



Arthur Eugene Grier Jr.

March 21, 1943 - September 22, 2020

Arthur E. Grier, Jr. most known as “Gene” was born in the great city of Charlotte, North Carolina at Good Samaritan Hospital on March 21, 1943.

Gene graduated from the historic Second Ward High School in the old Brooklyn community of Charlotte, NC in 1961 and went on to attend Florida A & M University in Tallahassee, FL before joining the U.S. Army. Gene was Honorably Discharged from the Army after (3) years of service in 1966. He then enrolled in school at Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science in Ohio and graduated in 1969.

As a child, Gene was introduced to the funeral industry profession and took interest in every aspect of the business. A. Eugene Grier, Jr. was the grandson and son of Funeral Directors; Mr. Arthur S. Grier, the founder of Grier Funeral Service, Inc. and Mr. Arthur Eugene Grier, Sr. Gene Grier was the second black elected to the North Carolina State Board of Mortuary Science, serving from 1977 to 1982. He served as Vice President, of the Funeral Directors and Morticians Association of North Carolina, was a past State and National Board Member also the past President of the Western District of Funeral Directors Association and past District President. Mr. A. Eugene Grier, Jr. was actively affiliated with many civic, religious and social organizations prior to health complications. He’s was member of Grier Heights Presbyterian Church, Grier Heights Masonic Lodge No. 752, past member and founder of the Ambassadors Club, past Board of Directors of the Big Brothers

Association of Charlotte, NC, past member of Grier Heights Development Corporation and other community outreach programs. Gene was a founding member of the Roads Inc. a funeral profession group affiliated with funeral home owners across the country.

Events

SEP **Public Viewing** 01:00PM - 05:00PM

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Grier Heights Presbyterian Church
325 Skyland Avenue, Charlotte, NC, US

OCT **Night Wake** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC.
2310 Statesville Avenue, Charlotte, NC, US, 28206

OCT **Life Celebration Service for a Funeral Service Legend** 12:00PM

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Victory Christian Center - Dome
7228 Kings Ridge Drive, Charlotte, NC, US, 28217

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC. - October 10, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ 7 files added to the album LifeTributes



A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC. - October 10, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ From the family of Barbara Jeanne Blakeney Deese. Gene, you will be deeply missed. You have been such a blessings to the Deese/ Rhyne family. You will be greatly missed and in our hearts



barbara blakeney deese - October 09, 2020 at 01:46 AM



“ Prayers to the Grier family during this difficult time.R.I.P.

K.Davis.

Katherine Davis - October 02, 2020 at 12:32 PM



“ Brenda Mansel and Family

Gene never met a stranger and would give you the shirt off his back. His compassion and empathy in serving a grieving family was so comforting. Gene was a master of his craft in giving the appearance your loved one was beautifully sleeping. Gene was loving and kind and will be sorely missed. Our sole comfort through our grief is having known and loved him.

Brenda Mansel - October 02, 2020 at 12:23 AM



“ So true god bless him!!!

Constance - October 03, 2020 at 09:58 PM



“ 56 files added to the album LifeTributes



A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC. - October 01, 2020 at 06:58 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Velories Anne Figures - October 01, 2020 at 05:48 PM



“ Ernestine Durante lit a candle in memory of Arthur Eugene Grier Jr.



Ernestine Durante - October 01, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Arthur Eugene Grier Jr..



October 01, 2020 at 10:27 AM



“ I met Gene about 15 years ago when I was researching Black history in Charlotte. He was generous in giving me time and memories. I remember him fondly and am sorry for your loss. Carol Baldwin

Carol Baldwin - October 01, 2020 at 07:31 AM



“ Greg and I met Mr Grier when we first came to Charlotte 10 years ago. He was always very helpful and had a kind word. He will be sorely missed by family and friends.

Gordon Leonard - September 30, 2020 at 10:31 PM



“ "Gene was larger than life". When visitation services were held at the funeral home, Gene's voice would come over the intercom and announce the service was ending, then a majestic voice would sound, reciting Alford Lord Tennyson's poem.....

CROSSING THE BAR

" Sunset and evening star and one clear call for me...." Ending with, "for tho from out bourne of time and place, the flood may bear me far.....I hope to see my Pilot face to face. when I have crossed the bar"....

Artie your dad has a profound resume to present to the PILOT! Our deepest sympathy to your entire family.

Mrs. Mamie Faulkner (Crowell) Cuthbertson
Second Ward High School Class of 1964

Mamie F. Cuthbertson - September 30, 2020 at 08:14 PM



“ To the family of Mr. Arthur E. Grier, Jr.

God saw the road was getting rough and the hills were getting hard to climb, so He whisper on September 22, 2020 Peace be thine. I will always remember " Uncle Gene" smile and his laughter. Thank you Grier family for giving me the honor of being part of your Dad's life. A True Legend has gone, but will never be forgotten

With Love & Prayers
Chris Reid
Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory



Oida Reid - September 30, 2020 at 02:13 PM



“ Charlese Frazier lit a candle in memory of Arthur Eugene Grier Jr.



Charlese Frazier - September 30, 2020 at 01:46 PM



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A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC. - September 30, 2020 at 12:46 AM



“ The Jordan Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Arthur Eugene Grier Jr..



The Jordan Family - September 29, 2020 at 01:36 PM



“ Charles H. Blackwell lit a candle in memory of Arthur Eugene Grier Jr.



Charles H. Blackwell - September 29, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ Stan Ervin lit a candle in memory Arthur Eugene Grier Jr., May you be forever remembered.



stanley ervin - September 29, 2020 at 09:59 AM



“ I write this tribute with great sadness over the unimaginable passing of our close friend, Mr. Eugene Grier. He fought a brave and strong battle for several years. He took each day in stride, never really complaining. We knew he was not well because nothing would have prevented Gene from coming to Tallahassee to his beloved school, Florida A&M University and the Homecoming Festivities. I would always get a call from Gene, on Thursday afternoon on Homecoming weekend. Gene would call me and say, “Blyden I am in town.” We would proceed to visit his classmates and visit the campus. Eugene bled orange and green and was proud to be a FAMU Rattler. On Saturdays during football season, I would call Gene and we would discuss the Rattler football games as well as the professional football teams. Gene and my stepson Anthony (deceased) (Gene’s son) were avid Dallas Cowboy fans.

This wonderful man, inside and out, was a wonderful friend to my wife, Maggie and me. One of our belief in life was the importance of being authentic with people. To that point Gene was an authentic person and being authentic is good and necessary for the relationship between friends and for the soul. I always admired how he never judged or forced his opinions on anyone, but offered valuable and truthful advice that I will surely miss.

My friend was loving and real. He was a wonderful father to his three sons and laid a strong foundation for Artie and Allen to follow in their business, A. E. Grier and Sons, and in life as well. The family can talk of happy times and about all the special traditions he used to do with them. Lastly, all who knew him will miss his magnetic smile and his beautiful and happy go lucky spirit. These qualities will live on through his children, grand children, great grand children, and numerous family and friends. They will always know how much he loved them. He tried with all his heart to stay for them, but God called him and he had to go home.

During our friend’s illness, I know that there were several things that kept him going, including love for his children, his family, the love of the funeral business, his love for sports, and his love for Florida A&M University.

Now my hope is that he will rest in peace knowing he did all that he could and that his children, grand children (Sheqwena and Tanisha), family and friends will be fine. When we love people it’s so comforting to know that they will always be with us in our hearts. Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of the deceased.

I’ll see you again, my friend,

Maggie and Vincent Blyden

Tallahassee, Florida



“ The Hazeline Grier Kirkpatrick family



Ed. G. Mathis - September 28, 2020 at 11:48 PM



“ Casket Sales, Inc. purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Arthur Eugene Grier Jr..



Casket Sales, Inc. - September 28, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ To the Grier Family:

We were saddened to hear of Mr. Grier's earthly transition to life eternal. Over the years, especially during the earlier years of funeral service, we were fortunate to be in friendship with the Grier's.

You have our sincere sympathy during this period, but we pray and know that God will give you strength and courage for the journey.

Continue to serve as you all have done, so successfully over the years and carry out the legacy of your father.

We are praying for you!

Ms. Bettie G. Cofield, The Cofield Family and Staff of Cofield Mortuary
Weldon, North Carolina

Ms. Bettie G. Cofield - September 28, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arthur Eugene Grier Jr..



September 28, 2020 at 09:35 AM



“ rest in peace my brother and may the COWBOYS continue to play on. your partner in crime and confidant. Harryo

harriet - September 27, 2020 at 10:20 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Arthur Eugene Grier Jr..



September 27, 2020 at 10:18 PM



“ Marcellie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Arthur Eugene Grier Jr.



marcellie johnson - September 27, 2020 at 08:18 PM



“ Condolences to the Family! You are in my Thoughts and Prayers



Vickie Lewis - September 27, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ A great heartfelt loss. Such a kind and caring person. Gene will truly be missed. Condolences.



Amelia McDaniel - September 27, 2020 at 06:38 PM



“ The first trip to the big water we will be thinking of you!!

Ron Miller

Ron Miller - September 27, 2020 at 02:48 PM



“ Elizabeth Smith lit a candle in memory of Arthur Eugene Grier Jr.



Elizabeth Smith - September 27, 2020 at 01:14 PM



“ To the family of Gene Grier: Sorry for your loss. Gene was a friend from high school days of West Charlotte and Second Ward. Gene was loved by all. We will be praying for you. Gene was a foundering member of The Second Ward and West Charlotte Men's Breakfast Club. John W. Love, Sr., Harriet Gentry Love, West Charlotte Class 1962 and The Second Ward and West Charlotte Men's Breakfast Club. John Love, Charlotte, NC.

John W. Love, Sr. - September 27, 2020 at 12:33 AM



“ My good brother you were a true friend during our years at FAMU. Gene you will be missed. We really had fun and truly enjoyed each other for years. RIP Nicholas Walker San Clemente California

Nicholas Walker - September 26, 2020 at 11:58 PM



“ With sincere sadness I express my heartfelt condolences to the family and STAFF of "Gene". A very giving ,loving. and people person who will be deeply missed by all that truly knew him.Your life on earth was well lived but God has a better one for you. REST in PEACE dear friend. Love you all Julia Y. Mccollie

Julia D McCollie - September 26, 2020 at 07:40 PM



“ With sincere sadness I express my condolences to the family of Gene u will be missed Rest In Peace . Love you all Marcellie y. Johnson

marcellie johnson - September 27, 2020 at 08:12 PM



“ A heartfelt sympathy to the Grier family.Gene was a good man ,always looking out for people in need.We had great times in Griertown.So rest in peace my friend, I have wonderful memories that will stay in my heart forever.Take your rest see U when I get there. Love Ms Kitty

Kitty Ferguson Mc Carter - September 29, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ Mark Fisher lit a candle in memory of Arthur Eugene Grier Jr.



Mark Fisher - September 26, 2020 at 03:27 PM



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A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC. - September 26, 2020 at 01:56 PM