



EUGENE MOORE, SDS

Date of Birth *June 2, 1929*
Date of Commitment *November 3, 1990*
Date of Death *October 21, 2006*

We knew him as Gene and loved him for his quiet, gentle ways. Our lives are enriched for having been part of his life.

When Gene and Madonna met, Madonna was already a committed Lay Salvatorian. Their relationship deepened and Gene began attending SDS functions with Madonna. Eventually they married and on Nov. 3, 1990, Gene made his Salvatorian commitment.

Gene, Madonna, Roger, Jeanne, Barbara, Frank, Ann and Ed were all friends and knew each other also as members of the Salvatorian Eastern Region. One couple at a time, beginning with Ann and Ed, then Jeanne and Roger, and finally Barbara and Frank migrated to Bradenton, Florida. Madonna and Gene visited for a month each year and it was their intention to move to Florida when Madonna retired. They also spent a good deal of vacation time traveling around the country in their "5th wheel" camper and especially enjoyed visiting with other SDS at Chapters and gatherings.

Plans were well underway for their move to Florida when Madonna became ill and died on April 30, 2002. Two years later, Gene moved to Bradenton with their possessions, his memories, and their dog "Hank", partly to fulfill his and Madonna's dream and to be with their friends here in Florida. Also Gene was an avid fisherman and he and Roger had spent many hours together in Maryland fishing in the Chesapeake Bay and he was excited with the thought of going fishing again with Roger, this time in the Gulf of Mexico and they did.

Gene had been Eastern Regional Treasurer for many years and assumed the same duty in the Florida Region. He also volunteered at Project Light and became a member on the Board of Directors. Gene enjoyed visiting with his friends and also with his family.

Because Gene was quite a bit older than Madonna, their friends were concerned about what Madonna would do when Gene died. Several times while Madonna was ill and again after moving to Florida, Gene said, "It was not supposed to be this way". Gene began losing weight and went into the hospital. He returned home and within the week died with his family, Buddy, Linda, Jimmy and Karen by his side.

Gene was buried beside his beloved Madonna in Havre de Grace, Md. A funeral was celebrated for Gene by his family and the Salvatorian Eastern Region and a Memorial Service was later held by the Florida Community which was attended by his daughters, Linda and Karen, his Salvatorian and many other friends.

"When thinking of Gene's life, don't cry because he has moved out of our lives, smile because we were blessed by his loving presence". (from Gene's Florida Memorial Service)

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