



Emerson "Gus" M. Bland

December 7, 2017

Emerson "Gus" M. Bland, 87 passed away peacefully at his home on December 7, 2017. Gus was born in Enfield, NC to Emma D. and John F. Bland. Gus enlisted in the Marine Corps reserves while still in high school. His unit was called up to serve in the Korean War before he graduated. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1952. He was honorably discharged in 1956 and then began his civil service career at NNSY in Shop 38 as an outside machinist apprentice. Gus retired from the Planning Dept. in 1985 and from the Army Reserves in 1990.

Gus was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Frances Green Bland and a son, Timothy M. Bland, Sr.

Gus was a member of Moose Lodge 898 where he served as Governor from 1980-81. He bowled on the Moose league for years making many lifelong friends. He loved golf, pitching horse shoes, ping pong and just about all sports. He was very proud of his achievements in the Senior Olympics. Gus and Frances went out to dinner and played cards with their dear friends several time a week for many years. Gus and Frances shared great happiness together during their marriage and are now reunited in heaven.

Gus is survived by sons, John E. Bland (Velma), Thomas P. Bland (Lynne), daughter, Denise B. Kuykendall (Bob), grandchildren, John M. Bland (Betsy),

Erica D. Kuykendall, Julie K. Henderson (Spencer), Kristopher R. Kuykendall, Timothy M. Bland, Jr., Jennifer Buzuleciu (Kevin), Kaitlyn R. Bland, Jacob E. Bland, great grandchildren, Penelope R. Bland, Alice M. Bland, Gavin R. Kuykendall, Cade J. Somers, Noah M. Somers, Aylah L. Eberhart, Spencer D. Henderson, Cayleigh Bland and Dylan Bland.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Teen Challenge in Newport News.

A funeral service with full military honors will be held at 10am Monday in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens with Dr. John Snow officiating. The family will receive friends in Loving Funeral Home Sunday from 6-7pm.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd.
Chesapeake, VA 23321
(757) 488-2546

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

EW

“ When I was in grade school my school sent our classes to walk to the old Woodrow Wilson High School for lunch. Uncle Emerson would save me a seat by him. I love him so very much. He's always been my hero. He's 10 years older than me. I've been close to him all my life. I love you so very much and I will miss you so much.

Emma Jean Wike - December 12, 2017 at 09:27 PM

DK

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with the Bland family. We have enjoyed many years of bowling with the Bland family from youth bowling to adult bowling from Portsmouth Bowl to AMF Western Branch. Gus always had a smile on his face and he was never without a joke to share.
Jimmy & Debbie Knox

Debbie Knox - December 11, 2017 at 10:54 AM

TP

“ To the Bland Family just got the news about Gus passing and was so sorry to get the news. Gus and I enjoyed many years of LOOM and was his Inner Guard when he was Governor. I doubt Gus ever met a stranger and recently called him to check on Francis and he gave me the news of her passing.. As we grew older and moved from VA lost contact but never forget him or your Mom both very sweet people like family. Again so sorry for your loss. Tommy



Tommy Powell - December 10, 2017 at 08:15 PM

BB

“ Gus was such a sweet human being and loved his family. He loved going to see friends and having breakfast at Waffle World. He will be missed but remembered with love.

Barbie Burton - December 10, 2017 at 09:27 AM

TV

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time Gus was such a nice kind man he will be
Missed terribly
Tim Tonya and Ronnie Vick

Tonya and Tim Vick - December 09, 2017 at 05:31 PM