



## Mr. Eugene Emil Gabbert

September 11, 1937 - November 16, 2021

Eugene Emil Gabbert

By wife, Brenda Joyce Gabbert

Gene lost his fight to stay here with us on earth, but he won the entrance through the Holy Gates of Heaven. He passed on to his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. We are members of Immanuel Lutheran Church, downtown Pensacola, but the visitation will be held at Cora Baptist Church at 1:00 PM and the service will begin at 2:00 PM; and burial will follow in the church community cemetery. Cora Baptist Church is located at 12953 Chumuckla Highway (197) Jay, FL.

I was fortunate to have spent 61 years of marriage to the most wonderful man and the most loving father to our daughters, Amanda (Mandy) Lynn (Tony) Simmons and Melissa Caroline Gabbert (deceased).

Gene was born on September 11, 1937 to Emil and Rosa Gabbert (deceased). His family lived on a 160-acre farm, in Howard Lake Minnesota with his parents and his three sisters, Joyce (Helmuth) Schmidt (deceased), Donna (Rodney) Anderson and Doreen (Sam) Merrill. Gene loved living on his family farm, as he did on ours her on Pine Level church Road, Jay, FL.

Gene joined the U.S. Air Force when he was nineteen and served 4 years of

active duty and 2 years in Reserve. We were married on August 21, 1960, after I graduated from Bay High School, Panama City, FL; while Gene was stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base. After he received his Honorable Discharge, he worked for General Dynamics for a while. He then worked for a private telephone company in Hutchinson, MN; until he got the job he wanted with Western Electric, making supervisor. After that, he went to work with Southern Bell and made supervisor there also. He then decided to become a John Deere Dealer, in Jay, FL. We opened our dealership in September of 1975; moving to Jay, FL; from Cantonment, FL; in January, 1977. We were dealers for 11 years. Gene worked for dealerships as a salesman for a while, and he was still farming. He then decided to retire from outside jobs to work from his home shop, repairing farm tractors and equipment. He loved restoring old 2- cylinder tractors, wagons, and other farm equipment.

Gene was proud when we received the U.S. congressional Award for sponsoring and hosting the Peanut Festival on our Farm, the first Saturday in October, every year. We thank Jeff Miller, who was our congressman in 2014. I also won the "Spirit of Santa Rosa County" that year, given to me, from the SRC Chamber of Commerce for our involvement in the community.

There was not much that Gene could not build, repair, or maintain. He built everything on our farm with his own two hands. He was a good man with a loving heart and soul.

Active pallbearers will be Shawn Jarrell, Stephen Jones, Jerod Jones, Jerry Jones, Tanner Laney, and Levi Findley.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Salem Saloom, Dr. Eduardo Puente, Tom Banjanin, Bob Barkley, and Arlan Shelly.

Rev. Matthew Dobson, Rev. Jim Lassiter and others will speak. There will be

music and songs.

Petty- Eastside Chapel Funeral Homes, LLC. Atmore, AL. is in charge of all arrangements

# Cemetery Details

**Cora Cemetery**

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cora Baptist Church  
12953 Chumuckla Hwy  
Jay, FL 32565

# Tribute Wall

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“ We took our children & grandchildren to the peanut festival . It was such a great community event that everyone enjoyed immensely. So sad to hear about Mr. Gabbert's passing and he will be remembered & missed by all who knew him. 💙

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**Joyce Stewart** - December 17, 2021 at 11:44 PM



“ Brenda, I am so sorry to hear of Gene passing. You and Gene were such a wonderful couple and made so many memories for the many visitors to the Peanut Fest.

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**Doris Jackson** - November 23, 2021 at 12:24 AM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene Emil Gabbert.



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November 22, 2021 at 04:18 PM

VP

“ As a vendor at the Jay Peanut Festival, I remember seeing Mr, Gabbert ride around on his gator helping the vendors anyway he could. He was a very pleasant man and I know he will be greatly missed.

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**Vickie Porter** - November 20, 2021 at 02:19 PM

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“ *Our condolences to the family of Mr. Gabbert  
He was always the kindest and most friendly  
man we have ever known. To the family may  
God hold you in the palm of his hand and  
ease your pain of loss. GOD BLESS*



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**Diane and Tim Corcoran** - November 19, 2021 at 05:06 PM

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*I didn't know mr Gabbert personally but, ive attended his festivals since  
beginning...my family's been a Jay family for 4 generations and I heard  
what a fine family this is...so sorry for your loss  
..Larry Rowland & family*

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**Larry Rowland** - November 22, 2021 at 06:22 PM