



Marvin Eugene Strong Jr

March 20, 1953 - June 11, 2023

Frankfort - Marvin Eugene Strong, Jr., 70, passed away on Sunday, June 11, 2023.

The husband of Susan Childers Strong, Gene was born March 20, 1953, to the late Marvin Eugene Strong, Sr. and Peggy Tinchler Strong in Ary, Kentucky. Gene is survived by his wife, Susan, his mother, Peggy, and his children Ryan (Cristy) Strong of Milton, Georgia, and Mark (Ashley) Strong of Lexington, Kentucky. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Gabriella Strong, Veronica Strong, Emma Strong, Avery Strong, and Anniston Strong.

Gene and Susan shared 49 years of blissful marriage full of love and countless family memories. Gene was a prominent and successful businessman in Central Kentucky. After beginning his career working for the Kentucky State Police Department, he joined The Webb Companies and, ultimately, became Vice President in charge of Marketing and Leasing. While making lifelong business partners and, more importantly, lasting friendships, Gene loved working at The Webb Companies to develop properties that would have a positive impact on the State of Kentucky. In late 1991, Gene left The Webb Companies to go to work in Kentucky state government as the Secretary of Economic Development. He was respected throughout not only Kentucky, but also in various parts of the United States and World for his work and accomplishments during his time as Secretary of Economic Development

for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Outside of work, he was a genuine friend to anyone he met and a caring and loving son, husband, father, and grandfather. He loved nothing more than spending good times with friends, taking a golf trip with his boys, telling a good joke, or doting on his loving wife, Susan. Gene will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

The family is taking this time to mourn, and a Celebration of Life will be planned in the near future.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Marvin Eugene Strong Jr*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *In memory of our dear friend Gene, with whom we shared many special moments over the last 30 years. The joke of his that I will always remember is the "Rolexa Watcha", a true classic... the joy of seeing him laugh while he told it will never leave me!*
Richard & Odile Batty

Richard Batty - June 29, 2023 at 02:43 PM



“ *Dear Susan, Ryan and Mark.*

I would like to send my sincere condolences to you all. Although I only new Gene from around 3 Guinness Tour golf events - most memorably from the first time at Leopard Creek in South Africa and s couple of occasions in USA, his genuine warmth, personality and endless source of humour, was most appreciated by us all.

He will be sorely missed by our community, as well as more properly by your family.

All the very best to you

*Steve Leggatt
Johannesburg, South Africa*

Stephen Leggatt - June 29, 2023 at 07:54 AM



“ *The Great Cookie Crate Combo was purchased for the family of Marvin Eugene Strong Jr.*



June 28, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“ *61 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - June 28, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ *My fond memories of this gentle spirit starts in college . He was always present at fraternity and sorority gatherings and married a sorority sister of mine . I was blessed to be around during the early years of Ryan and the first time they left him to go on vacation to Florida with us . Before cell phones they checked on him faithfully. Genes calm , humorous and knowledgeable demeanor was always appreciated . He is proof that by showing concern for everyone in any situation and being loyal to the manner in which he was brought up that his life was lived to God's glory . May his family grieve assisted by Heavens abiding comfort .*

Kathy Perros Fuqua - June 20, 2023 at 01:27 PM

GC

“ Gene was a great friend and brother at EKU .
I am sorry for your but proud of his accomplishments in life .
Rest well my friend

Greg Cutlip

Greg Cutlip - June 18, 2023 at 02:04 AM

AJ

“ Susan. Arch and I are so shocked to hear about Gene.
We know after you marry and have kids time gets away from you
and it has for us. One of Arch's fondest memories of Buzz is the
night Arch was in town on a date in an old pick up truck and Gene
told him he couldn't take a girl out in an old truck. Then he let him
drive his '69 Chevelle SS for the rest of the night. That just shows
what a great guy he was. Arch has never forgotten
Idk if you remember us passing you on I 75 when we were coming
back from our honeymoon and you were on your way to yours.
Gene and Arch got out and met in the median and talked. Time
surely has flown by. 49 years for both of us couples. We pray for
your family and Peggy

Arch and Gail Johnson - June 17, 2023 at 11:55 AM

CB

“ Susie, Many thoughts and prayers for you and your family! Gene
was a great guy and I have so many fun memories of him from
EKU! Love and Peace,
Candace Ballard

Candace Ballard - June 16, 2023 at 08:02 PM

BM

“ *My sincerest condolences and prayers go out to Susan, Ryan, Mark and family for your loss. Gene was a very special person, fraternity brother, roommate and dear friend for the fifty plus years I knew him. I will fondly remember Gene’s endless jokes and colorful stories forever. He will be dearly missed. ~ Buzzie Midden*

Buzzie Midden - June 16, 2023 at 10:58 AM

BH

“ *We have shared great times at the Board of North American Stainless for the last 15 years. We will miss him. Our deepest condolences to the family from his Spanish friends of Acerinox. Bernardo Velázquez*

Bernardo Velazquez Herreros - June 16, 2023 at 07:02 AM

CC

“ *Gene was a member of the Board of Farmers Bank while I served in the same capacity on that board. He was a very astute individual with considerable business knowledge as well as being very informed of the market needs of the customers of the bank. I enjoyed that time very much and Gene was a big part of that. My condolences to the family for your loss. Charlie Cammack*

charles cammack - June 15, 2023 at 08:02 PM

LM

“ *We had lots of great times while attending EKU! A great guy!*

Lynn McClain - June 15, 2023 at 12:53 PM

DE

“ *Susan, I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending Love ((Hugs)) Peace & Prayers. Love you, Debbie Brown*

Debbie - June 15, 2023 at 10:49 AM

DO

“ I was terribly saddened to hear of Gene’s passing this morning. We served on a bank board together for nearly a decade. His insight was always spot on and he had a great sense of humor. We are a lesser place without Gene.

David O’Bryan - June 15, 2023 at 09:07 AM

JP

“ We flew together with Gene in my left seat for a golf tournament as the guests of Carr brothers. Gene loved to tell the story about how I fell asleep over Cape Canaveral. Every time he told the story it got more entertaining. At the end as I remember, the story goes he woke me up after many calls from Miami center to save us from a space launch. He is the best.

Jim (Air) Phelps - June 14, 2023 at 02:39 PM

KF

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Kathy Perros Fuqua - June 15, 2023 at 08:39 AM

JW

Gene was a good friend and I was saddened to hear of his passing. I worked for Toyota and he helped us in many ways during his tenure as Secretary of Economic Development. He was so competent in that role, and helped link us up with many good suppliers over the years. He will be missed for many reasons, especially his sense of humor and his friendliness to everyone he met. My sympathy to his family, who hopefully find solace in knowing he had such a positive impact on so many people throughout Kentucky and beyond.

Jim Wiseman - June 15, 2023 at 10:33 AM

DW

Truly a blessing to have known Gene. Condolences to the family.

Dan Wilson - June 16, 2023 at 11:54 AM

MS

Gene was such a nice person. I had the pleasure of working with him at the Kentucky State Police. Even though he left for bigger and greater things, he never failed to remember who I was and always asked about my family. He was a great asset to the KSP and was instrumental in getting a lot of things the KSP needed. Thank you Gene.

*Mary Jo Sullivan
KSP years 1969 - 2006*

Mary Jo Sullivan - June 16, 2023 at 08:16 PM

GC

Prayers for Susan and the Family. Gene was a great Friend, Fraternity Brother and person. I can still hear him laughing during some of our antics at EKV. He loved to laugh and to tell jokes!! He will be missed but remembered by many. May God Bless.

Gene Carver - June 17, 2023 at 12:48 PM

GD

Buzz and I were small children in the same neighborhood in Jackson, before they relocated a few miles away, and our families were always close. He was a great person and I was so sorry to learn of his passing. Loving prayers for you all.

Gayle Deaton - June 20, 2023 at 10:45 PM

DM

Susan and family, I was so very sad to hear of your loss. Gene was a wonderful, kind and considerate boss and I thoroughly enjoyed working with him during his tenure as Secretary of Economic Development in Frankfort.

I especially enjoyed our many trips abroad travelling with you and Gene, and it was lovely to see the fun, love and respect between you both. You and his children, and then grandchildren, were so special to him. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless you all. Donna Moloney

Donna B. Moloney - June 28, 2023 at 11:59 AM

SB

I knew Gene "Buzz" from the time he was born. He got the name "Buzz" because he was always so active and was buzzing around like a big bee. I will miss our long talks on the telephone. He was a great cousin and will miss him greatly. I have many good memories of our growing up years. Susan, Ryan, and Mark my deepest sympathy. Sharon

Sharon Brown - December 01, 2023 at 12:09 AM