



## Gene Thornton Dye

August 24, 1932 - May 4, 2014

Retired 1SGT Gene Thornton Dye, age 81 of Richlands, Virginia passed away on Sunday, May 4, 2014 in Cedar Bluff, Virginia following a lengthy illness. He was born in Swords Creek, Virginia and was the son of the late John Estil "Swifty" and Effie Mae Robinette Dye. He was a graduate from Honaker High School Class of 1950 and had valiantly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and subsequently worked and operated the National Army Guard Armory in Richlands, Virginia. In honor of his work and dedication, the newly constructed National Guard Armory at SVCC was named after him. Gene was a loving father, grandfather, brother and friend. He was a member of the Gethsemane Baptist Church in Richlands, Virginia and was a lifetime resident of the Richlands area.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Elva Lee Hale Dye; two brothers, Dexter Dye, Bobby Dye; and one sister, Betty Ruth Dye Patrick.

He is survived by:

His Daughter, Beth Smith and husband, Richard of Richlands, VA

Granddaughter, Mary Catherine Smith of Richlands, VA

Two Sisters:

Bonita Lawson and husband, Arthur of Swords Creek, VA

Barbara Byas and husband, Fred of Jonesborough, TN

Several nieces, nephews and a host of friends also survive.

Funeral services for Gene T. Dye will be conducted at Wednesday, May 7,

2014 at 1:00 pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia with the Rev. Marc Brooks officiating. Entombment will follow at the Clinch Valley Memorial Gardens Mausoleum in Richlands, Virginia. Nephews will serve as pallbearers. Members of the Casey-Shortt VFW Post# 9640 will conduct military graveside rites. The family will receive friends from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm on Tuesday evening at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands. As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be sent to Gethsemane Baptist Family Life Center Fund, 2902 Clinch Street, Richlands, Virginia 24641.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Clinch Valley Memorial Cemetery

3201 West Front Street/US 460  
Richlands, VA 24641

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 6. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home  
1401 2nd Street  
Richlands, VA 24641  
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

## Service

MAY 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Gene Thornton Dye*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Gene Thornton Dye*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Jim Day lit a candle in memory of Gene Thornton Dye*



**Jim Day** - May 19, 2014 at 02:54 PM



“ *Karen Jackson lit a candle in memory of Gene Thornton Dye*



**Karen Jackson** - May 08, 2014 at 12:31 PM

TM

“ *Tom And Dot McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of Gene Thornton Dye*



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**Tom and Dot McGlothlin** - May 07, 2014 at 06:17 AM

CR

“ *A precious and good man who will be missed by all who knew and loved him. I know he is enjoying heaven and all of heaven are enjoying him.*

*Beth, you were blessed with a wonderful Dad.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Love, Charlotte and Harry Robinett*



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**Charlotte and Harry Robinett** - May 06, 2014 at 05:13 PM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Gene Thornton Dye.*



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May 06, 2014 at 01:53 PM

DJ

“ *Gene Dye was always a kind and gentle man. His warm smile will be missed by many. Prayers to Beth and family!*  
*Derrick Jackson & Family*

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**Derrick Jackson** - May 06, 2014 at 01:34 PM

Sherry Jackson

“ *My Great Uncle was a very kind and wonderful man. I spent many happy days at his house with my Great Aunt Elva & my cousin Beth. Praying for Beth and her family.*



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**Sherry Jackson** - May 06, 2014 at 10:21 AM

V9

“ *VFW POST 9640 lit a candle in memory of Gene Thornton Dye*



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**VFW POST 9640** - May 06, 2014 at 09:40 AM

PS

“ *PAT SHAMBLIN lit a candle in memory of Gene Thornton Dye*



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**PAT SHAMBLIN** - May 06, 2014 at 09:09 AM

DC

“ *Debra & Keith Brogdon, Sandra & Frank Dizon, Betty Crawford purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Gene Thornton Dye.*



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**Debra & Keith Brogdon, Sandra & Frank Dizon, Betty Crawford** - May 06, 2014 at 07:35 AM

ES

“ *Ed And Jackie Smith lit a candle in memory of Gene Thornton Dye*



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**Ed and Jackie Smith** - May 06, 2014 at 06:01 AM

PS

“ *Peggy M. Sparks lit a candle in memory of Gene Thornton Dye*



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**Peggy M. Sparks** - May 06, 2014 at 05:45 AM

AM

“ *Anita McGlothlin-Gibson lit a candle in memory of Gene Thornton Dye*



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**Anita McGlothlin-Gibson** - May 06, 2014 at 04:30 AM



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*<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Gene-Dye/#!/TributeWall>*



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**Carolyn Pyles** - May 05, 2014 at 10:21 PM

  
Patricia  
Webb

“ Patricia Webb lit a candle in memory of Gene Thornton Dye



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Patricia Webb - May 05, 2014 at 09:25 PM

CV

“ Charlotte Vencille lit a candle in memory of Gene Thornton Dye



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Charlotte Vencille - May 05, 2014 at 09:03 PM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Gene Thornton Dye.



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May 05, 2014 at 08:35 PM

GB

“ Geneva Bumgarner lit a candle in memory of Gene Thornton Dye



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Geneva Bumgarner - May 05, 2014 at 08:02 PM

DA

“ *Diana Arms lit a candle in memory of Gene Thornton Dye*



**Diana Arms** - May 05, 2014 at 08:01 PM

JH

“ *We always cared so much for Gene "Brother." He was such a special man & he will be greatly missed! Prayers & sympathy to all the family!*

**Judy & Jerry Hess** - May 05, 2014 at 07:42 PM

LL

“ *Louie Lawson lit a candle in memory of Gene Thornton Dye*



**Louie Lawson** - May 05, 2014 at 06:25 PM

LL

*proud to have served under you top.RIP*

**Louie Lawson** - May 05, 2014 at 06:27 PM

CH

“ *Beth and family you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Love,  
Carolyn Hess*



**Carolyn Hess** - May 05, 2014 at 06:14 PM

JL

“ My Uncle was a mentor he taught me about life and gave me advise on my military career, He was a great influence to me and I will miss him terribly, he will always be in my heart. When I lost my Mother and Father my life was so empty, my Uncle was just taken by his illness and now I have lost him. Life is very lonely with my family getting smaller, memories are all that we have. I remember my uncle telling my mother that he couldnt belive I was an officer in the Army, he still remembered me as the kid who sat on the right of his father, my grandfather. Now I am retired and in ill health myself, I will say a prayer and await till we meet again, Love you.  
LTC(retired) John William Patrick.

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**JOHN W. PATRICK, LTC** - May 05, 2014 at 05:36 PM

DC

“ Debbie Crouse lit a candle in memory of Gene Thornton Dye



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**Debbie Crouse** - May 05, 2014 at 04:34 PM

BR

“ Beth,

*My deepest heartfelt sympathy to you. May God grant to you peace and comfort and may He fill your heart with the sweetest of memories to help in the days ahead.*

*Keeping you close in thoughts,*

*Bobbie*



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**Bobbie Ray** - May 05, 2014 at 04:16 PM

WW

“ *Wanda White lit a candle in memory of Gene Thornton Dye*



Wanda White - May 05, 2014 at 03:09 PM

RK

“ *Roy & Jill Kinder lit a candle in memory of Gene Thornton Dye*



Roy & Jill Kinder - May 05, 2014 at 03:03 PM

KB

“ *Kayla Bandy lit a candle in memory of Gene Thornton Dye*



Kayla Bandy - May 05, 2014 at 02:56 PM

RN

“ *Ruth Norman lit a candle in memory of Gene Thornton Dye*



Ruth Norman - May 05, 2014 at 02:49 PM

GH

“ *Glen And Jenny Hagy lit a candle in memory of Gene Thornton Dye*



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**Glen and Jenny Hagy** - May 05, 2014 at 02:48 PM