



## Robert R. Gemmell

December 29, 2021

Robert R. Gemmell, 71, of Allentown, passed away Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at St. Luke's Hospice House, Bethlehem. He was the husband of Kathryn M. (Heinbach) Gemmell, with whom he shared over 44 years of marriage. Born in Hazleton, he was the son of the late Joseph Patrick and Rose Rita (Dugan) Gemmell. Robert was of the Catholic Faith. Before recently retiring in 2020, he worked over 30 years as a Master Electrician with Sacred Heart Hospital and later for St. Luke's Hospital. He was a Navy veteran. Mostly, he will be remembered as a loving husband, father, brother, friend, and Pappy, and for his humor, love of fishing, and traveling.

Survivors: wife Kathryn; son Robert Patrick and his wife Brittany of Walnutport, and grandson Benjamin; daughter Elizabeth Gemmell and her husband James Bell of Ellicott City, MD; brothers James (Hildred) of Malvern, PA, Thomas (the late Janice) of Mountaintop, PA, Daniel (Maria) of Tampa, FL, Edward (Diana) of Valier, PA; sisters Rosemarie (the late Michael) Dmiterchick of Lewis, DE; Margaret (Ronald) Blischok of Easton, Agnes (Joseph) Shellhammer of Summerst, NJ, Sister Mary Ellen Gemmell, CSFN, Des Plaines, IL, Anne Gemmell of Minersville, PA, sister in law Rita Gemmell of Minersville, PA. He was predeceased by brothers Joseph Jr. (the late Betty), John, and Bernard; and sisters Catherine Volkmann (the late Tom) and Judith Gemmell.

Services: 10:30 AM, Saturday, January 8, Trexler Funeral Home, 1625 W. Highland St. Allentown. Calling period will be held 6:00 to 7:30 PM Friday, January 7 and Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. Private burial to be held at Ft. Indiantown Gap.

Memorial contributions Ocean Conservancy. <https://oceanconservancy.org>

# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

Indiantown Gap Rd  
Anville, PA 17003

# Previous Events

## Calling

JAN 7. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Trexler Funeral Home  
1625 Highland Street  
Allentown, PA 18102  
(610) 434-9616  
info@trexlerfh.com  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *My condolences to Kathy, Beth and James; Bobby and Britany; and Benjamin; and to all family and friends.*

*My brother Bobby, as many people have said, had a sense of humor that made difficult situations light. That takes both courage and faith - and Bobby had them both.*

*May we now make the difficult situations light and take on new projects bravely as we trust in the Lord whose mercy and love never fail.*

*God bless you, Bobby; and I know you would say to me, as you said after every phone conversation, "God bless 'ya."*

*S. Mary Ellen*

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**Mary Ellen Gemmell** - January 08, 2022 at 12:58 PM

RH

“ *Not sure when I last spent time with my cousin Bobby. It's been years, no doubt a funeral or a picnic. I always recall him upbeat and forward-looking. So sorry for his passing! My condolences to all his family members! I made a small contribution to the Ocean Conservancy as suggested on this site as a memorial. Richard Henighan (son of Aunt Sue and Uncle Dick)*

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**Richard Henighan** - January 07, 2022 at 01:52 PM

AS

*I want to tell you how much we appreciate your thoughtfulness and contribution. There is a large void in our lives. He was a kind soul and always brought light to all who knew him.*

*Thank you so much, Agnes and our family*

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**Agnes Shellhammer** - September 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert R. Gemmell.*



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January 07, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Robert R. Gemmell.*



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January 06, 2022 at 04:12 PM



“ *Your sister Aggie purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Robert R. Gemmell.*



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**Your sister Aggie** - January 05, 2022 at 09:14 PM

DZ

“ About four years ago Joel went to New Jersey to fish on a charter boat by himself. He got to talking to another guy onboard throughout the day. They each caught a fish, but some one had stolen Bob’s fish from his cooler. Joel shared his fish with Bob and they parted ways. Fast forward a year, same boat, same two guys, and another great day of fishing and getting to know more of each other. That was the start of a cherished friendship. There was so much they had in common, love of fishing, both in the electrical field, cherishing their families and their easy going personalities. Four years does not seem like a long time, but when you lose a dear friend that you have a true connection to, it is a great loss. I am sure Bob will be thought of and remembered on the party boat, Jeff’s boat, and fishing for steel heads and salmon in New York. There were good days and bad days when you did not catch anything, but one thing that was always there was the comradery between them that will be truly missed.

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**Diana Zettlemoyer** - January 03, 2022 at 07:58 PM

AS

*Bob would share his fishing stories with us. He cherished Joel's friendship. Thank you for your kind words.*

*I am Bob's sister, Aggie.*

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**Agnes Shellhammer** - September 20, 2022 at 03:49 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert R. Gemmell.



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January 03, 2022 at 05:30 PM

SB

“ Suzanne Bridge purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Robert R. Gemmell.



Suzanne Bridge - January 03, 2022 at 01:24 PM

FS

“ Dearest Kathy, Such sad news. So sorry. Please remember, you are truly loved over here at The Terrace. We are all here for you. Love Fran

Fran Sletvold - January 03, 2022 at 12:15 PM

SG

“ Sheryl G. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert R. Gemmell.



Sheryl G. - January 03, 2022 at 10:55 AM

CW

“ Sister Mary Ellen, and Gemmell siblings, condolences and prayers on the loss of your dear brother. May God continue to watch over us in our journeys through this life.

Carol (Schweikert) Wesnoski - January 01, 2022 at 05:20 AM



Thank you, Carol, some day we need to get together again. Not sure when that can be.

Mary Ellen Gemmell - January 08, 2022 at 01:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert R. Gemmell.*



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December 31, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ *As an HVAC install and controls guy ( outside contractor ) I worked with Bob through the 80's and 90's at Sacred Heart Hospital. He was very helpful to all of us. Always! It was an old facility and we were installing state of the art technology. While most in-house technicians were not happy with all the new stuff, Bob embraced it. He figured it out. In the end, he would always end up helping us more than we helped him! As a person he was always upbeat. He loved his family very much. Solid guy! In 2020 I had him and another electrician do some work at an apartment house of ours. It was real pleasure to be reconnected 25 years later. He was the same Bob I knew in the 90's. Never a bad word about anyone. People like Bob go straight up the minute they pass from this earth. He is patiently in heaven waiting for me to bring him the right size transformers so he can finish hooking up the new sterilizer unit. May he RIP.*

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**Bob Hale** - December 31, 2021 at 09:20 AM