



Gale Horace Astles

October 27, 1928 - July 21, 2016

Gale Horace Astles passed peacefully at his home on July 21, 2016. He was born October 27, 1928 to Nellie (Clarke) and Harold Astles in St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada. Gale was preceded in death by his older brother Ken “Red” (Agnes) and his sister Lucille (Doug) Bolt. Gale is survived by his loving wife of 9 years, Sheila Masson-Astles, Ruby Astles, the mother of his children, daughters Tracey Lewis (Terry), Julie Krieg (Ken), grandchildren, Nathan (Stephanie), Joshua, Morgen, Kendall, Courtney and McKenzie.

In the midst of Gale’s high school years he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy. After returning Gale worked on the New York Central Railroad as a machinist and met his first wife, Ruby Burgess. They moved to the States and started an aerial photography business, State Aerial Farm Statistics, which he was president for 60 years. Over 25 million images were captured in more than 30 states. Furthermore, Gale successfully motivated hundreds of salesmen, with his favorite quote being “Charge!” He was the restaurant owner of Michelangelo’s and The Porch of the Maidens, both favorite Toledo eateries.

Gale was lucky enough to find that special love twice in his life when he met Sheila and enjoyed over 23 wonderful years together. He loved sailing on his boat the Allyson Gale, skiing, playing golf, tennis and running marathons. The New York City Marathon being one of his highlights. But mostly he enjoyed his family, friends, and being “the story teller “ with a glass of Grand Marnier.

Gale had an incredible ride in which he was bigger than life. He was generous

to a fault, had the biggest heart, and he definitely lived it “My Way”!

A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, Aug 20th from 4-8 pm at the Holiday Inn French Quarters in Perrysburg, with a eulogy at 5 pm. Friends and family are welcome to come and share their stories of Gale.

Contributions can be made to the Toledo Humane Society in honor of Max and Maggie, Gale’s loyal companions.

Gale’s compassionate heart, generosity and his inspiration to others will be truly missed.

Previous Events

Memorial

AUG **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

French Quarter in Perrysburg

Tribute Wall

BB

“ your dad was a class act all his life . always a very nice and pleasant man gave many opportunities to many. jam so sorry for your loss heaven as got another angel .

bryan brandon - July 29, 2016 at 06:30 AM

JA

“ I worked at The Porch for a summer when I was in high school and knew him from Laurel Hills...he was the kindest guy to a young bus boy who didn't have a clue about the restaurant business. He always had a smile for me and I learned a ton about being a host and friend to all. Over the years, I often thought of Mr. Astles and my time at The Porch. I liked his style. How lucky his family is to have had him for such a long time.

Big hugs to all...

Jeff Arman - July 28, 2016 at 05:26 PM

TM

“ How can I put into a few words what this brother-in-law meant to me. He was always there when I needed advice, always there when I needed a sounding board and most importantly, he was always there when I needing a good swift kick. Gary and I spent a Christmas with Gale and Sheila and let me tell you, more memories were created that few days than I could every say. The one that stands out the most is the fact that Gale always had to go that extra mile. Our son Dustin, who was no older than 7 at the time and very "Red Neck", if you know what I mean. We were from a small town in Northern Ontario called Red Lake. Well Uncle Gale decided to give Dustin a farewell he would never forget so he ordered a stretch limousine to take us to the airport. Well if you could have seen our sons eyes when that limo pulled into 9113 Orchard Lake Road. It will be remembered forever just like the man who arranged it all. We will miss your laughter, your huge, huge smile and most of all, we will miss the person with the biggest heart. Love you forever plus a day.

Gary and Tracy McFatridge

Tracy McFatridge - July 28, 2016 at 10:51 AM

AW

“ I loved Gale! Back in the late 70's I waited on him at Carmel's West! Grand Marnier and coffee! Best tipper ever. Then worked at State Ariel as a colorist in the 80's and worked again for awhile back in 2006! He had the best staff Xmas Parties at the Porch! Saw him back a couple years ago at the PB French Quarter! He truly was a mentor and inspiration to me and will be missed!

Angela White - July 28, 2016 at 08:38 AM



Kelly
Lynne

“ Great Uncle Gale had a smile that brought sunshine into any room !
He will be missed !

Love Kelly, Ben and Lucas Astles

Kelly Lynne - July 27, 2016 at 07:51 PM



LC

“ Gale I hold so many memories of you that will always stay with me!
You were the best boss I ever had! I spent 20 plus years with you
and don't regret a one! Your compassion for others was definitely
recognized by all of us. You touched my heart and life in so many
ways. I have so many memories I'll never forget! Especially " I was
the Union representative" Ha! You made me nuts and you made me
laugh but in all YOU helped make me who I am today, a stronger
person! You pushed me to be where I am today and i will always
thank you for that! I will never forget you or your compassion for
others! You will be greatly missed! Heaven is definitely gonna get a
little more livelier with you there!
Linda Christie

Linda Christie - July 27, 2016 at 06:55 PM



DH

“ You were bigger than life Gale and nobody could light up a room
quite like you. I enjoyed every minute I ever spent with you and
nobody had a quicker wit or could make me laugh louder than you
my friend. Heaven just got a whole lot livelier!!

Danny Heffernan - July 27, 2016 at 01:18 PM

TL

“ Always with a smile & a joke, I never saw my Great Uncle Gale angry. My fondest memory was that he always called me "Red Pop" which came from the day Uncle Gale & my family, sailed back from Cedar Point to Toledo in Uncle Gale's boat. We hit some pretty rough waters & were sent down below while dad (Fred) and Uncle Gale sailed us through. I had drank way too much "Red Pop" at Cedar Point... got a very sea sick, and as you can imagine, a young boy filled up with "Red Pop", the rest is history. For many, many years after that, Uncle Gale always remembered and reminded me of the "Red Pop" incident, every time I saw him. Uncle Gale, you will be missed by many. Your great nephew, Terry (Red Pop) Lapierre

Terry Lapierre - July 27, 2016 at 11:35 AM