



Gene William Howell

May 28, 1942 - October 24, 2023

Gene William Howell, (81), passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, in Tallahassee, Florida. Gene, the youngest of six children, was born to Samuel Sidney and Mary Beatrice Howell on May 28, 1942, in Quincy, Florida. Gene attended Quincy High School and graduated in 1961. After graduation, Gene began working for Winn Dixie and was the Produce Manager when he met the love of his life, Nina Mulford.

In 1963, Gene and Nina were married and celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary earlier this year. Gene was drafted into the Army in 1965 and served his country for two years in the Panama Canal Zone. Once discharged, he and Nina moved to Tallahassee, Florida which quickly became home. In 1969, Gene and Nina welcomed their son, Brian William Howell. Gene, being the devoted husband and loving father he was, began employment with UPS where he worked long hours to support his family and save money to open his own business. In 1972, that dream became a reality when he opened Gene's Northside Shell Service Station on North Monroe Street and was the owner and operator of the well-known business until his retirement in 2007. For those of you who frequented this Tallahassee gas-stop you could come in and talk FSU football, have a biscuit sandwich, or grab some boiled peanuts.

Though a busy small business owner, Gene always made time for his family.

Their family getaways consisted of short trips to watch FSU away games or visits to random places around the country that piqued their interest. In his free time, Gene enjoyed farming and gardening. He would give away baskets of vegetables or bags of citrus if he thought you could use it. He could spend hours Bream fishing with family and going to the coast to cast net for Mullet. Gene was also a fan of old-fashioned country music and spent time learning how to pick his banjo. However, his true passion was watching Florida State Football and cheering on the Seminoles with his family. Gene was a 40+ year season ticket holder and, along with his wife and son, attended every home football game possible.

Gene is predeceased in death by his parents, Samuel Sidney, and Mary Beatrice Howell and one sibling. He is survived by his wife, Nina Howell; his son Brian (Kimberly) Howell; sisters Annie Mae McMichael, Lillian Howell Goodson, and Mary Evelyn Sampson; brother Jeff Howell; his grandchild Madison Howell; his step-grandchildren Caylyn and Austin Smith; and many nieces and nephews. Gene will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Visitation will be Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at 11:00 AM at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Road, Tallahassee, FL, with a Memorial Service at 12:00 PM. Interment will be at Hillcrest Cemetery in Quincy, FL immediately following the service. Todd Wahlquist is assisting the Howell family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com).

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

11th Street
Quincy, FL 32352

Previous Events

The Family Will Receive Friends

OCT **31**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Walter and I send our prayers and condolences to Nina, Brian and family for the loss of our Classmate of 1961 QHS. Gene will be missed by all that knew him. We are out of town and unable to attend the service. Love and hug’s especially for Nina and Brian. Our thoughts and prayers are with you now and the days to come 🙏
🙏 From Classmates Walter and Janice Maxwell ❤️*

Janice Maxwell - October 31, 2023 at 09:39 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gene William Howell.*



October 30, 2023 at 04:20 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gene William Howell.*

October 30, 2023 at 04:20 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Gene William Howell.*



October 30, 2023 at 02:39 PM

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“ I will always remember Gene greeting my mom and I at his North Monroe gas station. He and Nina were always so gracious and kind to have someone pump my mom’s gas for years after that was no longer a thing. She only ever wanted to go to his station and I know it was more than just the gas it was family.
Also, my grandad frequently stopped there as well on his way to or from his Havana property where he too has a large garden. I know that he and Gene talked “gardening” as they both shared the love of growing and sharing with others. It wasn’t till much later that I associated him with the love of FSU football (I was late to join in the love of football).
He will forever remain in our hearts ❤️ Rest in peace sweet Gene!!!

Lisa Miller - October 28, 2023 at 09:37 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gene William Howell.



October 28, 2023 at 07:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gene William Howell.



October 28, 2023 at 11:03 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gene William Howell.

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“ So sorry to hear of Gene’s passing. He was a good friend and classmate. He will be missed.

Elizabeth W Cook - October 28, 2023 at 08:06 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gene William Howell.



October 26, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ Mary Evelyn Sampson and family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Gene William Howell.



Mary Evelyn Sampson and family - October 25, 2023 at 05:45 PM