



Gale McAllister Ahearn

June 26, 1929 - November 14, 2020

Gale McAllister Ahearn passed away on November 14th, 2020, peacefully at the age of 91 surrounded by his loved ones. He will be missed by his family. His memory and the life lessons he taught will live on.

Gale was born in Detroit, Michigan on June 26th, 1929, to Michael Albert Ahearn (1896-1974) and Marion Irvin Flanagan Ahearn (1905-1973). He was raised in the Detroit area along with his younger brother James Deland Ahearn (1931) (Maria, Pocha, Guadalupe de Icaza Gomez, 1930-2020) Cuernavaca, Mexico. They were inseparable as children and inseparable as they served in the United States Navy. They even served on the same ships (1950-1954). Gale gained a great respect and love for his country and the waters that he sailed during his military service.

After serving in the Navy he sailed for one year on Great Lakes freighters. He then returned to college where he earned his teaching degree from Central Michigan College and began a career in education. In 1959 Gale rekindled an old friendship with Barbara Ann Pepler (Port Huron) and fell in love. They were married December 19th, 1959. They raised two sons in the Fort Gratiot area, Daniel (Christine), Utah and James (Karen), Michigan. Gale and Barb loved and supported their boys as they strived to reach their potential in life. Gale showed incredible courage as he soldiered on after losing the center of his world, Barb, when she passed away suddenly in June of 2017 (1936-

2017). He took pride in his two grandchildren Ryan Ahearn (Michigan) and Katlynn Ahearn (Michigan). He enjoyed watching them grow up into exceptional young adults.

Gale taught in the Port Huron Area School District for over 30 years, teaching Spanish and English. He also worked on the Blue Water Bridge in the Immigration And Naturalization Service for more than twenty years. Gale continued to serve others after his retirement, assisting his military brothers with transportation to Veterans Hospitals. He often said he was honored to help them. He had a passion for music and absolutely loved old movies. He was an avid reader and enjoyed studying the linguistics of the English and Spanish languages. Once an educator, always a student. Gale leaves behind a dear sister-in-law Betty (Peppler) Fiskin (1924) and many nieces and nephews.

His legacy will live on in his family. We as a family have inherited boundless examples of intelligence, hard work, love of country, bravery and taking care of family.

You are loved...

“What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.” – Pericles.

A private family service will be held to honor the life of Gale McAllister Ahearn. Gale will be inurned at the Allied Veteran’s Cemetery, Port Huron, Michigan. Arrangements in care of, Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron.

To view the obituary and share memories, please visit www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

In lieu of flowers, a donation to any Veteran's organization would be

appreciated.

Cemetery Details

Allied Veterans Cemetery

3965 Gratiot Avenue
Port Huron, MI 48060

Tribute Wall

JG

“ I’m a 1975 graduate of Northern. I remember Mr. Ahearn well. Had him as a teacher and used him as a counselor too. He had a wonderful personality for dealing with kids, and he had much patience for ever changing moods and behaviors of teenagers. May he Rest In Peace—a well earned peace.

Julie Gallagher - December 31, 2020 at 02:57 PM

CK

“ Such a wonderful teacher --thanks to him I still remember some Spanish 43 years later! Professor Ahearn made the class come alive with his passion for the culture, food and language. He also had a wonderful sense of humor when we would see him working at the bridge. Deepest sympathy to his family.

Carol Krashen - November 30, 2020 at 03:24 PM

PW

“ Many wonderful memories from his classes. He was a great teacher!

Pam Willmarth Warsinski - November 23, 2020 at 05:32 PM

MC

“ Such a kind man. I remember him from summer Spanish classes many many years ago. Too kind not to have made an impact! My condolences to his family and friends.

Mary (Rider) Cook - November 23, 2020 at 01:10 PM

DD

“ *What a wonderful teacher. 50 years later I still use the spanish Mr. Ahern taught me. His service to his brothers in arms is wonderful. Such an important calling he had to give back.*

Donna Daniels - November 21, 2020 at 06:46 PM

JH

“ *Jim, looking back I don't know how your father found time to both teach and work long hours on the bridge, but he did it all with professionalism and warmth. Gale was a great guy liked by all and raised wonderful sons. In particular, we were most pleased to have you on the engineering staff at Blue Water. I regret not having reached out to him after PHN, as I went on to work at the American school in Spain for a year, and later married a Cuban. Not to mention the company's challenge with our affiliate in Mexico City. We probably could have given him a good job as a negotiator/diplomat after he retired from teaching!*

My deepest sympathy to you and Dan, and all of the family!

John Haas - November 20, 2020 at 11:48 AM



Bonnie-Lee

He was always so sweet to me crossing the bridge

Bonnie-Lee Whitworth - December 31, 2020 at 02:37 PM

PC

“ *Mr. Ahearn taught me Spanish in high school during 1975 and 1976. In addition to the language, I especially remember his great appreciation, respect and love for all things Spanish and Mexican - especially their culture, food, music and everyday dignity. Important life lessons learned from a great man.*

Prayers and best wishes to his family.

Vaya con Dios el Profesor.

Peter Cleary - November 19, 2020 at 07:00 PM

DB

“ *Barb was in JUG club with me in high school. Many years later, Gale was a teacher for my son Chris. We go back so many years. Our thoughts are with you. It's hard to lose our friends. Love, Donna (and Mike)) Benedict*

Donna Benedict - November 19, 2020 at 06:46 PM

JA

“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



Jim Ahearn - November 19, 2020 at 02:42 PM

CA

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Chris Ahearn - November 18, 2020 at 07:00 PM