



## Clifton E. "Gene" Basden

April 30, 1932 - February 5, 2016

Clifton E. "Gene" Basden, age 83, passed away Friday morning, February 5, 2016, on a cruise ship near Cozumel, Mexico.

Clifton, who was better known as Gene, was born on April 30, 1932, in Pomona, Illinois.

He had served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Gene had retired as a steelworker working from 1950 to 1985. He then moved to Murphysboro, where was a local entrepreneur. Mr. Basden was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church in Murphysboro.

He was an avid woodworker and he loved to mushroom hunt and fish. He loved his family and enjoyed going on trips with them. He had stated on this cruise, that he was "on his last hooray" with the Larry's Country Diner Cruise.

Gene married Roberta "Bert" James on July 1, 1950, in Murphysboro, and she preceded him in death on December 29, 2012.

He is survived by three children and their spouses Charles B. and Rose Basden of Murphysboro, Teresa Lynn and David Kohenskey of Granite City, and Brett Eugene and Gwen Basden of Murphysboro;

ten grandchildren Darlene Camren, Gene Basden, Laura Long, Christine Benway, Natasha Ridings, Haley Basden, Marissa Phillips, Stacey Shepherd, Christina Patterson and Felecia Pedigo;

twenty eight great grandchildren;

a special friend Carleen Reeder of Murphysboro, and his best buddy and faithful companion "Petri";

one brother and his wife John and Shirley Basden and one sister and her husband Norma and Dale Rains, all of Collinsville.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 13, 2016, at Trinity Baptist Church with Rev. Steve Raglin and Rev. John Jones and entombment at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park with military services conducted by the Paul Stout American Legion Post # 127. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 pm Friday and Saturday from 10 to 11 am at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Trinity Baptist Church.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Clifton E. "Gene" Basden*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Teresa, your family is in my prayers. I know it must me very difficult, but God is bigger! Love to all.*

**Phyllis Hughes** - February 13, 2016 at 09:02 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences, you are in our thoughts and hearts. Irma, Betty, Kenny, Ronda, and Rusty.*

**Ronda Guinn** - February 12, 2016 at 09:17 PM



“ *I saw the article regarding Gene's death in the Belleville newspaper. I checked to see if he had lived in East St. Louis, while he was growing up. For a brief period in the early 1940's, Gene was my closest boyhood buddy. We lived in a pretty poor section of town that closely resembled what you see in the "Little Rascals" shows. It was war time and we played every kind of game that our young minds could conger up. I remember it being very emotional when he learned that he was moving away permanently. Through the years, when reminiscing about my childhood, I often thought of him.*

**Ev Bovinette** - February 11, 2016 at 05:12 PM

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“ *What a great man i will truly miss Gene he had a heart of gold!! I worked for him for many years we would talk for hours when he would stop by the jobs! In the office we would do the same Gene was such a sweet heart a great man! Im preying for the whole Basden family, Sending lots of love your way! What a great family im proud to call the Basden family some of the greatest friends a person could have! God bless Gene, I cant say enough great things about this wonderful man. We had so many laughs through out the past 18 years. he was one of a kind, He will be greatly missed!! love to the family sindy Jones*

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**Sindy Jones** - February 09, 2016 at 02:14 PM

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“ *I loved this man with all my heart, he was the uncle I never had. We had lots of so many good times & memories growing up, we spent al of of time together. I will miss him dearly. I am so glad that he got to go & enjoy his last few days with two of the kids. I know it will be hard for them as well. Mom took it very hard too, she said she's gonna miss her buddy. Love all of you dearly.*

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**Linda Durham** - February 08, 2016 at 06:21 PM