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Decatur-Thomas Eugene Cothern, 88 of Decatur, passed away 1:19 am Monday, February 07, 2011 at Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Services to celebrate Gene's life will be 11 a.m. Friday, February 11, 2011 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the services at the funeral home. Entombment with military honors will be in Fairlawn Mausoleum. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

Gene was born November 10, 1922 in Ramsey, the son of Harold and Odessa (Halford) Cothern. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during W.W. II. on the Intrepid aircraft carrier where he was awarded seven battle stars. He married Betty England October 13, 1946 in Fayette County. She preceded him in death May 15, 2009.

He leaves behind one son: Donald (Kathleen) Cothern of Argenta, two daughters: Gail (James) Foster of Decatur, and Patty Lewallen of Decatur, step brother, Lloyd Cothern of Versailles, KY, step sister, Sharon Carroll of Versailles, KY, seven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

He was reunited in Heaven with his parents, wife, and brother, Ronald Cothern.



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AB

Abishek posted:

Hi Tricia,thank you for your comment. The problebm might be that I am at an internet seminar in Las Vegas and when everybody is uploading it can lead to prolebms.Sorry about that. I will try to follow up next week. I would like you to stay in touch with me and let me know what you think. Thanks again. Take care and to your success!

May 17 at 3:34 PM

LM

Linda Law Mahon posted:

Gail and family. I was sorry to see that your father past away. He will be missed by all of his children and grand childrenbut take care he will always be looking after all of you.

February 10 at 12:05 PM

RH

Richard Halford posted:

To my Decatur cousins. We were sure sorry to learn that Gene has passed away. I have many good memories of him, such as the many potlucks and good food at Grandpa Cothern's place. Gene always had to have his piece of pie! The stories about his Navy days he told were so interesting. I always enjoyed having Gene and Donnie come down to hunt squirrels and fish in the pond Gene was a cousin of both sides of the family, (Halford and Cothern) so there are many good memories to remember him by. Richard Halford

February 10 at 11:31 AM

KF

Keith Farber posted:

Gail Ann, Don,Patty,and Family. All who knew and loved your Dad will miss him. Sunday night I finished reading the last chapter of a book on the Battle of Okinawa. I remember the stories my Uncle Gene told me about his experiences at that time. He always ended those stories with a humorous experience. He was a proud Navy man,proud of his ship (The Fighting I) and his shipmates. I will remember his stories,the twinkle in his eyes,the grin,and his laugh. To me, he was always young and positive. I have this picture in my mind: Uncle Gene is now sitting at a large round oak table with all those who have gone before him. With a twinkle in his eyes,he looks at Aunt Betty and says; Betty, don't just sit there and giggle, deal the cards ! This is how I will remember your Dad. The Good Lord blessed Gene in many ways and now has welcomed him aboard.

February 10 at 10:05 AM



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RF

Ross Dale Fish posted:

This is for Gail, Donnie, Patty and family; I'm so sorry to hear about the death of cousin Gene, but you know he and "Sis" is probably already joking about all the tricks and jokes they had played on each other years ago. I grew up with cousins Gene and Ronald and Uncle Charlie, we were all pretty tight. We had alot of good times together playing, hunting, and arguing as kids growing up around old Success School. This leaves myself as the oldest in the family, but Melvin the oldest to carry the "Cothern" name on the family tree. I'm 81 and will be 82 July 8. 2011. May God put his comforting hand on all you and your family in this time of sorrow.

February 9 at 6:59 PM

KF

Ken Farber posted:

Gail Ann, Donnie,Patty and all those grandkids –So sorry to hear about "Uncle Gene" he was such a nice guy, he liked to kid around with everyone, and we can't forget that grin and his laugh. Most of my early conversations with Gene were about World War II and his battle experiences – especially that he looked down on the siging of the Japenese surrender. At Aunt Bettys funeral I noticed that he was weaing a masonic pin. Later I called him 2 or 3 times to see how he was doing and our discussions were of our mutual interest in masonary. He encouraged me to be more involved and I have. I will tell mom (Hazel) today, though I'm not sure she will understand. Thinking of you with some tears. KL

February 8 at 3:59 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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