



## Eugene Cromartie

October 3, 1936 - February 13, 2017

Major General Eugene R. Cromartie (Oct. 3, 1936 through Feb. 13, 2017)

The family will be having two viewings to accommodate guests on Saturday March 11, 2017 at Pope Funeral Homes, Forestville Chapel; 5538 Marlboro Pike , Forestville MD 20747:

The first viewing will be held from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

The second viewing will be held from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

The service and inurnment will be held at Fort Myer's chapel in Arlington, Virginia at a later date.

Major General Eugene R. Cromartie was born in Wabasso, Florida on October 3, 1936. His parents were Ulysses and Hanna Cromartie; he was the seventh of nine children. Eugene attended and graduated from Florida A&M University in Tallahassee Florida in 1957. While attending the university he was the Class president as well as the ROTC battalion commander and became a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Also while attending FAMU he met and married the love of his life/college sweetheart, Joyce B. Mims. They have four sons whom all served the community in various careers. For all that have known him he has gone by his nick name Gene Cromartie.

Gene's distinguished career in the US Army lasted 33 ½ years. He has held a number of different positions/assignments during his tenure with the military: Student of Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia; Commander of the 59th Military Police Company in Bremerhaven, Germany; Executive Officer, later Commander for the Headquarters Detachment, 95th Military Police Battalion in Vietnam; Instructor, United States Army Military Police School at Fort Gordon, Georgia; Chief, Electives Branch, Office, Director of Graduate Studies and Research, United States Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Commander of the 503rd Military Police Battalion at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Airborne Paratrooper and Provost Marshal of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Commander, First Region, United States Army Criminal Investigation Command; Deputy Provost Marshal, later Provost Marshal of the United States Army Europe and Seventh Army in Mannheim, Germany; Community Commander in Mannheim Germany; Commanding General United States Army Criminal Investigation Command at Falls Church, Virginia.

After retiring from the Military Gene became the Deputy Executive Director/Chief of Staff of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. He remained in this position for sixteen years, before retiring again. Throughout his various assignments and career paths, he has touched the lives of many through mentoring and friendship. His impact on society will never be matched, nor will it ever be forgotten.

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Über den Tod hinaus ❤️  
Danke Ihnen, Herr Maj. General Cromartie, und Ihrer lieben Frau,  
für Ihr Zeugnis für Demokratie. Sie ermahnten uns zur persönlichen  
Verantwortung für Freiheit, Menschenwürde, Gleichheit,  
Gerechtigkeit. Nicht nur in Ihren überzeugenden Vorträgen in  
unseren Schulen in Mannheim, Germany. Wir lebten Respekt in  
unseren US Mil. Gemeinden, den ich mir besonders jetzt für unsere  
„veränderte“ westliche Welt von Herzen wünsche. Sie waren  
prägendes Vorbild für uns. 🙏🙌🕊️ Ruhe in Gottes Liebe und  
Frieden. Maria Snider

Translation:

Beyond death 💔  
Thank you, Major General Cromartie, and your dear wife, for your  
testimony to democracy. You reminded us of our personal  
responsibility for freedom, human dignity, equality, and justice—not  
only through your compelling lectures in our schools in Mannheim,  
Germany. We lived respect within our U.S. military communities,  
something I especially wish for with all my heart now for our  
“changed” Western world. You were a formative role model for us.  
🙏🙌🕊️  
May you rest in God’s love and peace.

Maria Snider

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Maria G Snider, HN Teacher, Mannheim - February 09 at 01:32 PM



“ Eugene Cromartie

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January 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ Eugene Cromartie

January 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ Dennis & Freda Cromartie lit a candle in memory of Eugene Cromartie



Dennis & Freda Cromartie - March 16, 2022 at 09:51 PM



*This is my uncle and I'm trying to find more information about him. My name is Ray Cromartie and my father name is Glover Cromartie, but there's plenty more Cromartie s out there some where and I am trying to find them*

Ray Cromartie - February 19 at 10:34 AM



“ My condolences to the Cromartie family in the passing of MG (Ret) Cromartie. I was a member of his Personal Security team of MP Investigators while he was the USAEUR Provost Marshal in the early 80's. I can say without a doubt he was one of the finest soldiers and leaders the Army has produced. I will always remember the advice he gave as he departed Germany to become Commander of USACIDC. He said “Don't run from the tough jobs”. Simply but career and life enhancing advice. MG Cromartie, you may be gone but will never be forgotten. HOOAH

A Soldier - October 04, 2018 at 09:16 PM

JC

*A Leader of Leaders and Leadership. Having his same last name "CROMARTIE", made even more proud to serve in Mannheim Germany! He was well respected by both the Military and the Local Nationals of the community. I was often noticed by the name of CROMARTIE being a Great man. Gone but not Forgotten. May his memory live on for everlasting life and peace <sup>100</sup>*  
Joe L. & Lore K. CROMARTIE 🙏🙏🙏

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**Joe L. & Lore K. Cromartie** - March 14, 2022 at 03:58 PM

M(

“ I served under General Cromartie as Executive Officer and Commander of Hawaii District, 1986-1988. He was as fine an officer and gentleman as I have known. He will long be remembered in the MP Corps for redefining CID's role to preserve the command during the 1980s. Rest well Sir.

*Major David Hastedt (Retired)*

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**Major David Hastedt (Retired)** - March 16, 2017 at 02:04 PM

BW

“ My name is Betty Jackson Wainright and am a first cousin of Eugene Cromartie. His mother (aunt Hannah) and my father (Frank Jackson) were siblings. I just learned of his passing and would like for his wife Joyce to please get in touch with me at 727 851-4820. Thanks.

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**Betty Jackson Wainright** - March 16, 2017 at 12:38 PM

AB

“ General Cromartie was a great CID Commander, and a great man. My condolences to his family.

*Adam P. Behnen, CW3 (Retired)*

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**Adam Behnen** - March 16, 2017 at 11:39 AM

PS

“ Nancy and I have known Gene and Joyce Cromartie for over 44 years i.e. since I was 22, and a young lieutenant in the 82nd Airborne (Paratrooper) Division. I worked for Gene in the Army, Military Police Corps and Criminal Investigations Command (CID). After my military career, I was fortunate enough to be asked by Gene to come to work for him at the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), where I have been for the past 19 years. Aside from my father and father-in-law, Gene was the most influential person in my life, and I am certain that there are many others out there who can say the same thing. He was both revered and respected. I never met anyone who spoke about Gene in anything less than tones of admiration. He took time to talk with people, to understand what motivated them, and then guide them to success. They say, “old soldiers never die, they just fade away.” Perhaps that is because after a while, there aren’t many of us around to tell their story. Keep his memory alive, by telling your favorite story about the man who played many roles in his life i.e. General, Dad, Son, Brother, and the most important, Husband. So, to that 82nd Airborne Paratrooper and “All American Soldier” who has stood in the door one last time, a toast (Chivas Regal of course). I am proud to say, I jumped with the best! Airborne! You will be missed by many. Enjoy this tribute to a great 82nd Airborne Soldier:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JiWPZJoxk1A>

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**Paul & Nancy Santiago** - March 12, 2017 at 04:34 AM

JG

“ I was blessed to work for General Cromartie for 7 years at IACP. He was a caring boss who instilled fierce dedication in his employees by his example personalty and professionalism. He and Joyce were always there for us. He leaves behind a true legacy of service. Jack and Marilynn Gillen

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**Jack Gillen** - March 11, 2017 at 05:41 PM

MS

“ MG Cromartie was a legend in the Military Police Corps, a world renowned law enforcement leader, a gentleman, and a friend to all he met. He will be missed but his impression on the world will be long lasting. God Bless Gene and his family. He is home now....Saint Peter stood up a little straighter when Gene showed up at the pearly gates.

*CSM Matt Snyder (MP, USA, Ret.)*

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**Matt Snyder** - March 11, 2017 at 12:57 PM

LB

“ I enjoyed working with the General when he served with the IACH. A good Man!

*Lee Brown*

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**Lee Brown** - March 10, 2017 at 12:43 PM

CE

“ RIP Gene! The IACP greatly benefited from your leadership ability and your 'people skills'. You will truly be missed.

*Cheryl Anthony Epps, Esq.*



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**Cheryl Anthony Epps, Esq.** - March 10, 2017 at 08:39 AM

CE

“ I had the honor of reporting to General Cromartie at the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Military friends who did not know Gene personally would marvel when I shared how much I loved working for him: "A General?" they'd say. He was absolutely "the best." He had the knowledge and temperament that characterize the best in leadership. He taught me so much about managing people: how to get 'the best' out of everyone. May he rest in peace.

*Cheryl Anthony Epps, Esq.*

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**Cheryl Anthony Epps, Esq.** - March 10, 2017 at 08:30 AM

EJ

“ RIP SIR! Tell my parents hello up in Heaven.  
*Earnest Hawkins JR.*  
*USMC & PG County Police (ret)*

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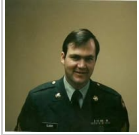
**Earnest Hawkins Jr** - March 09, 2017 at 07:41 AM

CM

“ Dear Cromartie family, the thoughts and prayers of the University of Central Florida Police Department are with you all during this difficult time. May God provide you with His comfort and His peace.  
*God bless, Deputy Chief Carl Metzger*

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**Carl Metzger** - March 06, 2017 at 07:48 AM



“ I served under Gen Cromartie when he was the Commander of CID in Falls Church VA, he was a good man, with strong work ethics. He was a Commander who cared about his soldiers. He will be missed RIP.

SA Daniel L. Clark (ret)

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**Daniel Clark** - March 05, 2017 at 01:29 AM



“ In my 15 years in CID I never had a Commanding General who was as good as General Cromartie. He really supported the troops and genuinely cared for the welfare of his CID Agents. He epitomized what a Commander should be. Warmth and kindness which usually were not gotten from someone in his position. CW3 LauraCampbell, USA(ret)

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**Laura Campbell** - March 03, 2017 at 03:30 PM



I first met Major General Cromartie in 1968, at Fort Gordon, GA, Over the years he was my senior commander while he was the Commander of the United States Army Criminal Investigation Command, and my boss at the International Association of Chiefs of Police. In a phrase he was, "The Best of the Best!" He set the example for his Family, his Country and to all who knew him. He will be missed. Sir, thank you so much for your expert advice, trust and good humor. May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You. Rest In Peace. You are missed! Joel Leson, Colonel, US Army, Military Police Corps, Retired

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**Joel Leson** - December 31, 2017 at 05:11 PM

JV

*I served under four USACIDC commaders, MG Cromartie being the last, and best of the four. I was surprised to find this notice on line, but was pleased to see his career continued with the IACP, after he left the military. I learned that raw cauliflower made a good snack from his wife at a function in his home in Mannheim in the 70's. Sorry to hear of his passing. A generous leader. Jim Vandiver, CW4 ret*

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**Jim Vandiver** - November 12, 2018 at 03:50 PM