



James Eugene deMedicis

October 26, 1953 - November 6, 2024

James Eugene deMedicis II passed from this life on November 6, 2024, straight from the golf course into the arms of Jesus. Gene, as he was affectionately known, will be remembered through a wonderful legacy in his family whom he loved and cherished, and he will be deeply missed by all those who knew him.

Born on October 26, 1953, in Newport News, Virginia, Gene moved to Mississippi at the age of ten where he spent most of his lifetime and where he built a beautiful life with his wife of fifty years, Lynn Ann Williamson deMedicis. Gene was preceded in death by his father, James E. deMedicis; mother, Arlyne deMedicis; and sisters, Judith Cooley and Miriam Hurdle (Noble).

Gene is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Lynn; his son, David; daughter, Molly Read (Paul) and three beautiful granddaughters- Ann Claire, Rosa Kathryn, and Adeline James who were his pride and joy. Gene is also survived by his nephews and niece: Chris Hurdle (Michelle); Steve Cooley (Helen), Timothy Cooley (Jessica), Brian Cooley (Bethany), Andrea Kandler (Cooper) and his father-in-law, Johnny Hugh Williamson (Polly). Gene leaves behind a host of special friends and golfing buddies who all loved him so much and will always treasure the fond memories, especially his infectious laugh.

Gene was a faithful follower of his Lord and Savior and served Him through children's ministry. He was a blessing to so many lives that he touched during his 71 years on this earth. Gene dedicated his life to his family and was a wonderful husband, father, and pawpaw. Gene loved spending time with his children, and in their early years he was always involved in coaching sports for Molly and loved to collect baseball cards with David. Gene loved to win, and his competitive nature could be seen in almost anything he attempted. Never a sore loser and always smiling. A dear friend, Ken Walker, reminisced on some words from Gene, "It doesn't matter what I win, as long as I win something. And smile."

Gene graduated third in his class from Forrest Hill High School, where he was part of the Hilltoppers singing group. During his senior year in 1972, he claimed the title of State Champion in the 880 during the Mississippi State High School Track Championship, boasting a time of 1:48.7 and setting a record that held strong for many years. His love of sports and athleticism followed him throughout his lifetime, and during his college years, he continued track at Mississippi College until his sophomore year when he suffered an injury that halted his track career. Gene graduated with Distinction at Mississippi College with a B.S. in Accounting in 1976 and later obtained a Master's in Business Administration.

Anyone who knew Gene, knew how much he loved the game of golf. Gene accomplished 11 hole in ones, a remarkable achievement of which he was very proud. He loved playing on golf courses all over the state, but his favorite course was the Diamondhead Country Club. Gene served on the board of the South Mississippi Seniors' Golf Association.

In recent years, most of the moments away from the golf course were spent with his granddaughters, and Gene lovingly attended tea parties, played dress-up, held dolls, read books, and anything those girls wished for became

his command. He was such a proud pawpaw, and loved sharing pictures of Ann Claire, Rosa, and Addie to all of his friends.

Prior to his retirement at age 58, Gene spent 35 years serving as an accountant, with much of his career at Entergy. His love of numbers began early, and he was recognized at his high school graduation as the student with the highest grade in math. His accounting mindset could often be seen through Gene's frugality, and he was known as the ultimate number cruncher.

A celebration of life will be held on November 11, 2024, at Laurel First Methodist with visitation at 1:00 and funeral services at 2:00. Following the service, a graveside service will be held at Lake Park Hills Cemetery on Emmy Drive in Laurel. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Samaritan's Purse.

Pallbearers: Tim Brantley, Tim Cooley, Bob Hawkins, Chris Hurdle, Carey McCoy, and Terry Pender. Honorary Pallbearers: Terry Blaylock, Ken Coleman, Brian Cooley, Steve Cooley, Terry Davis, Ken Walker, Paul Read, and Hilton Smith.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com

Cemetery Details

Lake Park Hills Cemetery

2806 Emmy Dr.
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

Laurel First Methodist Church
420 North 5th Avenue
Laurel, MS 39440

Celebration of Life

NOV 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

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420 North 5th Avenue
Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall

BA

“ David and family, my deepest condolences on the loss of one who seems to have truly enjoyed life. I pray for comfort and that you are surrounded by love during this difficult time.
Sincerely, Barbara Hopkins, Germanna Community College

Barbara - November 12, 2024 at 10:07 AM

HG

“ I wish you peace and comfort as you grieve.
Hettie Grimes - GCC

Hettie Grimes - November 11, 2024 at 04:56 PM

LW

“ Lori & Joe Weatherford and Gloria Wilson purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of James Eugene deMedicis.



Lori & Joe Weatherford and Gloria Wilson - November 09, 2024 at 06:54 PM

LW

“ Lori & Joe Weatherford and Gloria Wilson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Eugene deMedicis.

Lori & Joe Weatherford and Gloria Wilson - November 09, 2024 at 06:54 PM

RC

“ Molly, I am so sorry & saddened to have read about the passing of your father.
I send my deepest sympathy to you & all your family. May God send his kind of peace & comfort to you & your family.
Love, Shelton & Rhonda Cooley

Rhonda Cooley - November 09, 2024 at 04:49 PM

KA

To Molly and family.
All my love and prayers are being sent to you at this time to give you support and strength during this time of loss of your dad. Cherish the memories.
Kathie Andersen, Katie's mom

Kathie Andersen - November 11, 2024 at 02:00 AM

HM

Lynn, I'm so heartbroken to hear of the death of Gene. I worked with him in the rate section at Entergy. My sympathy to you and your family. He will surely be missed!
Hikda

Hilda McAdory - November 14, 2024 at 08:36 PM

LB

Lynn, I am so sorry to read of Gene's passing. My heart hurts for you, David & Molly. Jerry & I will be holding you all in our prayers as you move forward with your precious Gene in heaven. Love to you all.

Linda Banks - November 16, 2024 at 01:25 AM