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Abstract: **E. E. “Gene” Reed**

Gene Reed is CEO of E.E. Reed Management and General Partner of E. E. Reed Construction. He was born in 1934 at St. Joseph Hospital in Houston during the depression. His mother, recently divorced, moved to Rosenberg to provide him and his grandparents with a home.

Gene discusses his Catholic schooling and attending Lamar High School where he played football and baseball. After graduating from University of Texas-Austin with an engineering degree, he spent 6 years in the US Air Force reserve. After his military commitment, he joined Harvey Construction eventually becoming vice-president. After 17 years, Gene formed his own company which his son Mark now manages. They have completed 87 projects in Fort Bend County including the monument for veterans at Sugar Land Memorial Park.

Gene recalls many opportunities to change careers or move to another company but is grateful that he stayed with Harvey Construction until he formed his own successful family of companies.

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Interview Summary

People (in alphabetical order)

Roy Cordes, Sr. – Mayor of Sugar Land
Mr. Harvey – business owner
Gerald D. Hines – business entrepreneur
Deborah Reed – daughter
Denise Reed – daughter
Donna Reed – daughter
Mark Reed – son
Patricia Ann Labay Reed

Places / Businesses

Ebasco Services
Harvey Construction
Holy Rosary Catholic Church
Lamar CISD
Rosenberg
St. Theresa Catholic Church
Sugar Land
Trammell Crow

US Air Force

University of Houston

University of Texas–Austin

Venetian Estates Subdivision

Events

Gene describes throughout his interview how he made the right career choices and avoided the wrong ones.

For 17 years, he worked for Harvey Construction working his way up the career ladder to Vice President. He managed many projects for Gerald D. Hines company.

After leaving Harvey, he started his own construction company. Today, the Reed family of companies generates almost a billion dollars in sales.

Today, he and his wife Patricia enjoy spending time with their four adult children and nine grandchildren.