



## Albert Earl Gaskill

May 27, 1940 - May 19, 2026

Albert Earl Gaskill of Lenox, MI passed away peacefully on May 19th, 2026 at the age of 85, surrounded by his loved ones.

He was born in Detroit and always called Michigan home, but he traveled all over the world because of his love for and skill with motorcycles. He raced on everything: flat track, road race, off road, or ice. He made multiple Nationals in the '60s, raced Daytona 200s in 1969-70, and a career highlight was winning the 1968 Louisville Race of Champions on ABC's Wide World of Sports. More than a racer, though, he was a staple of the racing community. Al translated his love of racing into a life long career, opening his first motorcycle shops in 1969 in East Detroit, and eventually a second in Richmond. All of the people who worked for and with him became part of his family.

The only thing he loved more than motorcycles was his family, whether they were direct relations or friends who became like family. Al loved to say that, "You're in

charge of your own destiny.” He made a great destiny for himself, and took a lot of friends and family along for the ride.

He was preceded in death by his parents Albert and Helen Gaskill, son Albert Jr “Zookie”, son-in-law Al Belcher, sisters Lidian Sutter, Alice Sinda, May Nimrod, and brother Richard Gaskill.

He is survived by his wife Birgit Gaskill; his children: Kim Nash, Barbara (Al) Belcher, April (Shane) Ashley, Maj-Lis (Daryl) Nash, and Jesse Chapman; his grandchildren: Shawna (Joshua) Wilmoth, Tara (Yusuke) Tsunoda, Ryan Belcher, Jessica (Joshua) Sargeant, Jason (Jordan) Flowers, Ashley Gaskill, Ariel Gaskill, Koe Chapman, Lina Chapman & Lillian Chapman; and 10 great-grandchildren, all of whom will carry forward his legacy of determination, adventure, and love.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to [RLS.org](http://RLS.org) in Al’s memory. He suffered terribly from Restless Leg Syndrome, a much-misunderstood disease. Help support others to find relief for this debilitating condition.

Planting a tree in his memory at Arbor Day Foundation would also be appreciated by the family.

Sunday May 31st from noon till 4 p.m. at THE FARM will be a celebration of Life for the man, the myth, the legend. Please bring a dish to pass, anything you choose is fine. We will have burgers, chicken and hotdogs for everyone. Reach out to Majlis or Birgit for the exact address if you need it. Come share and listen to Al Gaskill's famous stories with his friends and family.

Funeral details are below.

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

**MAY 30.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights  
3801 18 Mile Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48314  
(586) 997-3838

## Funeral Service

**MAY 30.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Albert-man am I going to miss you coming up north to visit. I going to miss you yelling after aunt Birgit to get you a cookie. Ohhh how that made me giggle. Always had to have a sweat treat. I am going to miss how you were always getting after Jesse to do something, while I just sat there, well because I was “Beanie” after all. One of the good ones you would always tell me. Miss you terribly Albert-Beanie

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**Jeanie Flory** - 24 minutes ago