



## Eugene L. Presley

April 10, 1937 - April 5, 2021

Eugene L. Presley of Asheville, died on Monday, April 5, 2021. Born on April 10, 1937, in Asheville, he was the son of Ralph L. and Virginia P. Presley. He was a graduate of Christ School and attended UNC-Chapel Hill. He attended UNC-Asheville where he received his master's degree. He served in the U.S. Marine Corp. He resided in North Asheville most of his adult life, until moving to Crowfields in 2013. Before retiring, he was President and CEO of Hayes & Lunsford Electrical Contracting, Inc. He served on the board of National Electrical Contractors Association and Carolinas Electrical Contractors Association.

In addition to industry participation, he was active in the community serving as Chairman of the Board at Christ School and the Buncombe County Republican Party. He served on the Board of UNC-Asheville, Salvation Army, YMCA, and was a former member where he was a Paul Harris Fellow of the Asheville Downtown Rotary Club. He served an active role in the parish life at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Surviving is his wife, Josephine "JoJo" Kowal Presley, daughter, Cynthia Lynn (Steve) of Rosarito Beach, Mexico and son, Michael (Anne) of Greenville, SC., Granddaughters, Margaret (Meg) of Mount Pleasant, SC, and Sarah Cates. Brothers Ralph (Florence) and Richard (Frances) Asheville, brother-in-law, Richard Kowal, Savanna, GA and sister-in-law, (Bunny) Kowal Turnbull (Tom), Travelers Rest, SC.

There will be a private family graveside service. A memorial service will be at

a later date. The family ask memorials to be sent to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 337 Charlotte Street, Asheville, NC or The Presley Faculty Endowment, 500 Christ School Road, Arden, NC 28704.

Morris Funeral & Cremation Service is serving the family and condolences may be sent to them through our website at [www.morrisfamilycare.com](http://www.morrisfamilycare.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ Eugene L. Presley

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ John Hope lit a candle in memory of Eugene L. Presley



john hope - April 12, 2021 at 10:10 PM



Gene was always a kind gentleman  
John nHope / CHRIST SCHOOL-58

john hope - April 12, 2021 at 10:12 PM



“ Heart felt condolences to the entire Presley family. I was fortunate enough to have worked on the Christ School Board with Gene. I really appreciated his wise and thoughtful leadership, his sense of humor and his love of life. He will be missed. We will have the whole family in our hearts and prayers.

Ed "Bubba" and Jane Souther '63

Ed Souther - April 12, 2021 at 04:28 PM

TI

“ Sincere condolences to the Presley family and especially my classmate Mike.  
God bless...

*Tom Mauldin II '87*

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**Thomas Mauldin II** - April 12, 2021 at 04:18 PM

TA

“ JoJo, I'm so sorry to hear about Gene. I got to talk to him a lot throughout the many years. He will be deeply missed. You and your entire family are in my prayers. Miss you, Tamara xo

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**Tamara** - April 12, 2021 at 09:51 AM

TB

“ Gene was a pleasure to be around and listen to his wisdom in conversations. My husband and I will always remember his kindness and our tour of Asheville Gene took us on. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Presley family at this difficult time.  
*John and Theresa Bailey*



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**Theresa Bailey** - April 10, 2021 at 11:06 PM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugene L. Presley.



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April 09, 2021 at 11:27 AM

VW

“ Dear JoJo,  
Michael and I always enjoyed talking to you and Gene when our paths would cross as we walked in Crowfields community. He was a vital member of the Monday Morning Men’s group and it was a challenge trying to win when Gene was part of our Hand and Foot card group. Gene was a dear man and we will miss him very much. I hope we continue to see you often. May God bless and comfort you in your loss.

Virginia and Michael West

Virginia and Michael West - April 08, 2021 at 01:56 PM

MW

“ Jojo and mike and family. So sorry to hear of Gene's passing.my pray is that God gives each of you a special touch of grace and peace during this time.prayers and thoughts. Mike William's

Mike williams - April 07, 2021 at 08:19 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugene L. Presley.



April 06, 2021 at 03:24 PM

JH

“ Jim and Vickie Hearn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eugene L. Presley.



Jim and Vickie Hearn - April 06, 2021 at 01:26 PM

EE

“ *Employees of Hayes & Lunsford Electric purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eugene L. Presley.*



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**Employees of Hayes & Lunsford Electric** - April 06, 2021 at 11:02 AM

SN

“ *Wonderful memories of our many fishing trips. Wonderful man who lived life to the fullest, will be missed!!!*

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**Steve Newsome** - April 06, 2021 at 09:46 AM

TS

“ *Oh my heavens!! So very sorry JoJo & family! There was only one Geno “Detavela!” We laughed and loved him... Gail & Woody & I were just telling stories & talking about fun times with You both! Turkey frying expert like no other!! Heaven gains a great one!! Until we meet again Gene!! Love & hugs JoJo!! Tedd & Gail*

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**Tedd & Gail Smith** - April 05, 2021 at 07:10 PM

BG

*JoJo, So sorry to hear about Gene. He was a, great, guy and will be missed.*

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**Barney Gradman** - April 05, 2021 at 07:26 PM

WG

*Loved Gene, more fun, more gracious, an individual has never graced our existence. So many trips, together, so many grins, there will never be another like him. I loved him and he will be in my thoughts for ever. And to you JoJo Dear Lady also Mike, Lynn and families rest and peace to you all.*

*Love you, Woody*

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**woody giezentanner** - April 05, 2021 at 08:28 PM

FK

*Thinking of you and your family at this sad time. Gene was always friendly and fun to be around. I always remember the good times we had ushering in all those New Years. He will be missed. Sending love to all of you. Fran Killian*

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**Frances Killian** - April 08, 2021 at 08:37 PM

PB

*Dear JoJo, Lynn, her husband, Mike and Anne, and those two granddaughters my heart is full of love for all of you. Gene was such a terrific man. He was loved by everyone and one of Bernie's and my favorite persons beginning with Christ School and especially our young lives before and after our marriages. I love you all, Peggy Baker*

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**Peggy Baker** - April 10, 2021 at 10:57 AM

DH

*Jojo. So sorry to Learn of Genes passing. He was a special friend to so many of us and will be remembered with love and friendship by all who knew him. Don Hawkins*

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**Don Hawkins** - April 12, 2021 at 09:59 AM