



## William L Gesse Sr.

November 7, 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](http://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 Gesse of Benton Harbor, and Susan Kay "Candy" (Philip) Bard, of Near Point, AR; his brothers, Edgar 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 Memorial Park

1865 E Napier Ave  
Benton Harbor, MI, MI  
staff@florin.net

# 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  
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## Service Celebrating His Life

**AUG 28.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
1053 East Napier Avenue  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
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## **Military Honors**

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**AUG 28.** 2:15 PM (ET)

Crystal Springs Memorial Park  
1655 E Napier Ave  
Benton Harbor, MI, MI

## **Burial**

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**AUG 28.** 3:00 PM (ET)

Crystal Springs Memorial Park  
1655 E Napier Ave  
Benton Harbor, MI, MI

# Tribute Wall



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