



## Gene Sandifer

February 23, 2024

Gene Sandifer 95, of Houston, Texas passed away peacefully on Friday, February 23rd, 2024.

Gene was born in Louisiana to the late Bing and Sierra (Watson) Sandifer. Gene was the first member of his family to earn a college degree from Louisiana State University. He proudly served with distinction in the United States Army and was a veteran of the post-World War II Occupation forces and later the Korean War.

Gene had a long professional career beginning at Humble Oil and continuing with the integration of Humble Oil into Exxon Company USA. He retired from Exxon Mobil in 1993 after 40 years.

During his retirement Gene lived in Pawley's Island, SC. While living in South Carolina, he converted to Catholicism and was a communicant of Precious Blood parish. He was a driving force in the success of various food pantries (St. Vincent DePaul in Houston and the Outreach Farm in Pawleys Island, SC). Gene was an active fisherman and known for his famous Louisiana shrimp boils and fish fries, not to mention many a fried turkey during holiday times.

He was a lifelong friend to many and a well-respected mentor. He will be

sorely missed.

In addition to his parents, Gene was predeceased by his nine siblings and his son, Galen Sandifer. Gene is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Rosemary (Baker) Sandifer, his daughter Beverly; son Gene (Sharon); his two stepsons: James McHugh (Annie), John McHugh (Coleen); and his cherished 15 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren, who affectionately called him, "PePa". He had numerous nieces, nephews and cousins who will miss him greatly.

Arrangements are being made by Magnolia Funeral Home, 811 Magnolia Blvd., Magnolia, TX. The viewing will be on Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 5:30 pm followed by a Rosary at 7:00pm. On Friday, March 1st, a Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church, 302 Magnolia Blvd, Magnolia, TX at 12 Noon. Burial with military honors will take place immediately following Mass at Magnolia Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 811 Magnolia Blvd., Magnolia, TX.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Archdiocese of Galveston – Houston.

The Addison family and staff of Magnolia Funeral Home extend condolences to the Sandifer family during this difficult time.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 29. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Magnolia Funeral Home  
811 South Magnolia Blvd.  
Magnolia, TX 77355  
(281) 356-3363  
magnoliafh@yahoo.com  
<https://magnoliafunerals.com>

## Rosary Service

FEB 29. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

MAR 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Matthias Catholic Church  
302 Magnolia Blvd.  
Magnolia, TX 77355

## Burial

MAR 1 (CT)

Magnolia Memorial Gardens Cemetery  
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# Tribute Wall

MH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Magnolia Funeral Home - February 29, 2024 at 05:34 PM

JC

“ Juvie, Lisa and Carmen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gene Sandifer.

Juvie, Lisa and Carmen - February 29, 2024 at 09:46 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gene Sandifer.



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“ Hershel & Becky @ Willie Mae planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gene Sandifer.

Hershel & Becky @ Willie Mae - February 28, 2024 at 11:10 AM

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“ *Hershel & Becky @ Willie Mae purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gene Sandifer.*



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**Hershel & Becky @ Willie Mae** - February 28, 2024 at 11:10 AM

TS

“ *The Schultz sisters purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gene Sandifer.*



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**The Schultz sisters** - February 27, 2024 at 03:56 PM

LL

“ *I remember all the Toledo Bend camping and fishing summers with Uncle Gene and Paw Paw such fun times and memories*

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**Leah Latiolais** - February 25, 2024 at 12:00 PM

BS

*Uncle Gene was so entertaining at our annual Senior Sandifer reunion. He holds the record for the biggest fish caught from our pond. Hershel said he was the best story teller and just such a wonderful man. We will miss him deeply and love him so much! Becky and Hershel*

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**Becky Sandifer** - February 26, 2024 at 08:18 PM

JB

*Uncle Gene was always a Man of Reason. A Smart Man and always stayed Humble. I should be there Friday.*

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**Jerry Boy** - February 26, 2024 at 09:19 PM