

I had the pleasure of working with Gene for over a year at Reveil, and during the last three months of that time I served as his direct manager. First of all, let me say that Gene has been one of my favorite co-workers of all time. If I had to describe Gene in one sentence, I would say, "Gene is a kind, caring, genuine individual and an excellent employee." Thankfully, I have a bit more than one sentence, so here we go...

You can't hardly spend any time around Gene without becoming his friend. For example, almost every time I went to lunch with him, he would ask the server, "What is \*your\* favorite thing to eat for lunch? Make me something the exact same way you would eat it." His winsome smile and sunny disposition make him approachable and fun to be around.

As an employee, Gene is humble and accepts correction/feedback with grace and sincerity. I've seen him honestly consider even the smallest criticism, to see if there's anything he can learn from or improve. Gene is a dedicated hard worker, and I believe that he'd almost rather die than fall down on his responsibility.

Gene's strengths are on full display when he's managing others. At Reveil, his role included management and coaching of several young men (ages 15 - 18) who were interning with our company. Gene treated these interns with respect and patience; he showed genuine interest in their lives, while still maintaining professionalism and order.

I would hire Gene again in a heartbeat, especially for any position that had a management or team building component.

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