



## Carlton E. Kilpatrick

January 31, 1944 - January 2, 2014

### Obituary of Carlton E. Kilpatrick

KILPATRICK, CARLTON E. JR. "GENE", age 69, of Leesburg, FL, died on January 2, 2014, due to complications from Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis. He was born in Brooksville, FL, on January 31, 1944, the son of Carlton Sr. and Irene (nee Blackburn). He attended Hernando High School. He earned a BA in Spanish at the University of South Florida (1966) and taught Spanish at Leesburg Junior High School. After earning an MLS in Library Science at the Florida State University (1969), he accepted a position at Tavares High School as the Media Specialist, where he continued until his retirement in 2008. While at Tavares High, he spent many years as the Senior Class sponsor and Hi-Q/Brain Bowl coach. He was known for his dry wit, musical gifts, and generosity.

He is survived by his daughter Mary Susan and granddaughter Annakiya (North Andover, MA), his son Carlton III (Altamonte Springs), and sisters Gloria and Eugenia (Canada). Private services will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation: <http://pulmonaryfibrosis.donorpages.com/Tribute/GeneKilpatrick>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carlton E. Kilpatrick*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gene was almost one of a kind. I enjoyed knowing him for over 30 years. My thoughts aand prayers are with the whole family.*

**Bill Hayes** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. I had Mr. Kilpatrick for Spanish in junior high. We always had fun while learning.*

**Tim Sennett** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our hearts are saddened by your loss. Your Dad was a gentle and kind man. We have many wonderful recollections of his golden tenor voice praising God in unison with the choir at St. James. He was missed in choir, and he will now be missed in this worldly domain. We know, however, that he surely sings praises to the Mighty King with the heavenly choir now. We love you, and pray for you and your family.*

**David and Cherie Knowles** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Susan and Carlton, Our sympathies to you and your family in the passing of your Dad. We spent some wonderful times with your parents. God's peace to you.*

**Marcus and Brenda Byers** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Gene was a terrific man, and a treasure during his years at Tavares HS. He was awesome with Brain Bowl, and was the driving force behind decades of graduation ceremonies at THS. Most supportive of arts programs, and a wonderful sense of humor--we always had a great time at Grad Night. I'll always smile when I remember my friend. Condolences to his family and friends.

Barry Farley - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Mr. Kilpatrick was always well liked at Tavares High. He was warm and funny and never hesitated to give you a hand if you asked for it. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mary (Cates) Montez - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Uncle Gene was a sweet, gentle, generous and very witty man. I will always remember his sense of humour. He adored his family and was so proud of Mary Susan and Carlton, and his granddaughter, Annakiya. His Canadian family so enjoyed his visits up here, as well as spending time in Florida with him over the years. He will be missed and remembered fondly. Our deepest condolences to you at this time on the loss of your father Much love, Elizabeth & family (Niece)

Elizabeth Baxter - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary Susan and Carlton and all of Gene's family. We remember his beautiful voice soaring to the rafters of St. James Episcopal Church and his kind friendly manner to everyone.

Richard & Pat Stanton - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Our deepest sympathy to all of Gene's family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. From nephew Peter, Tammy & Christopher.*

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**Peter Baxter** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ *My heart is heavy for your family. Mr. Kilpatrick was a great man and will be deeply missed. I hope the family can surround each other with love during these very difficult times. Carlton III: I haven't seen you since High School, but I think of you often and wish you well. Take care of each other!*

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**Heather Dabney Grinnell** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ I will miss Gene and his friendship terribly. Even before we met and he traveled to Spain with my tour group, we established a good camaraderie and became friends. Upon initial meeting at the airport, we were the best of friends. I learned of his wife, Sue, her mounting medical issues, the pain Gene endured in keeping her comfortable as she deteriorated and eventually passed away. I heard all about Oreo and Fluffy as their lives progressed. But, mostly, Gene shared with me his love for his children. I don't think any conversation ended without me knowing everything that was occurring in Mary Susan and Carlton's life. His love for his children was the driving force in his life. His compassion for their well-being transcended everything else. I learned all about Kara, her family and each and every advancement of his family. We talked at length about his grand daughter and the pride she brought him. I know he did his best to spoil her. I hope he succeeded. I learned all about his friend Dwayne and the happiness Dwayne brought to him in his last few years. Gene's memory remains with me. The times we shared in Spain, Kansas City, and Branson remain special and I think of him often. That will remain. I feel blessed to have known Gene and shared in his life, family, and travels. He's a special friend and I love him dearly. I am honored that he shared so much of his personal life and family with me. I miss you, my friend. Love, Bob

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**Bob Evans** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Although our times together weren't frequent, they were very memorable. He was an absolute joy to be around and always made me laugh. I have been so grateful over the years for our internet connection. He is, and will continue to be, sorely missed. Our hearts go out to his family and all those who loved him. Adrienne ( Nettle ) Patterson and family

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**Adrienne Patterson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mary, Carlton and Dwayne. I traveled with Gene several times and enjoyed all the trips. I will miss him. Joe

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**Joe Simpson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ I was lucky to have met Gene through my best friend Adrienne- his niece from Nova Scotia. I may have only met him personally a few times but I would call him Uncle Gene as well. He was such a great man with such a funny and witty sense of humour. I had many many laughs with his jokes and emails over the years. He never forgot to send a Jacquie Lawson card via email for every special occasion. He loved to send pictures of his beautiful granddaughter Annakiya as she grew from a baby to a little girl now in school. I really missed his many jokes and emails when he became ill and couldn't correspond as much. I will miss Gene and I know how much his family will miss him too. Thanks for the laughs "Uncle Gene". Love Tena Poirier Halifax ,Nova Scotia

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**Tena Poirier** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Loved your dad! Loved your mom! Love you both! I had the honor of being with you both at LHS We are thinking of you all and hold you in our hearts and prayers. As teachers, we shared a bond that will never end and lots of laughs along the way. He will be greatly missed and always a part of our lives. Take care and know we are thinking of you and keeping you all in our hearts and prayers. Love, Jerry & Mary Ann Williams xoxoxo (LJHS, Carver, & LHS)

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**Jerry & Mary Ann Williams** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM