



Faber Bland, Jr.

August 22, 1943 - August 23, 2020

Faber Earl Bland, Jr., age 77, of Brimley, Michigan passed away Sunday afternoon, August 23, 2020, at the Hospice of the EUP - Hospice House.

Faber was born on August 22, 1943, in Morrilton, Arkansas, the son of the late Faber and Ethel (Gatewood) Bland, Sr. He graduated from high school in Conway, Arkansas and continued his education at University of Arkansas Pine Bluff, earning his bachelor's degree. Faber served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam era and later in the Seabee Reserves. He worked for Arkansas Fish and Game as a Fishery Biologist. Later he worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as Fishery Biologist in Minnesota, California, Lower Michigan, Oregon, and finally Brimley, where he retired. Faber enjoyed crossword puzzles, playing golf, and being outdoors.

Faber is survived by his wife: Laura Jean (Hettinger) Bland, whom he married on April 23, 1983, in Reno, Nevada; three children: Erik (Crystal Davenport) Bland of Atlanta, GA, Matt Bland of Brimley, MI, and Kelsey (Paul) Roehm of Grand Rapids, MI; two sisters: Ruby Bland and Annie (Eldridge) Fears both of Little Rock, AR; and a brother: Robert (Charlene) Bland of Conway, AR.

A private family funeral service will be held on Thursday at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I first met Faber in 1976 when I became the Supervisor of the Laguna Niguel (CA) Ecological Services Field Office where Faber was already there as a Fishery Biologist. I believe it was his first job with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Faber was a joy to work with, a true gentleman in every way and a good biologist. Unfortunately, I did not get to work with him for very long as he moved on to positions in fish hatcheries. But I remember fondly his wonderful smile and gentle manner. Rest in peace, friend: you were gone too soon.

Jim McKevitt - September 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Faber lived his life as a "gentleman" in the finest sense of the word! I first met Faber in the early 1970s when he was assigned to the Twin Cities Regional Office of the Fish and Wildlife Service. I soon came to respect his soft spoken but professional manner and we became good friends. Faber traveled over the years, but we stayed in contact, conversing periodically as good friends do. His characteristic nature always remained positive, humorous and uplifting...and he always mentioned his family with pride in his voice. I will miss Faber but I have had the honor of knowing a kind and wonderful man.

George Kubik - September 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ I enjoyed working with Faber when I worked in the Regional Office. He was a kind, soft spoken man who loved to talk about his hatchery, and most importantly, about his family. Rest in Peace, you will be missed.



Shirley Karman - September 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JB

“Faber was a kind, gentle soul always going the extra mile for his fellow man. I believe he has passed ON to a well earned dimension and I am pleased to share a symbolic light which he has always given to those in need.

John Leonard - Fellow Biologist - August 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JC

“Faber was an excellent hatchery manager and his legacy lives on in the restored lake trout population in the Great Lakes. I was proud to work with and for him.....may he Rest In Peace.....
John Christian Retired Assistant Regional Director, USFWS

John Christian - August 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JM

“I knew Faber from work through the Fish and Wildlife Service. He was a good man.

God rest his soul.



John mullins - August 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM

HA

“I ment Faber while inspecting a contractor doing work on the fish hatchery I enjoyed talking with him and when I left the job site I hit a deer he came to my rescue he arranged a hotel room for me and made arrangements for me to get back to the RO this showed me what a great man he was I wish him piece and a safe journey to his RO in heaven

Harold Aebly - August 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Faber Earl, I'm so sad to see you go so quickly. I know that we all must leave this walk of life one day, but the loved ones left behind are never ready to say "Goodbye." Then, I wonder why you were appointed to get sick and pass away during this pandemic. It made it so difficult for us to visit you while in the hospice and attend the funeral service. That's why it's so important to give each other his/her flowers and our abiding love while "it's day because soon the night cometh." I'm thankful to have had the time we shared together -- in our youth, throughout our educational, career, marital, child-rearing years and a few years of retirement. We were separated by a significant number of miles, but our hearts remained inseparable. A messenger in the wind whispered in our ears in 2019 that it was imperative that we meet face-to-face and enjoy one another's company, close-up and personal once again. So we listened, and thank the Lord Almighty that we met twice in 2019 - at the wedding and again at the JAX reunion. Little did we know that something tremendously detrimental was preparing to sweep through our world and linger a while, separating loved ones.

Faber Earl, we didn't get to visit close-up during your last weeks on this earth; but we talked so many times on the phone. We were even able to see one another (and the rest of the family) via our video call. Isn't technology wonderful! It was if we were calling from our homes; you looked so much like you did when I saw you last in Jacksonville. So 'Goodnight' my brother; I'll see you in my dreams. Love always, Annie

Annie Juanita Fears - August 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DB

“Faber was a wonderful human being who cared about his people and his work. May his spirit find peace and happiness in the next dimension.

Dale P Burkett - August 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sympathy Gift courtesy of Robert Davenport. Group of 10 Memorial Trees Planted In Loving Memory of Faber Bland, Jr..*

Robert Davenport - August 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM