



Don "Gene" E. Bastian

February 11, 1926 - March 22, 2018

Don "Gene" E. Bastian, age 92 of Clare, passed away Thursday, March 22, 2018 at the MidMichigan Medical Center in Gladwin. Gene was born the son of the late Donald Seaman and Alverda R. (Anderson) Bastian on February 11, 1926 in Sandwich, Illinois. Gene served with the Marines in WWII; he was present during the raising of the American Flag on Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima. Gene had worked as Truck Driver for the USPS for 25 years; retiring at the age of 72. He had moved to Clare from Phoenix, Arizona 5 years ago. Over the years, Gene had broken and ridden many horses, and while living in Arizona he was constantly riding his bicycle. Gene became a Master Mason in 1951.

Gene is survived by his daughters, Lisa Pond of Clare and Louise (Steve) Bryant of Farwell; 4 grandchildren Joshua (Sarah) Bryant, Season Bryant, Briann (Matt) Richardson and Rosalyn (Tom) Kindell; 9 great grandchildren Westyn, Rainn, Braelyn, Bodyn, Preston, Brady, Zoey, Vivian and Jacob. Gene was predeceased by his brothers Robert, Bruce and Skip.

Cremation has taken place with memorials suggested to the Clare Rails to Trails. Arrangements were handled by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line guestbook at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Gene was such a Special man. He would come into the Library daily and would always speak to us. He was very proud to have served his country and talked to me often about his 'adventures' and those 'damn Japs'.

You ladies took such good care of him and he loved you dearly, (except when you took his license away, which should have been done due to his falling).

He will be greatly missed.

Sharon Metts

Pere Marquette District Library

Sharon Metts - April 10, 2018 at 10:37 AM

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Sorry for the loss to the family ,saw this come up in a search he was a good independent patriot

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Always wondered what became of Mr Bastian awesome person I worked with him at post office reminded me of my grandfather happy to see his picture

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