



Gale Eugene Banister

July 13, 1945 - September 19, 2021

Gale “Gomer” Eugene Banister, 76, of Athens, Illinois, passed away on Sunday, September 19, 2021, at Regency Care in Springfield, Illinois. He was born July 13, 1945, in Greenview, Illinois, the son of Alvin and Artie (Conn) Banister. He married Alice Ussery on August 14, 1971, in Waterford, Michigan.

Gale was a proud veteran that served our grateful nation in Viet Nam in the U.S. Army from March 29, 1967, to October 3, 1971. After the military he worked for General Motors for 30 years before retiring. He was an avid model car, dog figurine and movie collector. He also loved to watch old television shows such as Mash, The Andy Griffith Show and Gomer Pyle to name a few.

Gale is survived by his wife, Alice; his children, David (Shelia Soul) Banister of Connecticut, Darwin (Angela) Banister of Michigan, Shawn (Kelly) Banister of Michigan, and Helen (Brian) Rector of Illinois; a brother, Ronald Banister; a sister in law, Mable Banister; six grandchildren, David, Danny, Jessica, Michael, Joshua and Cooper; two great grandchildren, one of which is one the way and due November 2, 2021; many nieces and nephews; and a long-time friend, Floyd (Linda) Walker.

Gale was preceded in death by his parents; six siblings; and a granddaughter, Summer.

A memorial gathering will be held on Friday, September 24, 2021, at Hurley Funeral Home in Greenview, Illinois, from 10 am to 11 am. The memorial service will begin at 11 am with Pastor Rob Gallion officiating. A graveside service will immediately follow at Elmwood Cemetery in Greenview. The Menard County Inter Veterans Ceremony Unit will be performing military rites.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105.

Hurley Funeral Home in Greenview is assisting the family with final arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

Greenview, IL

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

SEP 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Greenview
123 West Adams Street
Greenview, IL 62642
(217) 968-5504
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Memorial Service

SEP 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

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123 West Adams Street
Greenview, IL 62642
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Graveside Service

SEP 24. 11:45 AM (CT)

Elmwood Cemetery
Greenview, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Gale Eugene Banister*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Mandy, Kenzie, Chase And Paxton lit a candle in memory of Gale Eugene Banister*



Mandy, Kenzie, Chase and Paxton - September 23, 2021 at 07:55 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gale Eugene Banister.*



September 22, 2021 at 11:32 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gale Eugene Banister.*



September 22, 2021 at 10:53 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gale Eugene Banister.*



September 22, 2021 at 10:34 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gale Eugene Banister.*



September 22, 2021 at 12:16 PM



“ *The Mata Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Gale Eugene Banister.*



The Mata Family - September 22, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ *Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Gale Eugene Banister*



Larry and Mary Hundt - September 22, 2021 at 08:55 AM

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“ Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Gale Eugene Banister



Larry and Mary Hundt - September 22, 2021 at 08:55 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gale Eugene Banister.



September 22, 2021 at 08:05 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gale Eugene Banister.



September 21, 2021 at 08:51 PM

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“ Alice and Gale would come to visit me at steak and shake in pekin once a week. I always looked forward to their visit. I just love them. I have kept in contact since all this covid bc I just love them so much. I will miss him very much



monica ferdig - September 21, 2021 at 07:21 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gale Eugene Banister.*



September 21, 2021 at 06:09 PM



“ *David Banister sent a virtual gift in memory of Gale Eugene Banister*



David Banister - September 21, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ *I would call and talk with my mom and dad always wanted to tell me some jokes corny they were but we would laugh at each other's jokes till tears were in my eyes and my stomach hurt. The last time we talked dad told me he couldn't wait for things to get better and how much he wanted us all to get together again saying we aren't getting younger he was so smart a very wise man*

David Banister - September 21, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gale Eugene Banister.*



September 21, 2021 at 11:24 AM