

The Life and Legacy of Gene Raymond Haney

An Informative Biography
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Introduction

- In 1944, Gene's father learned of his birth by radio transmission, while serving in the military during World War 2, a remarkable start to a remarkable life.



- Today we'll explore his youth and education, career and achievements, and retirement and overall reflections.

Youth and Education

- Born in 1944 in southern Ohio.
- Grew up in Trotwood, Ohio, where choir helped him find belonging and confidence.
- Excelled in school.



- Became class president junior and senior year, transforming from shy to respected leader.

Youth and Education

- Earned a Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Cincinnati.

- Married his childhood sweetheart before senior year.



- Turning Point of his life was when he declined an instructor's offer to take a test at home, took it anyway, and never failed another



Career and Achievements

- Career spanned refueling equipment, race cars, mail sorters, cameras, and animal feed machinery.
- Worked in Holland as acting general manager; traveled to all 50 states and nearly 30 countries.



Career and Achievements

- Faced hardships as he lost jobs four times, but persevered and rebuilt every time.



- Credits his choir director for teaching him discipline and emotional strength.



- Music: Sang for 70 years, won four straight state titles, performed with the Dayton Philharmonic, and on national radio.

Retirement and Reflections

- Retired to Charlottesville, Virginia, then to move to Hendersonville, NC.



- Active volunteer at Carolina Village he runs movie nights and manages \$500,000 in donations as Resident Council President



- Enjoys woodworking and helping neighbors in his garage shop.

Retirement and Reflections

- Adventures: drove race cars, flew upside down in a plane, and saw whales up close in Hawaii and Alaska.
- Reflects on changes in society, he believes respect and manners have faded.



- Advice: “Quit thinking you know everything. Take time to study.”
- Favorite quote: “If you’re going through hell, keep

Conclusion

- Gene's journey from a small-town childhood to a lifetime of leadership, love, and service.
- His story shows how resilience, passion, and kindness can shape a lasting legacy.

