



William L Gesse Sr.

November 8, 1947 - August 21, 2024

William L. Gesse, Sr., 76, of Benton Township died August 21, 2024, at the Corewell Health Lakeland Hospital in St. Joseph.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 1 PM on Wednesday, August 28, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township. Burial will follow in Crystal Springs Cemetery where Military Honors will be performed. Friends and relatives may begin calling from 11 AM to 1 PM on Wednesday at the Fairplain Chapel. Please share messages or memories at www.florin.net.

William was born on November 8, 1947, in La Porte, IN to William and Francis Vandusen. He was adopted by the Gesse Family after birth. William was a veteran of the US Army during the Vietnam War and a life member of the DAV and the Lest We Forget organizations. He was employed by several different companies and finally at Freedom Finishing where he retired in 2015. William married his wife, Brenda, and together they celebrated 53 years of marriage. He was always willing to help his family and his neighbors.

His family includes, his wife, Brenda; his children, William Gesse, Jr. of Benton Harbor, Christopher (Candy) Gesse of Benton Harbor, and Susan Kay (Philip) Bard, of Near Point, AR; his brothers, Edgar (Diane) Gesse of Taylortown, MS. and Arnold Gesse of Michigan City; his sister, Marie (Michael Lyon) Gesse, of Benton Harbor; 6 grandsons; several nieces and nephews;

and several great nieces and nephews. He was preceded by 2 sisters, Barbara and Donna.

Cemetery Details

Crystal Springs Cemetery

1655 E Napier Ave
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
1053 East Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 926-7222
staff@florin.net

Celebration of life

AUG 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

AUG 28 (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Susan Bard sent a virtual gift in memory of William L Gesse Sr.



Susan Bard - August 28, 2024 at 10:55 AM

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“ Susan Bard lit a candle in memory of William L Gesse Sr.



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“ My dad was a good man. He fought in vietnam. My dad had a wife and three children and Six grandchildren. My dad was funny man. He made us laugh in some of the good times. I remember whenever we went to parades and camping and fishing and go on trips to disney world. I am gonna miss my dad so much but he has taught me a lot. Please hold your family close. Don't let them go. Make sure you say that you love them every day and give them hugs every day. I love you, daddy. Until we need again.

Susan Bard - August 28, 2024 at 10:53 AM

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“ *With heartfelt sympathy to Williams family.
Thank William for the service that he
rendered in keeping our country safe. God
bless the Gesse Sr. family.*



Josephine Doss-Smith & Family - August 27, 2024 at 10:51 AM