



Gene R. Ashbrook

December 21, 1940 - September 17, 2019

Gene R. Ashbrook 78, of Bonita Springs died unexpectedly on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at his residence. Gene was born December 21, 1940 in Grand Junction, MI a son of the late Harland R. and Norma F. (Shugars) Ashbrook. A former resident of Bloomington, MI, Gene moved to Bonita Springs in 1979.

Gene spent over 50 years in the construction field building numerous churches, Cape Coral Waterpark and over 125 homes in Southwest Florida. Prior to construction, he worked as a meat processor and at Everett Piano in South Haven, Michigan. Also a bartender for a local business alongside Sue.

He was an avid hunter and a member of the Conservation Club. Gene loved fishing and spending time in nature.

Survivors include his loving daughter, Shelly M. Ellis and her husband, Butch of Grand Junction, MI, one son, A. Scott Ashbrook of Bonita Springs, FL; his brother, Harland "Bud" Ashbrook and his wife, Marjorie of Bloomington, MI, four loving grandchildren, Christopher (Amy) Ellis of Lawton, MI, Justin (Krystal) Ellis of Bloomington, MI, Devin (Jessica Crawford) Ellis of Bloomington, MI and Cory Ashbrook of Bonita Springs, FL and 3 great-grandchildren, Riley, Hunter and Madisyn.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Susanne M. Ashbrook who died on March 9, 2014. They were married for 54 years.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Gene's life will be held Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 2:00 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home 28300 Tamiami Tr. So., Bonita Springs with Rev. Dr. Bob N. Wallace, officiating.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gene R. Ashbrook*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *I have knowin Gene for 60 years working for John Huberty in fields. He was older and had drivers license. Later years at General Motors in Kalamazoo. Had good times at Dick and Berties. RIP my friend*

Bob Nielsen - October 01, 2019 at 06:08 PM



Dad was a hard worker all his life, but still had time to do hunting and fishing with us. Thanks Bob

Shelly Ellis - October 03, 2019 at 04:43 PM



“ *Shelly and Scott;
Your Dad always seemed bigger than life to me. I will never forget his great attitude and his wonderful personality. God Bless.
Rob Matthes*

Rob Matthes - September 30, 2019 at 08:20 PM



I understand... he talked me out of a lot of mistakes. 💖

Shelly Ellis - October 03, 2019 at 04:41 PM

RS

“ Gene and Sue were are neighbors for many years. Had so many great times with their family. Gene was a very gentle man and a good man. Miss those days growing up. Rest In Peace as we cherish the memories.

Roberta Matthes Stegenga - September 30, 2019 at 06:58 PM

SE

I miss those days also.love you all

Shelly Ellis - October 03, 2019 at 04:39 PM

SK

“ For 59 years Gene was my Brother in-law and his passing leaves another hole that won't be filled in our lives. A lifetime of memories of laughing, crying and rejoicing in our family.

Knowing that Gene is at home in Heaven with Susie and My Mike is a huge comfort and his spiritual body is free of the illness he endured here.

To my beloved Shelly and Scott, all of my love is with you and you are the kids I never had. Your love for Gene shines up to Heaven and he and Sue are basking in it with their love for you.

If there are cruise ships up there we all know what they are doing! Someday we will join them and with Jesus be at home.

My heart is with you and it overflows with my love for you.

Aunt Sandy

Sandra Kozel - September 22, 2019 at 12:52 PM

SE

Love you. 💕

Shelly Ellis - October 03, 2019 at 04:43 PM

PR

“ How can I ever say goodbye to the man who shaped so much in my life ? A man who loved me at my best and worst ..one who was always there never critical but gave advice that so many times I should have followed . To simply say I love you dad seems so shallow but you knew me so well that you knew the love I had for you was neverending. To say I miss you even more shallow ...I lost a huge part of myself the day you left but you've filled more holes than you ever knew ...I love you dad .. Pati

Pati Russell - September 20, 2019 at 09:22 PM

SE

Dad cared for you so much. We never wanted to disappoint him. 💕

Shelly Ellis - October 03, 2019 at 04:45 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Gene R. Ashbrook.



September 20, 2019 at 08:26 PM