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Native New Mexican born and raised in Tucumcari

EDUCATION - Graduate of Tucumcari High School 1957. Attended Eastern New Mexico University (no degree). Have attended various insurance schools starting in 1970.

MILITARY – Joined New Mexico National Guard 11 January 1956. Honorably Discharged 3 September 1964. Served as a supply Sgt. holding rank of E-6 at the time of separation.

EMPLOYMENT RECORD – Employed last 5 years with Dental Source/Benefits Source, Inc. Am also serving as a licensed minister in the capacity of a corporate Chaplain at Zangara Dodge in Albuquerque. Have been a licensed insurance agent in New Mexico since September of 1970, having been a builder of various insurance agencies since becoming an agent. Been involved in recruiting both inside and outside the insurance industry. Have served on staff, or in a volunteer position with Shalom Ministries that is headquartered in Santa Fe, New Mexico. This is a servant ministry to the juvenile justice system, ministering to thousands of juveniles in detention centers in New Mexico and surrounding states since 1986.

CHURCH & CIVIC – Member of Eastern Hills Baptist Church. Current board member of KAZQ and KTVS television stations. Directed the New Mexico portion of the 1986 National Prison Invasion. Member of the advisory board for Shalom ministries. Past member and President Duke City Exchange Club. Past President Southwest District of Exchange Clubs of America. Past member of the Crime Stoppers board. Past member trustee board of Evangel Christian Center, and Evangel Christian Academy.

FAMILY – Gene and Barbara are the proud parents of six children, two of which are already with the Lord. In addition, there are eighteen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Each of the children is a professional in their chosen field of endeavor. Barbara serves as the director of “The Jeffrey Cole Russell Memorial Foundation,” that was established after our oldest son Jeff (an APD officer of sixteen and one-half years) lost his life in the line of duty in January, 2002. (Jeff was Barbara’s biological son, and Gene’s step-son).