



## Gene Lee Timothy

December 5, 1945 - January 23, 2017

Gene Lee Timothy was born Dec, 5, 1945 to Opal and Les Sills, Gene was called home on January 23, 2017. He was a retired English teacher and Cross Country Coach from Santa Rosa Consolidated Schools in Santa Rosa, NM having won the 2002 State Cross Country Track Championship and ,many other events. He was a graduate from the class of 1965 in Henryetta, Ok where he grew up. He was a veteran of the Viet Nam War. At the time of his death he lived in Lake Ozark, MO but always considered Henryetta his home. As word of his death was heard, so many former students shared their love and admiration for him. He touched and changed the lives of many students. Many more than we ever knew. The posts and tributes are truly overwhelming. Gene loved and lived life to the fullest. He was an avid OU and New England Patriots fan.

He is preceded in death by his parents, 2 sister, Janelle Richards and Deloras Richards. 2 brothers, Leon Richards and Dolphis Doyle. He is survived by brothers, Bill Richards of Checotah , OK, Tommy Sills of Lake Ozark, Mo and Jerry Sills of Henryetta, OK. Many cousins and nieces and nephews. Special great nephew Sawyer Sills.

A Celebration of His life will be 2:00pm, Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

The family would like to personally acknowledge that they are so touched and

honored from the messages that his former students and friends have sent. It truly makes us proud of the life lived!

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

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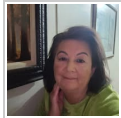
# Tribute Wall



“ *Rogers Funeral home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gene Lee Timothy*



**Rogers Funeral Home** - January 28, 2017 at 11:13 AM



*COUSIN ! YOU WILL BE FOREVER MISSED*

**Marilyn Fry** - January 28, 2017 at 03:04 PM

AS

*We are grateful that you were a part of our lives. You will be missed, Gene.*

**Artie, Jeanette, Steven, & Javier Salcido** - January 28, 2017 at 03:16 PM

SJ

*You were always so much fun to be around, I will never forget how momma, Aunt Wilda and Aunt Opal loved it when ya'll would get together and go down to Eufaula to eat at Jims Resturant, They enjoyed so much. Now your all together again laughing and praising God. Sue*

**Sue Jones** - January 28, 2017 at 04:19 PM

RS

*You were a good friend and even better a great teacher. You touched many lives. I am greatfull to be part of it. You will be missed my friend. Rest In Peace until we meet again!!*

**Rhonda Silva** - January 28, 2017 at 06:18 PM

JM

*Rest In Peace Gene. Always loved ur sense of humor. U will b greatly missed by many.*

**Janie Murphy** - January 29, 2017 at 07:25 AM

YT

*Gene was a dedicated teacher and had a real passion and drive when training his students in the competitive sports and other activities he coached. Glad to know him as a colleague and friend of Santa Rosa. Maximiliano and Yolanda Tenorio*

**Yolanda M Tenorio** - January 29, 2017 at 07:48 PM

SW

*Coach Timothy was a huge influence on my life, he was part of our family. I will never forget the great times together and coaching with him in Santa Rosa. Coach Timothy always supported and loved the children he taught and coached.*

**Sean Wootton** - January 30, 2017 at 09:42 AM

LL

*“ Gene and I were in the USAF together as Security Police Dog Handlers at Incirlik AFB, Adana, Turkey. He was a good man.*

**Larry Lantz** - April 06 at 11:51 AM

MA

*“ I had no idea that Mr. Timothy passed. I was fortunate enough to be his student for 10th grade English when he taught at Menaul School; he was a passionate and exacting teacher who set very high standards for his students. I will think of him whenever I reread Shakespeare, Dostoevsky, or Nietzsche.*

**Menaul alumnus** - November 02, 2020 at 02:39 PM

DK

“ De Anne Kindell lit a candle in memory of Gene Lee Timothy



De Anne Kindell - January 31, 2017 at 10:13 AM

SB

“ Shelley Baumgardner purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gene Lee Timothy.



Shelley Baumgardner - January 31, 2017 at 08:49 AM

MH

“ The New Mexico Association of Student Councils (NMASC) fondly remembers our years with Gene. Thank you for your devotion to your Santa Rosa HS Stu Co kids, and to your leadership promotion across the state by your dedication to student leaders and their adult advisors. Thank you Gene. May your family find peace in their hearts.

Mary Hahn - January 31, 2017 at 08:03 AM



“ 28 files added to the album Life Tributes



Rogers Funeral Home - January 30, 2017 at 11:11 AM

KW

“ Wow...can't believe your gone! Never forgotten❤️ You were a wonderful teacher and friend, Thanks for always caring about my kids. I have always enjoyed our FB friendship since we moved away from Santa Rosa, NM in different directions! You were always such a kind man, helping so many people/kids figure out their way! RIP my friend!

karla white - January 30, 2017 at 10:49 AM



“ Amigo, little did I realize that your visit this summer would be the last time I would see you. I will treasure the memories and the gifts you gave me. I'm glad I was able to take you to Pintada to see the Petroglyphs and the Kokopelis. Rest in Peace!

Daniel Flores - January 29, 2017 at 06:21 PM

FJ

“ From your brothers Bill, Tommy, and Jerry, purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Gene Lee Timothy.



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**From your brothers Bill, Tommy, and Jerry**, - January 29, 2017 at 06:01 PM

MS

“ I met Gene this past summer at the Ambassador's Leaders summit at Harvard. Both students and teacher leaders loved to be around him! His passion and smile were contagious! He helped our student runners stay in shape by helping them with early morning runs. He was an inspiration to younger educators who could see how much he truly loved his students and what he did! I am glad I got to meet him and be a colleague of his, even for a brief time!

*Melissa Stewart*

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**melissa stewart** - January 29, 2017 at 04:12 PM

NS

“ Natalya S. purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Gene Lee Timothy.



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**Natalya S.** - January 29, 2017 at 02:50 PM

SS

“ *Sammy and Helene Sills purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gene Lee Timothy.*



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**Sammy and Helene Sills** - January 29, 2017 at 01:41 PM

DS

“ *Gene was such a caring man and very upbeat every time I saw him, which was not a lot after graduation. However every student post on Facebook tells his story. The world will miss this beautiful person.*

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**D'Ann Marshall Simons** - January 29, 2017 at 09:48 AM

SL

“ *Gene was a very good man he will be missed*



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**Shawn and Nancy Lopez** - January 29, 2017 at 07:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gene Lee Timothy.*



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January 28, 2017 at 09:43 PM

TO

“ We love and will miss you . will never forget your beautiful smile. you will be missed.

*Marty and Tonya Doyle and Family*



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**Tonya** - January 28, 2017 at 08:58 PM

JM

“ So sorry for your loss. Gene and I have been friends since we were in the 6th grade and we went to Assembly Of God church together and he was my first boyfriend. I will always remember him as Gene Sills. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

*June Robertson Minyard*

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**June Minyard** - January 28, 2017 at 07:59 PM



“ Mr Timothy you will be miss , Thank you for touching so many lives as you did with us

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**James Lang** - January 28, 2017 at 07:06 PM

GA

“ Glenda Ashley lit a candle in memory of Gene Lee Timothy



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**Glenda Ashley** - January 28, 2017 at 06:49 PM

GA

*Sure going to miss your smile, it lit up the room.*

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**Glenda Ashley** - January 28, 2017 at 06:51 PM

PB

“ *Phyllis Berryhill lit a candle in memory of Gene Lee Timothy*



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**Phyllis Berryhill** - January 28, 2017 at 06:39 PM

PB

“ *Gene and I have known each other since 1st grade. He was a very competitive guy and so much fun to be around! He always had a smile on his face for everyone he came across. Our Class of 1965 were so glad to see him at our 50 year reunion. He was the same Gene we always knew. He will be missed greatly.*

*Phyllis Berryhill  
Class of 1965  
Henryetta Hens*

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**Phyllis Berryhill** - January 28, 2017 at 06:39 PM

TM

“ *Trellis Massey lit a candle in memory of Gene Lee Timothy*



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**Trellis Massey** - January 28, 2017 at 06:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gene Lee Timothy.



January 28, 2017 at 04:09 PM

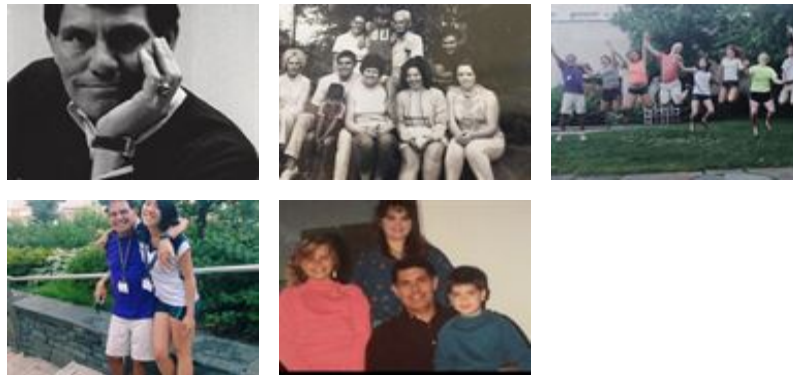


“ GROWING UP GENE LEE WOULD ALWAYS COME TO DADDY AND MOMMAS, CHARLES AND PATSY...WE'D SET AROUND THE KITCHEN HAVING A GOOD LAUGH ALWAYS....DRINKING COFFEE GOOD TIMES

MARILYN HENERSON FRY - January 28, 2017 at 02:46 PM



“ 55 files added to the album Life Tributes



Rogers Funeral Home - January 28, 2017 at 11:00 AM