



## Dr. Morris Eugene "Gene" Olds

October 20, 1934 - October 6, 2021

"Gene" Olds passed away on October 6, 2021. He was 86 years old. Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin Lewis "Pat" Olds and Irma Belton Olds, and brother Billy Lewis Olds. He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Carol Blakely Olds, a son Benjamin D. Olds, daughter, Jacqueline Olds Cook, sisters, Dotsy Sadler Crichfield and Joyce Riley Goad. Also, he leaves behind two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Gene was born in Halls, TN and grew up on the family farm. He never lost his love for the farm and spent most of his spare time gardening and working in his yard. Also, he loved to travel and could never get enough of the Hawaiian Islands. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Memphis State University and his Doctor of Education degree from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Gene spent forty-five years of service in Education which involved principal of Halls Elementary and Junior High School . Most of his service was in Memphis City Schools that included science teacher, principal, Director of Elementary Education and Assistant Superintendent prior to his retirement.

Visitation will be Saturday, October 16 at 1:30-2:30 with Funeral Service following at Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5668 Poplar Ave. Memphis, TN.

# Cemetery

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## Memorial Park Cemetery

5668 Poplar Ave

Memphis, TN, 38119

# Events

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**OCT** **Visitation** 01:30PM - 02:30PM

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Memorial Park Fireside Chapel

5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN, US, 38119

**OCT** **Funeral** 02:30PM

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# Comments

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“ We very much appreciate Gene and Carol’s loving marriage. They would stop by frequently after dinner, and joke with us about work ethic. Gene could never get over a couple of northerners loving to work in the dirt so much! Although we had a few conversations about Gene’s years in the educational field, his accomplishments show what a modest man he was indeed. To us, Gene Olds was a true Southern Gentleman. Prayers to his entire wonderful family!  
Michelle and Leonides, Southwind Neighbors

**Michelle Grady and Leonides Villanueva** - October 09, 2021 at 04:06 PM



“ Living next door to Gene and Carol for the past 3 1/2 years is truly a wonderful blessing. I always enjoyed talking with Gene sharing time and just being good friends. He was so gentle and patient with Carol by letting her drive her little sports car around the neighborhood. Judy and I will greatly miss our dear friend Gene. GOD’s blessings to Carol and his entire family for peace and blessings. Fred and Judy Heberle

**Fred Heberle** - October 10, 2021 at 11:31 AM



“ I first met Gene while interviewing him as a reporter for WMC television during his time as assistant superintendent of Memphis city schools. He was gracious with his time and it was a pleasant surprise to find he would be my neighbor a dozen years later after my husband and I moved to the Southwind community. Gene and Carol built the first house on Windgarden Cove. Everyone knew them especially as they regularly drove slowly down the street in her little green convertible. Our prayers go out to Carol. We know how much she will miss him as do we all. Carolyn Martin

**Carolyn Martin** - October 10, 2021 at 10:57 PM