



## Rev. Gene Legg

December 12, 1928 - May 10, 2018

Lloyd Gene Legg, 89, went to be with his Lord on May 10, 2018. He was born in Dallas, Texas on December 12, 1928 and grew up in East Texas, graduating from Mt. Pleasant High School in 1947. He was awarded a football scholarship to Tulsa University where he played tackle with the Golden Hurricanes for four years. He also graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He was pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church from 1953 - 1956, after being ordained to the gospel ministry by his home church, First Baptist Church of Mt. Pleasant.

In 1952 he married his high school sweetheart, Mary Leigh Anderson, and their union was blessed with three children- Mary Elizabeth, Arnold Lloyd, and Linda Leigh.

Both Gene and Mary Leigh had individually received a call of God to foreign missions and in 1956, they were appointed to Nigeria, West Africa by the now International Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention. They served together in Southern Nigeria as advisors to churches and then as a hospital administrator and nurse in Kontogoro Baptist Hospital in Northern Nigeria, until her illness and death from cancer in 1972.

After her death, Gene continued his missionary career in Northern Nigeria as a single missionary, teaching in a Bible college and serving as business

administrator at Jos Baptist High School and being father for his two younger children.

In 1975 the mission transferred Gene to Eku Baptist Hospital where he served as administrator of the hospital. In 1978, he married missionary nurse, Jackie Eubank, who taught in the school of nursing associated with the hospital. In addition to his duties at the hospital, Gene served as an advisor to an association of churches, directed maintenance at the hospital, and taught at the Bible College in Eku.

After 35 years of serving as a career missionary, he and Jackie retired and bought a home in Henderson in 1991 where two of his children were living. He substituted in the HISD and also worked part time as a minister to singles at FBC Henderson. At the request of the mission board, he and Jackie returned to West Africa for a total of 4 1/2 years between 1992 - 2002 and served in the countries of Senegal, Ghana, and Nigeria. Gene loved serving in West Africa and always found people, in all the countries where he served, that he could communicate with in Hausa, the language of Northern Nigeria.

Gene was a member of First Baptist Church Henderson, and of the Adult 7 Men's Sunday School class and was a deacon emeritus. He served as a volunteer at East Texas Training Facility until his stroke in 2010. Though confined to a wheel chair the last seven years of his life, he refused to let it stop him from doing everything he possibly could do and proved he had a tenacious spirit.

Gene is preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Maurine Legg, his first wife, Mary Leigh, and his son Lloyd. He is survived by his wife Jackie, his daughters and sons-in-law, Beth and Rob Wells of Henderson, and Linda and Steve Roszhart of Greenville, TX, his former daughter-in-law, Janet Redfearn Rab of Nacogdoches, and by nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by a sister, Nancy Hercher and husband Bill of Wichita, KS, and a brother, David Legg and wife Neva of Midland, TX, and five nieces; by sisters-in-law Betty Stanley and Ann Parker and husband Jimmy of Georgia and by Jackie's twenty-one nieces and nephews who called him Uncle Gene.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering through First Baptist Church Henderson, 207 West Main Street, Henderson, TX 75652, or to the Mary Leigh Legg Memorial Fund, IMB, P. O. Box 6767 Richmond, VA 23230, which benefits a Nigerian Baptist Seminary where Gene had taught.

A celebration of his life is planned at First Baptist Church Henderson on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 2 PM with Dr. David Higgs officiating under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. The family will greet guests after the service in the church mall.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
207 West Main  
Henderson, TX 75652

## Visitation following service

MAY 17 (CT)

First Baptist Church  
207 West Main  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Gene Legg*



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**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - May 15, 2018 at 12:26 PM

PP

“ *Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Gene Legg*



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**pud patterson** - May 17, 2018 at 08:43 AM

DD

“ *Doris Dorney lit a candle in memory of Rev. Gene Legg*



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**Doris Dorney** - May 16, 2018 at 09:07 AM

DD

*That unforgettable smile will be lighting up heaven. What an inspiration and blessing to know him. Jackie may our precious Lord comfort you. You two were a great team!*

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**Doris Dorney** - May 16, 2018 at 09:11 AM

PB

“ God be with the entire family at this time! We love you all.  
Craig and Pat Blevins

Pat blevBle - May 16, 2018 at 08:34 AM

KB

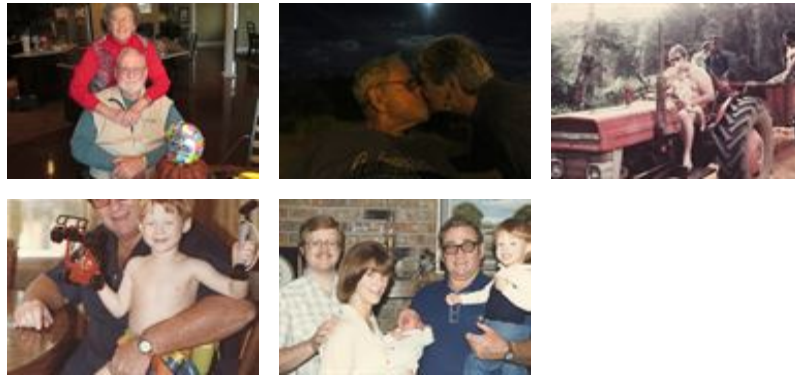
“ Kent And Kim Buckner lit a candle in memory  
of Rev. Gene Legg



Kent and Kim Buckner - May 15, 2018 at 04:43 PM



“ 115 files added to the album LifeTributes



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - May 15, 2018 at 11:21 AM

AM

“ Amy Miley-Payne lit a candle in memory of  
Rev. Gene Legg



Amy Miley-Payne - May 14, 2018 at 10:20 PM

JM

“ Uncle Gene was hands down the best dorm dad we ever had!!! He will be sorely missed. I will be praying for Aunt Jackie and the rest of the family.

Jay moss - May 14, 2018 at 06:32 PM

HB

“ Gene was one of those people that you never forget. He was a friend to all. We always remember the time he fed fried termites to our youngest! He was a joy to know!

Harriet Bowman - May 14, 2018 at 03:18 PM

CM

“ So sorry for your loss. Holding the family gently in thought and prayer. Grateful for the loving spirit of this man.



Claudia Morgan-Gray - May 14, 2018 at 11:59 AM

TC

“ Tony & Anita Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Rev. Gene Legg



Tony & Anita Cavaliere - May 13, 2018 at 06:56 PM

AH

“ Gene’s smiles and hugs were genuine! I always got both every Sunday! Sometimes when I felt all by myself in church - he would roll that wheelchair right up to me in the aisle. In my mind, I thought he did it just for me but, in reality he just couldn’t get close enough to the Pastor so he wouldn’t miss one single word that he preached. He was a special man and will be sorely missed by so many of us who loved him so much! Praying for His comfort to the family as they celebrate Gene’s life.



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**Anita Hays** - May 13, 2018 at 10:38 AM

VM

“ Vicki Mullins lit a candle in memory of Rev. Gene Legg



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**Vicki Mullins** - May 13, 2018 at 10:10 AM

BH

“ Bob & Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Gene Legg



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**Bob & Sue Henderson** - May 13, 2018 at 08:48 AM

BD

“ I always love visiting with Mr. Gene. He always had a smile on his face an a good word to share. He will be missed. Our love and prayers are sent to the family.  
Tom & Bobbie Sue Dumas



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**Bobbie Sue Dumas** - May 13, 2018 at 07:37 AM

JB

“ Jane Brightwell lit a candle in memory of Rev. Gene Legg



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**Jane Brightwell** - May 13, 2018 at 05:15 AM

RT

“ Ricky&Liz Thrasher lit a candle in memory of Rev. Gene Legg



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**Ricky&Liz Thrasher** - May 12, 2018 at 08:23 PM

DC

“ David And Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Rev. Gene Legg



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**David and Jan crow** - May 12, 2018 at 02:58 PM

BG

“ *Praying for peace and comfort*  
*Bonnie Geddie*



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**Bonnie Geddie** - May 12, 2018 at 09:49 AM



“ *Donna Aaron lit a candle in memory of Rev.*  
*Gene Legg*



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**Donna Aaron** - May 11, 2018 at 11:34 PM

GG

“ *Gene Legg blessed so many lives. He will be*  
*missed here on earth, but he is now walking on*  
*those streets of gold in our heavenly home.*  
*Our prayers are with each one of you.*



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**Gena Gardiner** - May 11, 2018 at 03:20 PM

DC

“ *So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and*  
*prayers are with you all.*



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**David & Kathy Chapman** - May 11, 2018 at 03:08 PM

BJ

“ *Betty Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Gene Legg*



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**Betty Johnson** - May 11, 2018 at 08:20 AM

BJ

*Gene Legg was so special, and so is his wife Jackie. He would always shake my hand when we were at church. He and Jackie were missionaries and love our Lord.*

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**Betty Johnson** - May 12, 2018 at 04:41 PM

CS

“ *We are so sorry for your loss.*

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**Craig and Paula Sweeney** - May 11, 2018 at 06:48 AM