



## 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.

# Previous 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

KP

“ Al's Memory will always live on with me, I was about 14 hanging around the store and Al gave me one of my first jobs and a love for 2 wheels. and Watercrafts. Back then He was like Uncle Al to me and im sure to many others. One of my oldest memories was going out to the farm to weed wack and cut grass and I put Big Red in the pond. I musta been about 13. Al was coming up the long drive and me and a buddy struggled like crazy to get that thing out of the water before he seen what I did. Yeah He seen me.. Then He taught me how to ride it. Wasn't meant to float. Brigete and family I am so sorry for your loss and his memories will continue.

Kevin Peterson - May 31 at 09:33 AM

MT

“ Mickie T. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert Earl Gaskill.

Mickie T. - May 29 at 02:16 PM

XF

“ XOXO, Jason Flowers & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Albert Earl Gaskill.



XOXO, Jason Flowers & Family - May 28 at 06:52 AM

XF

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XOXO, Jason Flowers & Family - May 28 at 06:52 AM

J9

“ Jo, Tam, Jules and Jay (14, 5c, 52, 99) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Albert Earl Gaskill.



Jo, Tam, Jules and Jay (14, 5c, 52, 99) - May 27 at 01:00 PM

JK

“ Jules and JoAnn Estep and Tammy Kirk purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Albert Earl Gaskill.



Jules and JoAnn Estep and Tammy Kirk - May 27 at 12:50 PM

JK

“ Jules and JoAnn Estep and Tammy Kirk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert Earl Gaskill.

Jules and JoAnn Estep and Tammy Kirk - May 27 at 12:50 PM

SM

“ Scott Myers purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Albert Earl Gaskill.



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Scott Myers - May 26 at 08:28 PM

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“ Scott Myers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert Earl Gaskill.

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Scott Myers - May 26 at 08:28 PM

PS

“ A fellow classmate from Fitzgerald class of 1958. Al helped us plan many reunions and hosted us at his farm. Lots of good times. Al will be missed. Praying for all.

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Phyllis Prince Skora - May 24 at 07:28 PM

MI

“ What a wonderful man Al was I send you love and prayers dad Rocky Watson and I Michele Watson have wonderful memories of Al thru the years ❤️

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Michele - May 24 at 02:49 PM



“ I'm very sorry to hear of this! Much love to you and Brigete for being great neighbors. Xoxo. A.k.a. Stacy Grawbarger

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Stacy Laughter - May 22 at 01:45 PM

AC

“ Farewell my friend. Time passes and life catches up with us, but the memories of the incredible times we had together will live on forever. Each March I'am sure I will continue to look for you in the crowd at the Daytona Monument, so we can share a moment together.

*Rest in peace my friend,  
Al Charles*

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**Al Charles** - May 21 at 07:10 PM

JH

“ I know my brother Bob (LaFleur) will be happy to see you again. My condolences to your family. Janet (LaFleur) Hamlin

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**Janet Hamlin** - May 21 at 05:59 PM



“ 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** - May 21 at 02:17 PM

JS

*43 years ago today one of my bridesmaids took off with Albert and several of his friends 4 wheeling. When they all came back to crash our reception my mom was running around to get them food.*

*I didn't know then that 43 years of love and adventures we would all be getting him his favorite snacks every time we went somewhere and left him home.*

*Albert you will be greatly missed.*

*Thank you for loving my best friend so fiercely and being an amazing Uncle to my kids.*

*Every time we have Pastries or that first bite of corn on the cob in the summer we will think of you.*

*Love you Joyce Don and family*

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**joyce Schlaufman** - May 29 at 11:29 AM