



## Howard E. "Gene" Bennett

July 8, 1937 - August 25, 2021

Howard Eugene "Gene" Bennett, age 84 of Mattoon, IL passed away at 9:20 PM, Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

A graveside service will be held at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at Dodge Grove Cemetery with Pastor Brad Brown officiating. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of services.

Gene was born on July 8, 1937, in Mattoon, IL to the late Howard G. and Margaret J. (Tatman) Bennett. He married Sheila K. Gullion on February 22, 1964; she passed away on January 31, 1986. He is survived by one son, Michael E. Bennett of Mattoon, IL; one daughter, Kimberly K. Heldenbrandt and husband Charles of Toledo, IL; one granddaughter, Ashleigh J. Bennett of Mattoon, IL; one step-grandson, Alexander C. Heldenbrandt of Mattoon, IL; two great-grandchildren, Aarow J. Ayers and Brazen M. Carman of Mattoon, IL; one brother, Robert L. Bennett and wife Marty of Toledo, IL; and two lifelong friends, Jim Neason and Jack Howard of Mattoon, IL. He is preceded in death by one sister, JoAnn Davis.

Gene retired from Coles County Housing Authority in Mattoon, IL where he was employed for over twenty years. Prior to his retirement, he worked for Bub Young Demolition. Gene was a founding member of Family Worship

Center and enjoyed spending time with his church family.

A true gun enthusiast, Gene added to his impressive collection over the years. He liked to hunt, travel, and bowl; however, spending time with his family was his favorite time spent.

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# Cemetery Details

## Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street  
Mattoon, IL 61938

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Howard E. "Gene" Bennett

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



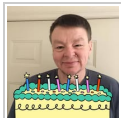
“ I worked with Gene at the Housing Authority for two Summers. He was a nice guy.I enjoyed working with him. My thoughts and prayers are with the family 🙏🙏

Dennis Carter - August 27, 2021 at 03:25 PM



“ Gene sure was a character. He had a smile that would light up the room. Great sense of humor. Him and Sheila were like another set a parents to me.  
He will sure be missed by many. Am sure him and sheila are having a great time . Love ,hugs and prayers for the entire family.

Laura Smyser - August 27, 2021 at 08:43 AM



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Dennis Carter - August 27, 2021 at 03:17 PM



“ I can still see him, standing in my parent's kitchen laughing and he and dad sharing hunting stories. For some reason as little children, we called him Jingle Bells. Prayers for you and Mike. Love Kathy

Kathy Awalt - August 27, 2021 at 07:47 AM

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“ *My sincere condolences to the family...*

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**Billy Easton** - August 26, 2021 at 03:01 PM

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“ *So sorry for your loss. He was always in Pagliacci's. I loved seeing him when he came. He will be missed!*



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**lynn** - August 26, 2021 at 02:17 PM