



Eric Samuel Gessler

February 6, 1953 - November 9, 2009

Eric Samuel Gessler, 56 years old, of Big Flint community in Doddridge County , WV passed away on November 9, 2009 at his home with loved ones following a valiant battle with cancer.

He is the son of Paul E. Gessler who preceded him in death and Sophie Gessler of Clarksburg, WV.

Surviving is his wife, Shirley L. Gessler; one son, Michael Paul Gessler, USAF Elmendorf AFB, Anchorage, AK, two daughters, Michelle Atwood of Philadelphia, PA, and Angela Atwood of Clarksburg, WV, one brother Paul Gessler and Diana of Melbourne, FL, one sister, Loretta Kissella of Lumberport, WV and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. One sister, Anna Bohanon preceded him in death.

Eric graduated from Doddridge County High School in 1971 where he played football, basketball, and track. He was recruited to Marshall University for the 1971 Young Thundering Herd Team. He played football there for 4 years and graduated with a degree in Marketing. Eric was recruited to play for the Cleveland Browns. He then attended Calhoun Engineering School in Baltimore, MD. Upon graduation, he joined the Merchant Marines. He was later employed at Constellation Energy as a plant operator for over 25 years.

Eric enjoyed long walks on the farm with his wife and dog, Elvis. He loved to laugh and joke with family and friends. He was a very kind and loving man and will forever be remembered for his kindness and generosity to others.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, November 13, 2009 in the Spurgeon Funeral Home, 212 Front St., West Union at 1PM with Allen Meadows and Roger Hillis presiding. Family and friends will be received in the funeral home chapel on Thursday, November 12, 2009 from 2-8PM and after 9AM on Friday until time of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Peoples Hospice, PO Box 1680,
Clarksburg, WV 26301

Comments



“ I just learned of Eric's passing and wanted to express my sympathy. Eric was such a nice person. He always had a smile on his face and something funny to say. He was a pleasure to know. We attended Marshall together during those rough years after the plane crash. Rest in peace Eric.

Karen (Semanco) - November 16, 2009 at 09:03 AM



“ Eric was a WONDERFUL man. everytime he came to visit Sophie, he would brighten up my day, Always laughing, smiling, and telling jokes. I have no doubt in my mind that the heavens recieved one heck of a man, or to the fact that all the angels will need lots of tissues to wipe their eyes from laughing so much! My deepest sympathies to you Sophie, Shirley, Angela, and the rest of the family. May God Bless you all!

Michelle Lowdermilk - November 13, 2009 at 10:43 PM



“ Although I did not know Eric, I knew Paul, Loretta and Anna\r\nI was told what a nice person Eric was \r\nI wish to express my sympathy to the family\r\nMy prayer will be for Eric and for the family at this time of mourning\r\n\r\nGOD'S BLESSINGS JOHN 3-16

Carole Maxfield - November 13, 2009 at 08:07 PM



“ Having graduated from Doddridge High in 1955, and being a lot older, I never had the pleasure of meeting or knowing Eric; but I can tell from what has been written that he was a wonderful young man, whom anyone would liked to have known. I am deeply sorry for your loss. God bless you with love and comfort, and all the wonderful memories to cherish of such a good life well-lived. Sincerely, Briana Corathers Harden

Briana Harden - November 13, 2009 at 07:11 PM



“ Please accept my sympathies on your loss. Eric's passing is a tremendous loss to anyone who knew him. God bless your family.

Jerry Lacher - November 13, 2009 at 06:02 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Eric's family. I had the pleasure to share in the same graduating class with him. He will be sadly missed as well as his laughing and teasing ways. I'm very sorry for your loss.

Robin Davis-Hersman - November 13, 2009 at 05:17 PM



“ I'm so shocked to find out that Eric has passed. I grew up with Eric as the next door neighbor (James Boyce's daughter.) Would love to be able to talk to Sophie if any one could give her my number 704-476-0014. Have thought about her and Eric a bunch over the years. I'll always have a place in my heart for Eric.

Susan Sorrow - November 13, 2009 at 02:13 PM



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Susan boyce Sorrow - November 13, 2009 at 02:06 PM



“ Please accept my condolences for your loss. As we all know, Eric was blessed with a high level of intelligence, athleticism and good overall demeanor. Living out of state, I haven't seen him in many years, but I am sure that he turned out to be a great husband and parent. My brothers (Ronnie, Tony and Randy) spoke well of Eric. \r\n\r\nMy mother, Mary Jett, thought highly of Eric and wishes to extend her deepest sympathies to the family and friends. She will not be able to attend the memorial service due to poor health. \r\n\r\n\r\nGod Bless You.

Michael Jett - November 13, 2009 at 09:40 AM



“ I WAS VERY SADDEN TO HEAR OF ERIC'S PASSING. MY SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AS WELL AS WITH MY AUNT SOPHIE. WITH LOVE, STACIE \

STACIE OLIVETO STRAUGHN - November 13, 2009 at 08:25 AM



“ My deepest thoughts and prayers are with you guys. He was such a great guy. He will be missed.

Lance McKeever - November 12, 2009 at 08:55 PM



“ Dear Shirley, We were so sorry to hear of Eric's passing. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. As I read the guest book, I can see, Eric was a wonderful person inside and out. Love and peace to you. Kay & Joe

Kay & Joe Henline - November 12, 2009 at 08:00 PM



“ Dear Shirley and family,\r\n My thoughts and sympathy are with you at this time.

Louise Crossman - November 12, 2009 at 07:03 PM



“ Shirley, Mike, Michelle, and Angela, sorry to hear about Eric's passing. I was hoping to make the funeral but with my job as well I can not. I really enjoyed talking to him back in the wrestling days. He was such a kind and caring man that I thought alot of. If any of you need anything please let me know. I miss you all. \r\n\r\nWith Love\r\nEric

Eric McKeever - November 12, 2009 at 05:15 PM



“ Eric and I had our differences early in our friendship, let me put it this way we both knew how to get on each others nerves but in a good way. Eric became a very good friend. He was compassionate, caring and loving to all those who had the pleasure of meeting him or calling him their friend. \r\n\r\nMay God Bless You Eric and watch over your family. \r\n\r\nMy deepest sympathy to you Shirley, and all of the family.\r\n\r\nI will miss you Eric..

Pat Barkley - November 12, 2009 at 04:32 PM



“ Thinking of you all today, wish I could be there to help support you.

Jenny Liska - November 12, 2009 at 01:28 PM



“ Eric was a really good guy and I enjoyed working with him. All of us here at Wagner will miss him. My thoughts are with his family.

Michael Mahrenholz - November 12, 2009 at 09:52 AM



“ Shirley,\r\nYou and your family are in my heart and prayers. I know you shared special times and this is what you remember. I will be thinking of you. Fredda

Fredda Smith - November 12, 2009 at 09:10 AM



“ Shirley - my heart and prayers are with you and your family.

Linda Byrd - November 12, 2009 at 08:54 AM



“ Sending my love and friendship to the family.\r\nI only met Eric once and felt like I had known him forever. He was funny, kind and I could tell how much Shirley and the family meant to him. \r\nI know he will be missed and thought of often by all who had crossed his path one way or another.

Connie Burkett - November 12, 2009 at 08:42 AM



“ Dear Shirley & Family, We send our thoughts and prayers to you at this time of sorrow. May you be surrounded by the love of family and friends. Joe and Chris Martin

Chris Martin - November 11, 2009 at 06:04 PM



“ Dear Shirley and family, I am at a loss for words. Eric was very dear to me. When I saw him a few months back, we spent about 45 minutes together. We talked and laughed as usual, and when he left, we said our \

Deanna Zirkle - November 11, 2009 at 05:44 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Eric's family. Anyone who speaks of Eric seems to have the same comments. It must make his family proud to know that others held him in highest regards and only had good things to say about him. He will be missed by many.

Barb Weeks - November 11, 2009 at 02:38 PM



“ I want to express my condolences to the family and my LOVE for my dear friend Eric. Even though we haven't spoken or saw each other in many years, he was on my mind often, I know he often thought of me. ERIC will forever be in my HEART. Eric, I LOVE YOU and Hope You Watch over me and my family. Especially, NOLAN. Bless Nolan to be at least half the man you were.

Mandy Arnold - November 11, 2009 at 01:53 PM



“ Eric will be missed dearly. He was a very genuine and extremely friendly person. When he talked with you, it seemed like you've know each other for quite some time. Condolences to his famliy.

Marty Sparrow - November 11, 2009 at 11:53 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to you and your family.

Peggy Williams - November 11, 2009 at 11:27 AM