



Gene Bollinger

April 10, 1931 - December 2, 2013

Retired District Captain with the Tennessee Highway Patrol, former Robertson County Chief Deputy, Robertson County Sheriff and past President of the Tennessee Sheriff's Association passed away on December 2, 2013 at Saint Thomas Midtown in Nashville.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Anne Irene Dillard Bollinger; brothers, Charles Bollinger, Henry Porter Bollinger and James Bollinger; infant sister, Julia Anne Bollinger.

Survived by wife, Elma Ruth Burk Bollinger; daughter, Beverly (Tony) Bollinger Webster of Springfield; brothers, Phillip (Joy) Bollinger and Ronnie (Ginny) Bollinger of Greenbrier; sisters, Martha (Harry) Blick of Greenbrier, Faye (Jack) Parker, Wanda Goad and Shirley (Frank) Woodard of Nashville; grandchildren, Michael Anthony Webster and Gena Ruth Webster Ellis of Springfield.

Upon graduation from Greenbrier High School he entered the United States Air Force where he served four years both stateside and Guam. He retired from the Tennessee Highway Patrol with 33 years of dedicated service and the Robertson County Sheriff's Office with 20 additional years of dedicated law enforcement service.

He attended Cleveland State Community College for two years and graduated from the National FBI Academy, Class 125 in Quantico, Virginia.

He was a member of the Tennessee Highway Patrol Retired Officers Association, member of the National Sheriff's Association, member of the

Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #42, Master Mason member of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky #266, F.&A.M., member of A & A Masonic Scottish Rite, 32nd degree, Valley of Chattanooga, Life member of Alhambra Shriners, A.A.O.N.M.S. of Chattanooga, Tennessee, an Honorable Kentucky Colonel, past President and member of the Springfield Lions Club, past President and Board Member of Habitat for Humanity, past member of E-911 Board and member of the Robertson County Coalition.

On two occasions, he received the honor of Tennessee Highway Patrol Officer of the Year and was the Tennessee Sheriff of the Year in 2008.

He attended Springfield Baptist Church and Owens Chapel United Methodist Church.

Visitation with the family was held at the Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield, Friday, December 6th and Saturday, December 7th from 4-8pm. The body was then moved to Springfield Baptist Church on Sunday, December 8th where visitation was held beginning at 12:30 pm. Funeral services were held at 2pm with burial in the Robertson County memorial Gardens. Services were conducted by Dr. Jerry Oakley, Pastor Connie Cissna and Reverend Robert Gardner.

Active pallbearers were Michael Webster, Jerrell Jones, Vincent Ellis, Russ Beard, Ronnie Fuqua, Wilburn West, Leonard Swann, Danny Elliott, and John Miller. Honorary pallbearers were Paul McKissack, the Springfield Lions Club and the Past and Present E-911 Board Members.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Springfield Lions Club or Robertson County Habitat for Humanity in c/o Austin & Bell Funeral Home. Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements. AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME- 509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

Tribute Wall

TK

“ Thomas & Shelia Kilpatrick lit a candle in memory of Gene Bollinger



Thomas & Shelia Kilpatrick - February 11, 2023 at 05:37 AM

JH

“ The Bollinger family came up in a conversation today about precious memories in Dayton, Tennessee. I remember going to the Bollingers' home with my mom and dad when I was very young and I have nothing but good memories of smiles and fun in their home. I am so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. My heartfelt sympathies and prayers go out to the family.

Jan Carothers Horne - May 06, 2014 at 03:58 PM

MM

“ I WORKED FOR SHERIFF BOLLINGER WHEN HE WAS CHIEF DEPUTY. HE WAS ALWAYS NICE TO ME, AND I CONSIDERED HIM A GREAT FRIEND. HE WILL BE MISSED BY FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND THOSE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT ALIKE. WE NEED MORE LIKE HIM. HE WAS A GOOD CHRISTIAN MAN, AND I KNOW HE RESTS WITH THE LORD.

MIKE MARTIN - December 08, 2013 at 02:36 PM

LR

“ You were a great Trooper, Sheriff, and friend. It was an honor to know you. Thank you for all your support and wonderful memories. Rest in Peace.

Leonard Moudy, THP LT. Ret. - December 08, 2013 at 10:52 AM

TT

“ I had the honor of knowing Gene & Ruth for many years, I was their nurse through Dr. Ray. He always had a smile & was a joy to work with, talk with and care for. He will be missed. Ruth and the family are in my prayers.

Tracy Todd - December 07, 2013 at 06:13 PM

VP

“ My father Gene Miller worked with Captain Bollinger on the TN Highway Patrol. I send all my condolences and prayers to the family. May God bless you during this time.

Vonda Miller Patrick - December 05, 2013 at 10:38 AM

GG

“ I only knew Gene for the past few years, but considered him a friend. He has lead a fantastic life which touched thousands and thousands of people. He will be deeply missed but more importantly, He will be REMEMBERED.

Gary L. Groot - December 05, 2013 at 10:25 AM

PJ

“ My condolences to Ruth, Beverly, Tony and grand children. I had the privilege of working with Gene in the Chattanooga district of the THP. Served along side him as a Lt. in the 70s. Gene was the district Captain in Chattanooga when I was appointed Colonel of the THP in 1985. He later served as the Captain fo the Nashville district until retiemnt. I am thankful for the opportunity to have worked with him over the years. Unfortunately circumstances change and we don't keep in contact with old friends. Still have some good memories of the old days Colonel (THP retired) Paul JOhnson

Paul Johnson - December 04, 2013 at 08:47 PM

J(

“ Gene was a good man first and a good public servant. He was always fun to work with. He will be missed. My sympathy to all the family.

Joe Gourley (ex-THP) - December 04, 2013 at 06:27 PM

JR

“ Gene was an honest, caring, professional, law enforcement officer with none better. I shall always remember his story: His wife packed her good clothing in boxes for storage. and her old clothing for Goodwill. You guessed it--he took the wrong boxes! He smiled and said, "Did you ever try to find fur coats in Goodwill at midnight?" Rest in Peace Gene!

J. J. Light (THP Retired) - December 04, 2013 at 04:29 PM

TC

“ I knew Gene from the THP. We worked together for many years. A good man who will be missed by many friends, coworkers and mankind in general. He was truly a contributor to the good of this world and he will continue his service on heavens streets. May God bless the family in this time of need. My prayers are with you all.

Thomas J CANTWELL - December 04, 2013 at 04:09 PM

SW

“ I knew Gene as a THP Lt. and Captain in the Chattanooga District and the Nashville District. He was a well respected THP officer and supervisor. WE were both FBI Academy Graduates. He was a great Sheriff and served his home county well. A friend of TBI when I was there as Deputy Director. He made a great contribution to mankind. A good man has now gone to Heaven to be with the Angeles. My prayers are with his family . May God bless you all.

Steve O. Watson - December 04, 2013 at 04:01 PM

JP

“ RUTH AND FAMILY: SO SORRY TO LEARN OF THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVED ONE. GENE AND I WORKED TOGETHER FOR MANY YEARS AND WERE THE BEST OF FRIENDS. HE WAS A DEDICATED FAMILY MAN AND WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM AND LOVED HIM. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU.

JOEL PARHAM - December 04, 2013 at 02:48 PM

DR

“ I am saddened by your loss. I worked with Gene in Nashville for a number of years. He was a true gentlemen and great example for a leader. I will miss seeing him at some of the get to gathers we have attended. Dan Raper

Dan Raper - December 04, 2013 at 01:48 PM

BS

“ Gene was a nice guy and will be missed!! I knew him well when he was the Sergeant at Dayton Post and I was assigned to Chattanooga Office. RIP Gene! Bill Smith

Bill smith - December 04, 2013 at 01:32 PM

CK

“ What a truly genuine gentleman. Always had time to see me when I worked at the newspaper. Never made me feel bad for pestering him. And even though he wasn't sheriff anymore, he will always be one of the faces/people that made springfield what it is today

Cindy Kelly - December 04, 2013 at 08:58 AM

PC

“ I am so sorry for all of you ,Gene was always very nice to me, I will miss him in a lot of ways. May God be with all of you in your time of grief. Peggy Calvert

peggy calvert - December 03, 2013 at 11:31 PM

JY

“ Gene Bollinger

James Yates - December 03, 2013 at 11:04 PM

JD

“ Just remembering the time Mr. Bollinger spent in Rhea County, and the time that I knew him while spending time at the little grass strip airport at Shaver's field. He was a THP for our county while living in Dayton. Also, Mrs Bollinger worked with my Dad, Marion "Tag" Denton, at the board of education office. So sorry for your loss.

John M. Denton - December 03, 2013 at 10:15 PM

FC

“ Wanda, I'm so sorry to hear about your brother. You will be in my prayers and my thoughts.

Frankie L Churchwell - December 03, 2013 at 09:41 PM

CC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May God Bless and comfort all the family...Mr. Gene will be missed. RIP

CD and Judy Cox - December 03, 2013 at 08:29 PM