



## Gene W. Bartrom

March 6, 1930 - March 19, 2013

Gene W. Bartrom, age 83, of Huntington, passed away peacefully Tuesday evening (March 19, 2013) at the Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesday (March 26, 2013) at the Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington with Rosary services at 9:30 a.m. Funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. Tuesday (March 26, 2013) at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Father John Pfister officiating. Private burial will follow at a later date at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Huntington. The V.F.W. Post #2689 will perform military graveside rites after the funeral service. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church or the Disabled Veterans Organization in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Gene was a lifelong resident of Huntington, born March 6, 1930. He was the son of Charles E. and Goldia M. (Braden) Bartrom. He graduated from Huntington Catholic High School in 1949. Gene enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1950 serving in Japan and Korea. He married "the love of his life" Esther I. Wilcoxson on April 23, 1955 at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Huntington. Gene loved motorcycles, sports and most of all, his family.

After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Air Force in 1954, Gene

enlisted with the Indiana Air National Guard 122nd Tactical Fighter Wing in Fort Wayne in 1957. He worked for the Department of Defense until retiring as Master Sergeant in 1985 with 33 years as a service/ electrician technician. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Gene was a past Commander and lifetime member of the V.F.W. Post #2689, serving on the Burial Detail for 50 years giving respect to those who served in the United States Military. He was past Commander for two years with the 40 & 8 of Huntington County where he held the office of Chef de Gare, a member of Voiture #850 American Legion, lifetime member of Roanoke American Legion Post #160 and a lifetime member of the National Air Force Sergeant Association.

Survivors include his beloved wife and best friend of 57 years - Esther I. Bartrom of Huntington; three sons - Jerry D. Bartrom of Huntington, Brian G. (Wendy) Bartrom of Van Buren and Wayne A. Bartrom of Huntington; one daughter - Gail D. (Monty) Cocklin of Huntington; one brother - Mark E. (Barbara) Bartrom of South Whitley; one sister - Ruth I. (Bill) Garshwiller of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. His parents, six brothers, five sisters and great-grandson, - Sage Cocklin, preceded him in death.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Calvary Cemetery

5025 N. Goshen Rd  
Huntington, IN 46750

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 26. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750  
(260) 356-1710  
wecare@baileylove.com  
<https://www.baileylove.com>

## Service

MAR 26. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DH

“ *Jerry, I sorry your father has passed away.*

*Dennis Haworth*

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**Dennis Haworth** - April 04, 2013 at 12:52 PM

LG

“ *Mrs. Bartrom and family;  
I'm sad to learn Gene's left us...he was a lot of fun to work with and I  
enjoyed his company after the work was done. I think there was  
always a little kid inside....  
You have my sympathy.  
Sincerely,  
Len Gillan (122d TFW, retired)  
Wildwood MO*

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**Len Gillan** - March 26, 2013 at 12:30 PM

MS

“ *Deepest Sympathy*

*Mike Sands*

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**Mike Sands** - March 25, 2013 at 05:21 PM

RB

“ *Were sorry for your lost.*



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**Ronnie, Angie, Lacy and Skylee Bartrom** - March 25, 2013 at 03:16 PM

PG

“ Penny Bartrom Gribler lit a candle in memory of Gene W. Bartrom



penny bartrom gribler - March 24, 2013 at 09:11 PM

MS

“ Martin Smith lit a candle in memory of Gene W. Bartrom



Martin Smith - March 22, 2013 at 03:47 PM

JB

“ 3 files added to the album New Album Name



Jan & Linda Bartrom - March 22, 2013 at 03:43 PM

CM

“ Cindy Lahr McKinzie lit a candle in memory of Gene W. Bartrom



Cindy Lahr McKinzie - March 21, 2013 at 10:30 PM

JB

“ *JOHN V. BARTROM lit a candle in memory of Gene W. Bartrom*



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**JOHN V. BARTROM** - March 21, 2013 at 10:26 PM

SS

“ *Steve & Susie Siebold lit a candle in memory of Gene W. Bartrom*



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**Steve & Susie Siebold** - March 21, 2013 at 05:56 PM

BM

“ *Bob And Sandie Myer lit a candle in memory of Gene W. Bartrom*



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**Bob and Sandie Myer** - March 21, 2013 at 04:42 PM

IC

“ *Gene was one of my favorites. Sincere sympathy to the family*

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**Iris Clark** - March 21, 2013 at 04:05 PM

DR

“ *Denny And Brenda Ross lit a candle in memory of Gene W. Bartrom*



Denny and Brenda Ross - March 21, 2013 at 03:16 PM

PB

“ *Peggy And Wess Bard lit a candle in memory of Gene W. Bartrom*



Peggy and Wess Bard - March 21, 2013 at 01:35 PM

PB

“ *We will miss him. It was such an honor for Wess to serve on the Honor Guard with Gene. We enjoyed having breakfast with him and Esther, and I especially will remember his smooth dance moves! He made even me look like I could dance! So many good memories with you both. Please accept our deepest sympathy. Peggy & Wess Bard*

Peggy Bard - March 21, 2013 at 01:30 PM

DG

“ *Dan & Bonnie Gage lit a candle in memory of Gene W. Bartrom*



Dan & Bonnie Gage - March 21, 2013 at 01:25 PM

DP

“ *Deb & Tony Pruitt lit a candle in memory of Gene W. Bartrom*



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**Deb & Tony Pruitt** - March 21, 2013 at 10:20 AM

DP

*So sorry to hear of Gene's passing. Tony and I both worked with Gene at the Air National Guard. He was a wonderful man and we are happy to call him a friend. Deb & Tony Pruitt*

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**Deb & Tony Pruitt** - March 21, 2013 at 10:22 AM

SG

“ *Sally A Gamble lit a candle in memory of Gene W. Bartrom*



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**sally a gamble** - March 21, 2013 at 10:17 AM

JT

“ *John & Laura Thomas lit a candle in memory of Gene W. Bartrom*



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**John & Laura Thomas** - March 21, 2013 at 10:13 AM

MD

“ Uncle Gene touched the lives of So many people, it is difficult to guage the impact on Life.  
For me personally, he gave me courage, helped me be brave, supported me when I was at a loss, and always seemed like a Friend, even though he was family. My heart-felt prayers and support go to all the Family members and friends.

Michael J. Hatch San Diego - March 21, 2013 at 09:10 AM

MD

“ Michael J. Hatch San Diego lit a candle in memory of Gene W. Bartrom



Michael J. Hatch San Diego - March 21, 2013 at 09:07 AM

JB

“ Joe & Jane Burkhart lit a candle in memory of Gene W. Bartrom



Joe & Jane Burkhart - March 21, 2013 at 08:14 AM

AB

“ Audrey (Neff) and Jim Boylan



Audrey Boylan - March 21, 2013 at 08:07 AM

GE

“ GEORGE&CAROLRILEY lit a candle in memory of Gene W. Bartrom



GEORGE&CAROLRILEY - March 21, 2013 at 06:56 AM

BI

“ BILL&CANDYCHAPIN lit a candle in memory of Gene W. Bartrom



BILL&CANDYCHAPIN - March 21, 2013 at 06:51 AM

B)

“ BILL & CANDY ( RILEY ) lit a candle in memory of Gene W. Bartrom



BILL & CANDY ( RILEY ) - March 21, 2013 at 06:49 AM

DH

“ Don&Cheryl Harris lit a candle in memory of Gene W. Bartrom



Don&Cheryl Harris - March 20, 2013 at 06:35 PM

SF

“ *Sondra Fisher And Family lit a candle in memory of Gene W. Bartrom*



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**Sondra Fisher and Family** - March 20, 2013 at 04:20 PM

 Lincoln  
Cocklin

“ *Kristina L Harney-cocklin was added to the Family Tree.*

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**Lincoln Cocklin** - March 20, 2013 at 02:08 PM

 Lincoln  
Cocklin

“ *Kristina L Harney-cocklin was added to the Family Tree.*

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**Lincoln Cocklin** - March 20, 2013 at 02:07 PM

 Lincoln  
Cocklin

“ *Dakota R Cocklin was added to the Family Tree.*

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**Lincoln Cocklin** - March 20, 2013 at 02:06 PM

 Lincoln  
Cocklin

“ *Gage L Cocklin was added to the Family Tree.*

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**Lincoln Cocklin** - March 20, 2013 at 02:06 PM

 Lincoln  
Cocklin

“ *Sage T Cocklin was added to the Family Tree.*

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**Lincoln Cocklin** - March 20, 2013 at 02:06 PM



“ *Wayne Bartrom was added to the Family Tree.*

Lincoln Cocklin - March 20, 2013 at 02:04 PM



“ *Nickolas L Cocklin was added to the Family Tree.*

Lincoln Cocklin - March 20, 2013 at 02:01 PM



“ *Lincoln G Cocklin was added to the Family Tree.*

Lincoln Cocklin - March 20, 2013 at 02:00 PM



“ *Esther Bartrom was added to the Family Tree.*

Lincoln Cocklin - March 20, 2013 at 01:59 PM



“ *Monty L Cocklin was added to the Family Tree.*

Lincoln Cocklin - March 20, 2013 at 01:58 PM



“ *Gail D. Bartrom-cocklin was added to the Family Tree.*

Lincoln Cocklin - March 20, 2013 at 01:56 PM



“ *Lincoln Cocklin sent a virtual gift in memory of Gene W. Bartrom*



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**Lincoln Cocklin** - March 20, 2013 at 01:52 PM



“ *Lincoln Cocklin lit a candle in memory of Gene W. Bartrom*



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**Lincoln Cocklin** - March 20, 2013 at 01:44 PM