chestnut St.

Home going Celebration will be Friday, February 13, 2015 at 10:30 am at Christ's Church for our Community, 1226 Krupp Park Dr. with burial in KY Veterans Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Rip Big Gene. You kept us laughing and made our days brighter at Manual.*

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**Lynetta** - February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Please accept our condolences from the Hosparus In Patient Care Unit*

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**Chaplain Rita Feb** - February 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *R.I.P Big Gene The Garvin family has my deepest condolences. I have so many wonderful memories of him from my high school years at DuPont Manual High School he was a truly a wonderful person and will be deeply missed..*

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**Traci Reed** - February 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Angie so very sorry for your lost, will keep you and your family in my prayers. God bless*

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**Mattie Acklin** - February 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ *Big Gene and I worked together at Manual high school. He was the best co-worker we had so much fun it didn't feel like work and believe me he kept us safe. He will be truly missed.*

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**NeVonda Salat** - February 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ I taught at Manual when Gene was there. He was so important to so many students.

*His gentle manner and his strength was a great role model for them to see.*

*He usually sat right down the hall from me so we has many opportunities to talk and laugh together.*

*One day it was pouring rain and I had barely made it to school on time. It was 30 min. into 1st period and Gene appeared at my door.*

*Quietly he said to me, " Mrs. Bickel your car is running in the parking lot with its lights on, the wipers going and the radio playing! You must have been in a hurry to get in here today!"*

*We had many a good laugh over that!!!!*

*I cared deeply for Gene. He was, as my Grandma would say, "a good person with a kind soul."*

*I am so sorry for your loss and pain and I know from experience how much of a hole this will leave in your life.*

*I will miss him too.*

*Sadly,*

*Ann K Bickel*

*Humanities & English teacher*

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*I will miss him too.  
Sadly,  
Ann Bickel*

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**Ann Bickel** - February 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Rest Easy Big Gene~ Your corner gave me some of my greatest memories~ Thank You*

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**Rikita Rodgers** - February 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *'Big Gene' was an awesome school guard and he would hunt and find you when you cut school especially during the 80's. He was a great person and he could move FAST. God bless him, his family and prayers to all of you. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Carolyn Johnson** - February 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Big Gene was awesome and he was always there if you needed anything. Dupont Manual will never be the same. Prayers for the family.*

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**Tanesha Booker** - February 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *"Big Gene" was a strong and focused advocate for student safety. I will never forget his huge personality and concern for the students. If more school leadership had his concern and care for students, schools would be a safer place. Rest in peace!!!*

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**Sharika Hazley** - February 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ My condolence to Jerelene whom I worked with at Hammond. I remember Big Gene from Russell Jr High and around 32nd-34th street visiting the store. He was a great man and will be missed by many... RIP Big Gene! My prayers are with the family. God bless!!

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**Brenda Bryant** - February 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ May you rest peacefully Big Gene. You took care of all of us at Manual so well and I know you will be missed by many. God Bless you and your family.

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**Melissa Weber** - February 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ To "Big Gene's" Family,  
My name is Courtney and I went to DuPont Manual High School from 1994-1998. "Big Gene" would always say, "Hi or how are you doing" to me every day that I saw him. Big Gene was very nice to me. Sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Courtney

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**Courtney Berger Feb** - February 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ My sincere condolences to the Garvin Family. Big Gene, in my opinion, was THE cornerstone of the duPont Manual family who had impacted so many lives over the years in such a positive way. He will truly be missed. May the Lord comfort you and keep you always. Regina (McLaurine) Adair duPont Manual Class of 1994

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**Regina Adair** - February 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I remember like it was yesterday, when I would walk up to Big Gene's store and play Renegade; dropping quarters into my favorite game like it was a profession.

*I appreciate the talks Gene would have with me and how he encouraged me to do great inschool and to always take care of my mother.*

*Rest in peace, as you did great for your community.*

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**David Fletcher** - February 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Very rarely, is one man able to impact the lives of so many. Mr. Gene took upon a roll, which far exceeded that of a security officer. This statement applies, during his tenure at Dupont Manual High and prior. He was the protector and father figure to many of the students. The friend and confidant to his constituents, and the students likewise. He was always there for the students, in there time of need. No matter what the situation was, if he could help. Listening with a concerned ear and offering advise. I can recall on many occasions, students being short on lunch money. Mr. Gene wouldn't hesitate to dive into his ginormous pockets, to help them out. I remember each year, during the last days of school, before Summer break. Mr. Gene bringing the Super Soaker water gun to school and the water wars that proceeded in the hallways of Dupont Manual High. My condolences to the Garvin family. Take comfort in knowing that the man that you so love. Left such an indelible impression, on the lives of so many people over the years.

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**Mark Wilson** - February 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ My condolences to the family.

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**Letha Allen** - February 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I remember Big Gene as a kid feeding me eggs. His sister Ms. Barbara doing my hair and Shawn, Shannon, Craig and me jumping on the bed and got in trouble and Big Gene tried to protect us. I remember him at Manual, Gene letting me get out of class to go see the potato chip man Tommy Pearce. "Lays potato chip man." I still couldn't figure out who Big Gene was protecting in the halls. We didn't have one single fight. LOL. You'll be so missed. Good times, good fun.

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**Stephanie Allen Mack** - February 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ From JCPS

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**Doris Griffin Feb** - February 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Garvin Family,I send my deepest condolences to your family on the passing of "Big Gene". He was definitely a "Gentle Giant" no matter where we saw him, from the halls of Russell Jr. High, to Broadway Roller rink or any facet any student would see him. He greatly impacted each and every student, our lives, our well being and he dare anyone to say otherwise. "Big Gene" was a protector and every student that came into his contact he became their protector and because of him we as students, as adults we are "Blessed". Matthew 25:21, says "His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." Rest in Peace "Big Gene" We Love You, gone but you will never be forgotten!!!

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**Dion Coleman** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Thank you Gene for having such a big heart. You were always friendly to me. Even when I was breaking the rules. You also had a great smile and laugh. Thanks for your service to all of us!

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**Michael Board** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ My deepest sympathy to the family.

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**Lora Kinberger** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ RIP Big Gene,,As a JCPS school bus driver I will never for get your iron hand when the drivers had a problem, an that caused the students an all the bus divers to have the highest respect for you.....you will be missed.

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**Russell Brumley** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Big Gene mentored me when I began my career as an assistant principal at Manual. "Buddy," Gene would say with a big smile, "I got a file on everyone!" One thing I will always remember about Gene was his annual Christmas gift collection for the needy; Gene enlisted anyone and everyone's help to buy, collect, wrap, and deliver hundreds of toys to less fortunate children in Louisville every Christmas. When Gene would pull me to the side and confide in me, telling me I was trustworthy and well-thought of, I always felt very proud to receive his praise. Although he was a kind and generous man, Gene did not dole out compliments he didn't feel you deserved. I still miss Gene after all these years and am sorry to learn of his passing.

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**Greg Kuhn** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ *Everybody loved Big Gene. DuPont Manual Class of 1984*

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**Adrienne Jones** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *During the blizzard of 96 he gave me and others ride home from grocery in his 4x4 . I was extremely grateful.*

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**kyrus rowan** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“ *What I remember most about Gene is how much he cared about kids. He was always there when they needed help.*

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**Skip Zwanzig** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Sending my thoughts and prayers to the Garvin family. "Big Gene," was a huge part of my high school experience, and someone that I have never forgotten. Thank you Big Gene for keeping me out of trouble:)*

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**Aurora Streeter** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *my prayers are with "Big Gene" family. He was security at Russell Jr High back in the day*

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**Trina Mason** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *My condolences to the family. Big Gene was a good man. He drove our school bus when I was young. We always had a blast on his bus. RIP Big Man.*

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**Sarah Gatewood McMillian Feb** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ God bless the family, I remember Big Gene as and O W E teacher at Russell Jr High School when I was their.

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**Gina Thompson** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Sadly miss but God know best rest in Peace

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**Sandy Easton Hampton** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Big gene you was a great man to the community. Thanks for all the time's you let me and my brothers slide when we was short on the money. You help and feed a lot of people and give the neighborhood and the kids some where to go to have fun. You had all the best arcade games, penny cookies, penny candy and the biggest hot pickles in the town. You will be miss big bubby. Thanks for everything, praying for the family.

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**Toi lewis** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Big Gene you were very much beloved in our neighborhood. I remember riding my bike to your store to by snacks and you always had the best stuff! My fondest memory is when we had a neighborhood-wide football game in the field behind your store and we kids asked you to be our official sponsor. You gladly obliged and provided refreshments free of charge. You were a kind man that kept all of us kids straight back then. The kids of 32nd , 34th, Dumesnil, Kirby, and Alpha Gardens will always remember you fondly. RIP.

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**Sherri Morris** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ God blessed him sorry miss Barbara he was one of a kind he was good to us as kids best BIG red and grippos ever.I'LL miss you Big Gene

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**Melissa Parker** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ So very sorry for your loss. I met "Big Gene" when I worked as a teacher at duPont Manual High School from 2004-2009. He welcomed me with the biggest smile each day; I am so thankful I had the opportunity to know him. May God bless his family during this time of sorrow.

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**Camille Medley Wade** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ I'm sorry to hear the family's loss of Big Gene. I remember Gene because he worked as a custodian at Russell Junior High, I was in grade school at the time, but I begin running into Gene at different stores, he always spoke and remembered my face from Russell. I never saw from a child to now Big Gene's friendliness, and I was amazed because he always remembered a face. Rip Big Gene and my prays go out to his family.

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**Rita Ray** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ Wow I hadn't see big Gene since I was a child and my friends and I would walk to his store. He was someone that cared about us and didn't take any mess. So sorry for this loss in our community.

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**Kimberly Earkman** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ You'll be missed. You always were a gentle giant. R.Z. Miller

A friendFeb - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ We loved Big Gene his store every Sunday on Virginia Ave. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayer goes out to the family!

Gail Johnson - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ 32nd-34th and Kirby ave crew!

Kimberly Earkman Feb - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Gene was a colleague of mine at Russell Junior High. He was well respected and loved by all. Prayers for his family and friends

Truman Williamson - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ I remember ""Big Gene" very well. A wonderful man with a big smile and a big heart. Roy Crady, Manual High School teacher and coach, retired.

A friendFeb - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Big Gene may our heavenly father keep you in his arms along with your family, and thanks for all the times you caught and stopped me from cutting at Manual High school, and thanks for always listening. God bless my friend and RIP gone but never forgotten. Denise Gross.

Denise Gross - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ Prayers to the family, he will be greatly missed

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**helen tinsley** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ I grew up with big gene baby junie we used to call him as kids still a wonderful person and will be remmebered hang in there barbara because as he said he got you.always luv you sam washington and family now in atlanta,

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**A friendFeb** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ I have known you since I was a little girl coming to buy candy you talking about school you will truley be missed. Prayers going up to the Family.

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**Tamoria** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

YS

“ Condolences to the family, Big Gene was truly a great man.Thanks for making sure I got to class before the last bell at Manual and thanks for telling my mom you would make sure I got home from Broadway Rollor Ring. Your smile will forever be missed.Yolander (Moore) SimpsonDupont Manual Class '79'

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**Yolander Simpson** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Never forget Big Gene. He kept us in line at High school. R.I.P. and much love!

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**Anthony Jones** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Big Gene! Gone too soon. Remember Bill Clinton's visit? I do, and I remember our talk.*

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**Randy Wieck** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ *I remember many days of Big Gene letting us loaf off in his store playing "Moon Patrol", at times giving us quarters out of the register to continue playing.....also funding our annual Dumesnil VS Kirby football games with snacks to sell. We thought the world of him for that!!! Monty his son can attest to that sentiment, he was good to us and for us back then.....I have always remembered him for that!!! My condolences to his family, i can only imagine your pain but know he was loved by all who came to know him!! (He was Big Gene!!!) Love u Aaron and family!!*

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**Tenia** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ *I am going to miss you Brother in law! Rest in Peace Love you Your sister in law ToniGayle*

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**toni jones** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with your family.*

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**Patty** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ My deepest sympathy for the family ...he will truly be missed..i always felt safe when he was around...he was a great man and a great friend...class of 82..gone but not forgotten ...RIP...God has now got a great Angel...

Stephanie Whitney Ensey - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Blessings and Prayers to "Big Gene's" family. Gene took great care of all of his Manual family. His smile and his laugh always made my day. He will be missed

Stacy Curry Shipman - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Big Gene was a Manual staple. A gentle giant. My thoughts and prayers to your family.

Charesa Chandler Class of - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ what a great man! You gave me so much support and guidance and watched over my children when they were at manual that I am forever grateful . You were the soul of that school. Won't be back in town til February 19th or I would be there. Best wishes to the whole garvin family. So sorry for your loss. Bless you! RIP Big Gene-- Peace!

Fred Holden - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Rest In Heaven.."BIG GENE"..You will truly be missed by all of us that grew up at Gene's Market..#34th #Virginia

Tanisha Thomas - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ To the family of Mr. Gene Garvin,my husband and I send our sincerest sympathy and deep condolences. Gene was a member of New Jerusalem Apostolic Church when I was there and he was truly a genuine giver. My husband liked coming to bible class and talking to him.They would cut up while class was going on, but he was so funny, and he loved our Pastor at that time , Bishop Harry Smith. We lost contact with him after we left the church. God bless you all and may he ease the heartache of your loved one's passing.

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**PHILLIP** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ "God", be with your family. I'm sorry for your loss. Big Gene is and always will be the best and truly missed. class78-81

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**Ms** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ to my brother-in-law Gene!Rest in Peace we are sure going to miss you. Your sister -in law Toni Gayle

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**toni jones** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Our prayers are with the family

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**Charles Charles** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ You made all 4 of my years at DuPont Manual High School fun and exciting. I certainly will miss you but you are in great place and will see each other again. Will always love you Big Gene

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**Linda Blevins** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Prayers to the family and friends during this difficult time. Big Gene was a very humble man. I think I spent more time in his store playing video games than buying candy. God bless your soul!

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**James Carr** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ I am so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. He was a very good neighbor. Once I had broken my leg and Gene made sure that my daughter and I had everything we needed. He was very Sweet person. He will truly be missed.

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**Terri Nairn** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ big gene was a great person and a great friend, he treated people the way they wanted to be treated with respect

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**william floyd** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ big gene was a true friend he helped the community he talked to the young people kept a lot of them out of trouble when you had hard times he would give you a bag of food he was the only black store in the westend if there was anybody you could call a friend he was a true friend to the neighborhood i remember the year we had that big snow and a lot of our elderly neighbors could not get out he checked on them if you every got short on food he would never let anyone go without he will be truly missed rest in peace my brother i just know you are sitting at the right hand of the LORD because you loved him and he loved you

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**allen neighbors** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ We always knew we were safe with Big Gene roaming the halls at manual. He will be missed by many of the students he watched over throughout the years

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**julie michels** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Many great years with you at Manual. You will be missed!

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**Ramon Beason** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ Big Gene you were treated all of the same at DuPont Manual High school. You always had such a warm smile. If we got out of pocket you let us know that too. You also made sure we were always safe in them hallways as long as you was walking them. May you rest in peace Big Gene!

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**Nadine Brookins** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Praying for the family of Big Gene. He touched many lives at DuPont Manual High. God took a good one on home. But we will see him again some day soon.

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**Marshall Goatley** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ My prayers go out to the his family & friends. Rest in peace Big Gene. You will be missed. DuPont Manual 1984-1988

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**Angie Smith** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ thoughts go out to Big Gene family. I went to Manual and remember him fondly. He will be missed.

Susan Bruner - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Rest in peace Big Gene

mark Hood Feb - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ With Deepest Sympathy, Big Gene was a great man who had a giant spirit and a giant heart who will be greatly missed.

Kathy Horton - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ RIP Big Gene ~ going to Manual would not have been the same with out you. You were a Guardian Angel to soooooo many young people over the years. We called you Big Gene - not because of your size, but because of your BIG Heart. May the Good Lord ease the pain of you loved ones during this time of sorrow.

Kim G - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ With all sincerity, my deepest condolences goes out to the family. May God comfort your hearts with His words and find peace in the fond memories that you shared over the years.

LaTrina Sweatt - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ You were a special man. You will be truly missed. I'm so sorry that I did not get to see you before your passing. I had a lot of good memories working in the store. That was my first job. I remember your mom would fix Sunday dinners for us. You would fix special meals in the store. I believe you were the one who gave me my first lobster. The cold cut sandwiches. You gave me my first gold chain for my birthday. You would pick Sharon and me up for school every morning and we would either stop at donut shop on Dixie or White Castle. Where did all these years go? I never got the chance to tell you what you meant to me. There are so many stories I could tell. I just wanted to reflect on a few that were dear to my heart. I will truly miss you. You were more than security at Manual, you were my protector during my horrible ordeal. I know you are up in Heaven flashing that big warm smile. Love Karen

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**A friendFeb** - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Wow!!! So many memories with Big Gene!! I remember I use to stay after school everyday and Big Gene would say you going to Taco Bell today. My response was always "yes", so Big Gene would ride me over to Taco Bell when it would rain. He would say you don't need to be eating this stuff everyday, but bring me a nacho back.

Another memory I have is Big Gene use to love to hear me sing. We would be in the cafeteria and he would say, "Tish come over her and sing me a song and I buy you some flammin hot cheetoos." Gene knew those were my favorite. Man I love you big Gene. You made my 4 years of high school at Manual very exciting. I will miss you!!!

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**Tisha Holt** - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Earths loss is truly heavens gain. Big Gene touched a lot of young lives. We loved him. He'll truly be missed dearly.*

Shanna Ranney - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *RIP Big Gene! You were a huge part of my high school experience at Manual, and every story shared with fellow Manual alums includes mention of Big Gene in those hallways. You will never be forgotten!!! OK LETS GOOOO!!!!*

Eric Giancola Feb - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *I will always remember you humor, your big heart, your generosity and the legacy you leave behind. My deepest condolences to your family. You will be missed. Rest in Paradise BIG GENE!*

DeVon M Bibb - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *So sorry for our loss. Big Gene was an intuitional part of Manual. He was funny, charismatic, gentle and he genuinely cared about the kids he looked after. It'll be sad going forward knowing he's not telling okay, let's go! at any more students but I'm happy and thankful to have had known him while he was here. He was such a great guy.*

Jessica Hansford - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ *Leave a condolence or a memory. Big Gene is a part of Manual's history as well as a part of my history. RIP, you'll never be forgotten.*

Jaime L Vance - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Condolences to Big Gene's family. He was a Manual legend - and I always enjoyed seeing his big smile. Dave Royse, Manual class of '88

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**A friendFeb** - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Every time I hear about Manual, see something about Manual, think or talk about Manual; you'll be there.  
I'm so sorry for those you left behind.

*I hope we meet again, someday.*

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**Ray Rowe** - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Sleep easy Big Gene

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**Shawntell Miles** - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Gene was the gentlest giant that ever graced Manual's halls. Every lunch brought us the call of "Okay! Let's go!" I still remember Gene letting us sneak off to Taco Bell for lunch. If we did, we would bring him something back. He truly was such a memorable part of high school for all of us. Rest easy, Gene. We will see you when we get our call from above: "OK! Let's go!"

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**Greg M** - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Please know you have my deepest sorrow for the passing of a man who touched so many of us... In my case he kept me (and others with me) from making mistakes that could have changed the course of my life. He listened. He laughed. He cared. And for that I am forever thankful. Gene, thank you protecting so many of us... often from ourselves.

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**Tom Schardein** - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ I won a lot of money on scratch offs from his store! I wouldn't have if he had not convinced me to buy two more!

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**Francine Cleveland Coleman** - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Big Gene made my 4 years at Manual so memorable! He was such a treasure to everyone there and our day-to-day life would not have been the same without him. Sending love and prayers to his family and friends.

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**Carrie Cross** - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Rest in Peace Big Gene! I will never forget you from DuPont Manual. You were a kind soul and you will be missed by many!

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**Monica Carmichael Kaiser** - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Big Gene...you are remembered & admired by so many! Manual was so much fun...and you were a part of that! Rest easy Big Fella in the arms of our Lord & Savior!

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**Joe W** - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *Big Gene was one of the kindest men I've ever had the pleasure to know. He watched over all the students at Manual as if they were his own.*

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**Cynthia Mullins Knapp** - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Big Gene is a local legend. Loved by everyone at Manual. My thoughts are with his family.*

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**Michelle Giralico** - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *My childhood hangout spot to get my daily fix of penny candy and cookies after school! You were a kind and gentle soul I pray that your family finds peace and comfort during this difficult time!!! Rest in paradise!*

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**Michelle francis** - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Big Gene was the mentor I remember and loved the most in high school. He wasn't my teacher or coach but he did teach me life lesson and coach me through heart ache. I will never forget how he looked out for me and stood up for me when I was too scared to do it for myself. Love you Big Gene!*

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**Laura Rissler** - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *My sympathy goes out the Big Gene's family, he was a staple at manual. He was kind but stern.*

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