



## Gene Province

September 18, 1934 - January 31, 2008

Camby Eugene (Gene) son of Jesse Martin and Mildred J. (Tharp) Province was born September 18, 1934 in Alva, Oklahoma. He passed away January 31, 2008 at his home, after a six year battle with cancer, at the age of 73 years, 4 months and 13 days.

Gene attended Red Hill School and Freedom High School where he graduated in 1952. After graduation he moved to Wichita, Kansas and worked at the Boeing Aircraft Company. He went into the Army in November 1953 and spent one year in Germany. After serving his country for two years he went back to Boeing Aircraft Company where he was employed for 38 years.

Gene married Coleta (Co) Darr on May 10, 1958 in Miami, Oklahoma. To this union three children were born; Lance Eugene, Denise LaDawn and Lyndon Dell (Dig). They made their home in Wichita and Haysville, Kansas, and Freedom, Oklahoma.

He was a man of many talents. He coached summer league baseball for nine years. His Babe Ruth team was undefeated for three straight years. He loved to fish, bowl and tinker with vehicles and mowers.

Preceding him in death is his granddaughter, Mandy Mae Dawn Province, his parents, and a brother Jesse Martin Jr.

Gene is survived by his wife Co, one daughter, Denise Fox, two sons, Lance and his wife Cheryl, of Haysville, Kansas, and Lyndon, of Freedom, Oklahoma. Seven grandchildren: Joshua Province, Ryan Fox and his wife Krystal, Zachary Province, all of Wichita, Kansas, Laci (Fox) Nesmith and

Adam Drinnen, of Haysville, Kansas, Shandee Province and Jason Edwards, of Mulvane, Kansas, Dakota Province, of Freedom, Oklahoma, Camby Lynn Province, of Cheney, Kansas. Three great grandchildren: Evan Province, Allissa Nesmith and Dylon Edwards. Two sisters, Leatrice Taylor, of McKinzie, Tennessee and Pauline Archer and her husband Emil Loyd, of Kingston, Oklahoma. A brother Tom Province and his wife Sue, of Henderson, Nevada; a half brother, Marty Province and his wife Vikkie, of Woodward, Oklahoma; lots of nieces, nephews and friends.

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# Tribute Wall

CJ

“ Dear Co & family -

*My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of loss. Though I don't need to tell you, Gene was a good man with a good heart. He always had a smile and will be missed by all of us.*

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**Cindi Burks Jones** - February 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Dearest Co and Family,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Gene was a wonderful man and friend. He will be greatly missed. God Bless you all.*

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**LeRoy & Sue Burks** - February 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WJ

“ Co and family, was so sorry to get Denise's call. We know words don't help much at a time like this but you all are in our thoughts. Gene was one of the most pleasant people we have ever known and will be terrably missed by all.  
Wendell, Mary and Family

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**Wendell and Mary Jack** - February 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ We are very sorry to hear of Gene's passing. He was always so pleasant and kind when he came into the city office or just on the street. He will be missed by all.

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**Clint and Dawn Shafer** - February 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Co, Denise, Lance, Digger, & Families:  
*I am very saddened to know that Gene is gone. I don't remember ever seeing him without a smile, except maybe once, when he heard us girls (me, Denise) cussing in the tent outside. He peaked his head in and made sure we never talked like that again within his hearing distance! There are many good memories and I know they will carry you all through these times. I love you all and you are in my thoughts and prayers.*  
Love,  
Ronda

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**Ronda Willms** - February 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Co, Lance, Denise and Dig,  
*I am so sorry to hear about Gene he will be missed without a doubt. I have fond memories of Gene and his sweet manner, I will always remember him calling me Jenny Lou and every once in a while I would ask him in a teasing manner if he knew my real name, and he would grin and say well yes Jenny. Maybe him and dad can talk baseball or bs about fishing in Heaven together. Love you all and will be thinking of you all in the days to come.*  
Janell Darr

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**janell darr** - February 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Gene was a very good friend that I will always remember with the best of thoughts.*

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**Max Annis** - February 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Aunt Co,Lance,Denise & Dig  
Our hearts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow,uncle  
Gene was a great man who we all had the utmost respect and love  
for.He will truly be missed by everyone  
Love you all

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**Brad,Jeanne,Shannon & Shawna Beer** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Co & family, we were sorry to hear about Gene's passing. He gave it  
his all in his fight for life. He was a happy spirit to have around  
Freedom & will be missed by many. Our thoughts & prayers are with  
you all.

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**Dudley & Jeanne Winn** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Very sorry for your loss Gail Lewis formerly of  
Freedom,Oklahoma(one of the Lewis twins)

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**Gail and Linda Lewis** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Co, Lance, Denise, Dig and Family - We are saddened to hear  
about Gene. He was a one of a kind guy who would do anything for  
anybody and smile about it. We will miss him. May the Lord comfort  
all of you during this trying time.

With Love  
Steve & Ginger Darr & Sons

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**Steve & Ginger Darr & sons** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear Co, Lance, Denise Dig and Family - We are saddened to hear about Gene. He was a one of a kind guy who would do anything for anybody and smile about it. May the Lord comfort you all during this trying time.

Love Steve & Ginger Darr and Sons

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**Steve & Ginger Darr & Sons** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Co and family, Our hearts are heavy today after hearing about Gene. What a great loss to the Freedom community! Gene's good deeds have certainly earned him a place in Heaven. We will be praying for your family during these difficult days.

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**Jim & Sherry Beagley** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM