



Clifton Eugene France

January 8, 1947 - May 2, 2021

Gene France, age 74, of Strawberry Plains passed away Saturday, May 1, 2021. He was a loving husband and father of two children. He was a member of Holston Memorial Baptist Church and a 50-year member of the F & AM Masonic Lodge, #462.

Gene was very involved in his community and youth sports where he volunteered as a minor and little league baseball coach for many years. He continued that passion with support of his children and grandchildren in their extracurricular activities. Above all, he loved his family and he spent every second he could with them. Gene was known for his willingness to help anyone in need and his ability to fix anything.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Eursa France; grandparents, Mark and Nannie France and special grandparents, Crettie and Lawrence Loveday. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years Nellie; his children and their spouses, Mike and Gina France, Barbara and Joe Mattern; grandsons, Brandon France and Caleb Russell; granddaughters, Kendra and Austin Hillard, Caiden (BBG) Russell; his dad, Bill France; sisters and their spouses, Wilma and Jerry Bunch, Della and Homer Maples, Billie Sharp, Kay and Gene Byrd; brother and spouse, Ronnie and Carla France; and several loving nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Graveside service 2:00 PM Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at Strawberry Plains Cemetery with Rev. Arthur Pedigo officiating. Mr. France will lie in state on Tuesday from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM at Fielden Funeral Home in New Market.

Cemetery Details

Strawberry Plains Cemetery

3110 W. Old Andrew Johnson Hwy.
Strawberry Plains, TN 37871

Previous Events

Lie in State

MAY 4. 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Fielden Funeral Home Inc.
910 Churchview St
New Market, TN 37820
(865) 475-3468
<https://www.fieldenfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clifton Eugene France.* ”



May 03, 2021 at 07:32 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clifton Eugene France.* ”



May 03, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Clifton Eugene France.* ”



May 03, 2021 at 08:20 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Clifton Eugene France.* ”



May 03, 2021 at 08:07 AM

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“ *My heart breaks for the entire France family. I've never known of a family as close knit as Y'all. Prayers for strength and peace.*

Debbie Huffaker - May 03, 2021 at 07:30 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Clifton Eugene France.*



May 02, 2021 at 10:49 PM