



## JOSEPH EUGENE FORBES

January 11, 2019

Joseph Eugene Forbes, 88, of Mt. Olive, passed away January 11, 2019. Eugene was born and raised in Clay County. He was the youngest of five children born to Chester and Annis Forbes. He attended Jacksonville State University, after which he served in the US Army. He spent the rest of his career working for the US Army Reserves, retiring as Sgt. Major.

Eugene was preceded in death by his first wife of 41 years Betty Sue Rosser Forbes; and his four siblings. He is survived by his wife of 16 years Mary Frances Myrex Forbes; daughter Lori Forbes Hinesley (Eddie), stepchildren Ronnie Myrex (Frances), Bert Myrex, and Janna Hays; grandchildren Riley Hinesley (Ashley), Dustan Myrex, Nathan Myrex, Jonathan Myrex, Nicole Hancock, Jada Richie; great grandchildren Karsen Hinesley, Micah Hancock; numerous nieces and nephews; and daughter by heart Ginger Rambin.

The visitation will be Monday, from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Peoples Chapel Funeral Home, Hueytown, Al. Eugene will lie in state at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Ashland, Alabama, Tuesday, January 15, 2019, from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM. The funeral service will be at 2:00 PM, at the Church. Burial will be at the adjoining cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Peoples Chapel Funeral Home  
195 Brooklane Drive  
Hueytown, AL 35023  
(205) 497-2273  
<https://www.peopleschapelfuneralhome.com>

## Service

JAN 15. 12:00 PM (CT)

Mt Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
325 Mt Zion Church Rd  
Ashland, AL 36251  
(256) 354-3190

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ Gene Forbes was an amazing man. I met him because he stuttered! He joined our group for people who stutter. Gene was an advocate for anyone who was struggling with their speech. He was the most optimistic person ever. He made us laugh. We are doing to miss him. God bless his sweet family.  
Deborah Boswell

deborah boswell - January 22, 2019 at 01:02 PM

RO

“ My name is Rebecca Over and I am a Sacred Harp singer living in the south of England.  
I was deeply sorry to hear of Eugene's passing. I first met him at Camp Fasola many years ago and have greatly enjoyed singing with him from "The Sacred Harp" and the "Lloyds Hymnal". He taught us so much about singing from that book during early morning singing sessions at Camp. In more recent years I have enjoyed meeting him and singing with him at Mount Zion in Ashland. He was a kind, gentle man and a good friend who will be sadly missed by many Sacred Harp singers in the USA, Europe and beyond.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
With love from Rebecca.

Rebecca Over - January 15, 2019 at 07:06 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of JOSEPH EUGENE FORBES.



January 14, 2019 at 04:20 PM

AW

“ Al and Annette Herman, Larry and Miranda Webb purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of JOSEPH EUGENE FORBES.



---

**Al and Annette Herman, Larry and Miranda Webb** - January 13, 2019 at 10:38 PM

AG

“ Ann Goble lit a candle in memory of JOSEPH EUGENE FORBES



---

**Ann Goble** - January 13, 2019 at 09:07 AM

CW

“ Mr. Forbes was one of the most respectful, caring and honest man I have ever known. There are not enough adjectives to describe him. He changed my life many many years ago. He treated each and every person with respect. He was a leader and loved his country, his family and most of all God. He was one heck of a Heart's player and took it quite seriously. His dedication to his family was beyond words. I am so thankful I met him many years ago as I feel my life would have been so different without him. He put up with a lot of silliness from me but he always made me feel human. In those days, divorced moms were not very well respected. It was hard in those days but he made it so easy. He has planted many seeds for his grandkids. I know Mr. Forbes is singing in the heavens but he surely will be missed on earth. God bless his family, friends and community. We have loss a great man!! Love you Lori and he surely loved you too. God Bless. From SSG Catherine Hansen-Wilkerson

---

**Cathy Wilkerson** - January 12, 2019 at 11:44 PM

AG

*I used to live next door to Mr. Forbes he was always kind to me he was the nicest man you could ever meet*

Ann Goble - January 13, 2019 at 09:09 AM

RB

*This man was the epitome of a true Southern Gentleman. He inducted me many years ago into the United States Army. His wisdom and guidance helped mold my military career. I will always remember him as an extremely fair and caring individual. You will truly be missed, Sergeant Major!*

Rick Bradshaw - January 13, 2019 at 09:16 AM

SC

*What a sweet man and a kind man and the sacred harp singers will dearly miss him. Praying for the family.*

syd caldwell - January 14, 2019 at 05:38 PM

CF

*Well, Gene, now you get to meet all those folks we found in genealogy. I am pretty sure Duward was there beside Betty to meet you, through God's grace. I was not ready for either of you to go, but i know you both are painfree. Prayers for all the family.*

Carol Forbes - January 17, 2019 at 02:23 PM

LH

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



LORI F HINESLEY - January 12, 2019 at 10:56 PM