



Shelby "Gene" Fairless

January 2, 1945 - February 4, 2017

Shelby "Gene" Fairless, age 72, a resident of Vienna, passed away Saturday morning, February 4, 2017, at 5 AM at his home.

Gene was born January 2, 1945 in Johnson County Illinois. He was the son of Shelby Remember Fairless and Mabel (Harner) Fairless.

Gene is survived by: his children – Robert Preston (his wife, Amber) Fairless of Ullin, Matthew Gene Fairless of Ozark, Shelby Erin-Kate Fairless of Vienna, and William Shelby Fairless of Vienna; 4 grandchildren – Kennedi, Emeri, Ethan, and Jacob; a sister – Evelyn (her husband, Richard) Ross of Cypress; 2 brothers – Billy Joe (his wife, Elizabeth) Fairless of New Burnside and Bobby (his wife, Katie) Fairless of South Jordan, Utah; an aunt – Earline Penrod Gore of Vienna; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Shelby R. Fairless and Mabel Fairless Brooks; and a sister – Peggy Needles.

Gene had been employed for many years by Hodges Furniture Store in Vienna as a deliveryman and installer. He had also worked as a laborer and farmer. Gene was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. Gene was of the Christian faith.

A graveside service honoring the life of Gene Fairless will be conducted Tuesday afternoon, February 7, 2017, at 1 PM at the Graves-Mt. Olive Cemetery north of Vienna. 5700 Dutchman Lake Road, Tunnel Hill, Illinois.

There will be no public visitation. Those attending the service are asked to gather at the cemetery at 12:45 PM.

To share a memory of Gene or to leave a message of condolence for his family, please visit www.baileyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Graves-Mt. Olive Cemetery

5700 Dutchman Lake Road
Tunnel Hill, IL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tunnel Hill, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Shelby "Gene" Fairless*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Cindy Arthur lit a candle in memory of Shelby "Gene" Fairless*



Cindy Arthur - February 08, 2017 at 11:22 AM



“ *Kim Whatley lit a candle in memory of Shelby "Gene" Fairless*



Kim Whatley - February 08, 2017 at 09:35 AM



“ *Falon Sean Whitnel lit a candle in memory of Shelby "Gene" Fairless*



Falon Sean Whitnel - February 08, 2017 at 05:55 AM

JG

“ Jason Grant lit a candle in memory of Shelby
"Gene" Fairless



Jason Grant - February 07, 2017 at 10:25 PM

LM

“ Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in
memory of Shelby "Gene" Fairless



Larry and Carolyn McGill - February 07, 2017 at 09:39 AM

BR

“ I am so sorry for your loss.



Bobby Rentfro - February 07, 2017 at 08:42 AM

TM

“ Gene was a good guy that will be missed, loved his family very
much so. Great family man, friend to those that knew him. His sons
are very dear friends of mine , Matt probably the best friend to have.
Very much like his father. My prayers are filled with thoughts of you
all. We are here if you need us and you know who we are.

troy mcneely - February 07, 2017 at 05:49 AM

Ron
McBride

“ All will miss Gene, I knew him all thru high school, he was the only person faster than me on the old race track (twice around), I didn't see him for many years until moved back in 88, he had bought one of my uncles' farm. Rest in Peace Gene.



Ron McBride - February 07, 2017 at 02:31 AM

JR

“ So sorry for your loss Matt. I've got some pretty fond memories of Gene, most of which take place with all of us around the pond.



James and Audrey Robinson - February 06, 2017 at 08:16 PM

JS

“ John & Nadene Slack lit a candle in memory of Shelby "Gene" Fairless



John & Nadene Slack - February 06, 2017 at 06:23 PM

JM

“ So sorry for your loss. May the lord give you comfort during this time.

JR and Bonnie Mott - February 06, 2017 at 04:45 PM

WB

“ *I grew up with Gene we went to school together so sorry to hear of his passing our prayers are with his family*



Wm & Nancy Belford - February 06, 2017 at 02:40 PM

WF

“ *Sympathy and prayers for the family in their loss. May you find comfort in your memories of Gene.*



Wanda Florey - February 06, 2017 at 12:04 PM

MR

“ *Mike And Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Shelby "Gene" Fairless*



Mike and Teresa Richerson - February 06, 2017 at 09:06 AM

TM

“ *Tom And Carmen Murrie lit a candle in memory of Shelby "Gene" Fairless*



Tom and Carmen Murrie - February 06, 2017 at 08:28 AM

TM

Our prayers for all the family. God bless!

Tom and Carmen Murrie - February 06, 2017 at 08:29 AM

LC

“ *Very sorry for your loss.*

Larry Choate - February 06, 2017 at 08:11 AM



“ *Cracra Morris lit a candle in memory of Shelby "Gene" Fairless*



Cracra Morris - February 06, 2017 at 07:43 AM

RH

“ *Russ & Karla Hale lit a candle in memory of Shelby "Gene" Fairless*



Russ & Karla Hale - February 05, 2017 at 02:14 PM

DH

“ *Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of Shelby "Gene" Fairless*



Dennis and Pat Harner - February 05, 2017 at 12:03 PM

RB

“ *Rich And Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Shelby "Gene" Fairless*



Rich and Karen Brumley - February 05, 2017 at 08:35 AM

SR

“ *Sheri Robinson lit a candle in memory of Shelby "Gene" Fairless*

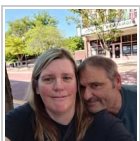


Sheri Robinson - February 05, 2017 at 07:29 AM

JW

“ *I have know the Fairless family all my life. Sad to hear of Gene's passing. Wish you all God's comfort at this time. Bloomfield community was a wonderful place to live and all our neighbors were special. Jane (Ross) and Clearon Wright.....*

Jane and Clearon Wright - February 04, 2017 at 11:24 PM



“ *Amanda Fairless lit a candle in memory of Shelby "Gene" Fairless*



Amanda Fairless - February 04, 2017 at 10:32 PM

NB

“ *Nancy & Ray Breeden lit a candle in memory of Shelby "Gene" Fairless*



Nancy & Ray Breeden - February 04, 2017 at 10:32 PM

LH

“ *Leisa Hudson lit a candle in memory of Shelby "Gene" Fairless*



Leisa Hudson - February 04, 2017 at 09:32 PM

LH

“ *Oh what a character he was. Could make a bad day into a good one, with just one word. Wonderful , hard working man. Will be missed by many. May he rest in peace. God bless you all.*

Leisa Hudson - February 04, 2017 at 09:32 PM

MR

“ *Mark Racey lit a candle in memory of Shelby "Gene" Fairless*



Mark Racey - February 04, 2017 at 09:26 PM

MR

“ *Gene was always a great uncle and so good with kids. This makes me so sad*

melissa riley - February 04, 2017 at 09:03 PM

HV

“ *Harold & Georgia Vinson lit a candle in memory of Shelby "Gene" Fairless*



Harold & Georgia Vinson - February 04, 2017 at 08:41 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about your dad. Prayers for you guys. Love yall.*



Ashley Henderson - February 04, 2017 at 08:26 PM

MH

“ *So sorry for your loss Gene was a wonderful guy, he will be missed.*



Mary Lou Hynes - February 04, 2017 at 07:54 PM

RW

“ *Rickey Harner And Wife lit a candle in memory of Shelby "Gene" Fairless*



rickey harner and wife - February 04, 2017 at 07:48 PM



“ *Valerie Lynne lit a candle in memory of Shelby "Gene" Fairless*



Valerie Lynne - February 04, 2017 at 07:32 PM

SJ

Gene was well liked and could always make the babies laugh

sharon jordan - February 06, 2017 at 03:07 AM