Gene was born in Burley, Idaho and grew up in Pocatello, Idaho were he attended high school. His university training began at Idaho State University and he received a two year degree. He then obtained a BS in Civil Engineering from Utah State University and finally an MS degree in Hydrological Engineering at Colorado State University. Actually, his education was interrupted twice as he served in the Navy in WWII and in the Army during the Korean conflict.

His occupation as a "bridge" engineer led easily to his new avocation as a stonefly collector in 1983. He was visiting a colleague, Neil Barrus, in Coer d'Alene, Idaho, on a work project and saw Neil collect some stoneflies for BYU. After some contacts with entomologists at BYU and some training from Stan Jewett, Gene was hooked. He mixed his stonefly collecting with his job and his love of fishing for Steelhead and Salmon. This gave him multiple excuses to get out into the woods.

He collected throughout western North America both before and after his retirement. His favorite places were the Trinity Alps of northwestern California (Willow Creek drainage) and the Columbia River Gorge. He spent many hours at Wahkeena Falls and even took his family there each July 4th. These collecting efforts form the foundation of a study on the stoneflies of the Columbia River Gorge that is presently underway.

Gene was honored in (Nelson and Baumann 1990) with the naming of *Capuia filalai*, an interesting little species, from his collections in Humboldt County, California. Later on, (Baumann and Fiala 2001) he became the co-author for the new nemourid genus, *Nanonemoura* from the Columbia River Gorge. This monotypic genus was based on the species *Nemoura wahkeena*, that Stan Jewett described in 1954. Gene spent several years searching for this rare insect in the gorge, but it has still only been found in the Wahkeena Falls area.

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