



## Clifton Eugene "Gene" Hartness

January 22, 1938 - November 3, 2020

Clifton Eugene "Gene" Hartness, age 82, passed away on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 in his Bourbonnais, IL home. Born January 22, 1938 to Mary (Porter) and Clifton Hartness in Langley, Arkansas. He married Barbra Scott on May 15, 1960 in Van Buren, Indiana.

Gene was a long-time member of College Church of the Nazarene University Ave., Bourbonnais, IL where he enjoyed worshipping. At various times he served as an usher, money-counter and sound engineer.

He graduated from Alexandria High School in Alexandria, Indiana in 1954. His class voted him "Most Likely to Succeed". Little did his classmates realize that Bill Gaither would surpass him! He earned a BA from Olivet Nazarene University in 1960 and then taught Junior High School classes at Limestone Grade School for 15 years. He then served as the Bursar at Olivet Nazarene University for 13 years. He loved his family and was especially encouraged when his only great-grandson, Sage, visited.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Barbra, children, Michelle (Lyle) Provost, Brad (Penni) Hartness, three sisters, Erlyne (Wayne) Wright, Glenda (Dave) Snell, and Karen (Les) Turner, brothers-in-law, Bob (Linda) Scott and Ray (Cindy) Scott, and sister-in-law, Bonita (Jim) Richards, ten grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Beth Ann.

Memorials may be made to College Church of the Nazarene University Ave, Uplifted Care of Kankakee or family wishes.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., November 9, 2020 at College Church of the Nazarene, Bourbonnais, IL. Per CDC guidelines, masks and social distancing are required. Dr. Mark Quanstrom will officiate the service. The service will be livestreamed at [www.facebook.com/groups/genehartnessfuneral/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/genehartnessfuneral/) Burial will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens. Please sign his online guestbook at [www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

NOV 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

College Church of the Nazarene  
200 University Ave  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-7749

# Tribute Wall



“ *Clifton Eugene "Gene" Hartness*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Mr. Hartness was my teacher at Limestone Grade School who I remember as a nice man and taught us very well. Our Deepest Sympathy to his family. Rest in Peace Mr. Hartness.* 🕊️📖



**Vickie (Cox) Bertrand** - November 09, 2020 at 09:09 PM



“ *Barb, my sincere sympathy to you and your family. May God comfort all of you and give you His strength.*

**Patricia Fisher** - November 08, 2020 at 01:01 PM