



Essex E. Robbins

December 6, 1936 - June 26, 2016

Lakeland – Essex Robbins, 79, passed away Sunday, June 26, 2016. He was born in Patrick County, Virginia, but spent much of his life in Delaware. He later moved to Lakeland, Florida. Essex was a welder in the Iron industry. He also served in the United States Army, and enjoyed playing his guitar.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Robbins; children, Danny Robbins, Bobby Robbins, John Morley, Essex “Mann” Robbins, Jr., Terri Haslam, Cammy Dehoyos, Margaret Sprinkle, Allison Robbins, and Jeannie Bigler; brother, Don Robbins; sister, Sally Rorrer, 25 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

A visitation will be held Tuesday July 5, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. with a funeral service to follow at 10:00 a.m. at Gentry-Morrison Southside Chapel, 1727 Bartow Road, Lakeland, Florida. Interment at Florida National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Ave.
Bushnell, FL 33513

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel
1727 Bartow Road
Lakeland, FL 33801
(863) 688-7679
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<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Funeral Service

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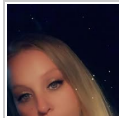
Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Essex E. Robbins*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - July 01, 2016 at 03:20 PM



I love you poppop so much it hurts I am going to miss you so bad I love you

Sherry Robbins - July 01, 2016 at 06:32 PM

BM

Awesome tribute !

Bernard Matheny - July 02, 2016 at 06:46 PM

JC

Beautiful

James Cintron - July 02, 2016 at 08:01 PM

MR

About 30 years ago yu would come to see my grandma and your keypad my grandpa uncle gene yu was always the best person yu will missed bud .much love from a nephew in va

Melissa Ratcliff - July 04, 2016 at 06:35 PM

YM

I am so sorry for my Florida family I love ya Tammy an Bobby I miss you and can't wait to be with you in October Bobby you were your dads best friend Zachh you was always with POP the video was amazing . We will soon be together I miss my best loyal friends Tammy Weldon Robbins and Bobby Robbins 😊

yolanda meadowcroft - July 06, 2016 at 09:29 PM

GR

“ *Gail Robbins lit a candle in memory of Essex E. Robbins*



Gail Robbins - December 08, 2018 at 07:39 AM

RM

“JEFF & I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER OUR CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY. I HAVE A LOT OF FOND MEMORIES FROM WORKING W/ ESSEX & CAR BARN. MY DAD, GEORGE, RAP AND WHO EVER ELSE WAS AROUND WOULD SIT AND TALK ABOUT THE GOOD OL DAYS, IT WAS GREAT TO LISTEN TO THEM. I DON'T THINK THERE WASN'T A CAR THAT ESSEX DIDN'T OWN BACK IN THE DAY LOL LOL. THEN WHEN ESSEX HAD A NOTION HE WOULD BRING HIS MARTIN UP AND PLAY A FEW TUNES FOR US. THESE ARE THE TIMES WE WILL MISS. HE WAS A GREAT FRIEND TO MY DAD, REALLY I DON'T THINK THERE WERE TOO MANY PEOPLE HE WASN'T A FRIEND TO. I WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT HE AND DAD AND GEORGE HAVE BEEN REUNITED. I ALSO REMEMBER ALL THE TIMES WE WOULD TALK ABOUT GOD, HE WOULD SING GOSPEL SONGS FOR UNCLE GEORGE & I. REALLY I COULD GO ON & ON BUT I MUST STOP NOW. YOUR FAMILY WILL BE IN OUR PRAYERS. MAY ALL THE GOOD MEMORIES GET YOU THROUGH THE TOUGH TIMES. SINCERELY, RHONDA & JEFF MOORE

RHONDA MOORE - July 06, 2016 at 07:26 PM

JC

“May God be with your family in this time of need. God bless all of you..... I remember him always cracking jokes no matter what. I remember when he used to get out of the shower we would flip the plastic mat in front of the bathroom to where the little spikes would stick up, he actually got kinda pissed about that. ... One night a few guys came to start trouble at his house with Mann and I, so as we chased them across the neighborhood, he flattened the tires on the vehicle they had so conveniently parked in front of his house..... I heard a hound dog by Elvis the other day, instantly thought of him singing and saying come on Leonard sing.... You will be missed by many. Even though things ended up the way they did, you were still like a pop that I didn't have, RIP pop(GENE)! Love you

James Cintron - July 02, 2016 at 06:50 PM



“ Poppop I love you so much. You will forever be missed. I will always remember all the good times as a little girl playing on the swing you made for us kids and the monkey balls under it. I will always remember you playing your guitar and you singing. Oh and falling rock! Poppop you were a great man in my life and I'm so grateful that you were mine. I love you poppop rest easy now.



Jammie Etzweiler - July 02, 2016 at 06:44 PM



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Jammie Etzweiler - July 02, 2016 at 06:38 PM

GW

“ Gene just want to tell u iwill never forget how good u treated cody she misses all her rides an beef sticks ev day Rip gene cody will never forget u sadly missed by ur girl cody



Gail Robbins wife - July 02, 2016 at 04:53 PM

GW

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Gail Robbins wife - July 02, 2016 at 04:51 PM

GW

“ Gail Robbins Wife?? sent a virtual gift in memory of Essex E. Robbins



Gail Robbins wife?? - July 02, 2016 at 03:49 PM

GW

Gene .u were not only my husband but u were my best friend and the father of my children iwill always look back at good. Times with u. Being married to u not only 1 time but 2 times. Always in my ❤️ u helped me \$o much when in need Rip love always gail.cody

Gail Robbins wife?? - July 02, 2016 at 04:02 PM



So sorry you didnt get to meet your great grandchildren Brendan and Jordyn. You would of had a ball with them. Rip. Dad i will always miss you.I ll think of you every time i hear thst song love you dad

Margaret Sprikle - July 02, 2016 at 10:30 PM



Rip.

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JM

Gene - you were one great man and one that loved your wife more than words could describe. I will not forget our numerous conversations about how your life was wrapped around your wife Gail and how dearly you loved her and how worried you were about her recovery after her accident. We had more than one conversation about your fears and how I continued to tell you to trust in God to take care of her and bring her home to you, which he did. You were so elated when she finally got home and even though there were trying times and it wasn't always easy, we all knew how content you were to have her home. May you RIP and know that because of your tremendous, daily attention to her well being, she will continue to get stronger and work toward daily improvement. It was a pleasure knowing you and trying to be there for you during your hard days, but know you are well thought of and admired for loving your wife so deeply, as you demonstrated every day. Prayers are with your family. Judy & Staff at CCC

Judy McMillen - July 03, 2016 at 11:27 AM

KG

“ *Kathy Gamble lit a candle in memory of Essex E. Robbins*



Kathy Gamble - July 02, 2016 at 01:10 PM



“ *Terri Haslam sent a virtual gift in memory of Essex E. Robbins*



Terri Haslam - July 01, 2016 at 06:46 PM



Rest in peace dad

Terri Haslam - July 01, 2016 at 06:49 PM

CD

“ *Cammy Dehoyos lit a candle in memory of Essex E. Robbins*



Cammy Dehoyos - July 01, 2016 at 06:11 PM

CD

I love you and I will miss you RIP Dad till we meet again

Cammy Dehoyos - July 01, 2016 at 06:13 PM



Rest easy dad rest in peace

Terri Haslam - July 01, 2016 at 06:48 PM



I lived with you when I was a baby. I wish I could of got a chance to see you more. Love you rest in peace pop pop you will be greatly missed

Mike Sniadecki - July 01, 2016 at 09:13 PM



Dad you will always hold a specail place in my heart. Rip dad ilove you

Margaret Sprickle - July 02, 2016 at 10:25 PM

VS

my favorite memories were when you came to visit our mom and us kids. You had a way of playing that guitar. Even today we sing your songs you played. You are sadly missed and we will always love you.

Velma Wright-half sister - July 03, 2016 at 12:09 AM

S-

Even though you had a hard life growing up. you protected us girls.,your sisters. even though there were miles between us we always stayed in touch. your with mom now. Give Ronnie and Judy a hug for me. till we meet again in heaven - Sally.

Sally Rorrer ---sister - July 03, 2016 at 04:01 PM

SC

You are very sadly missed in Bassett, Va.

Sally, Velma, and Curtis - July 03, 2016 at 05:03 PM

DJ

Dearest Gail I am so sorry that I could not be there in person to honor you and your family but I was there in spirit I will truly miss gene very much. love Diane

diane jenner - July 08, 2016 at 11:14 AM