



Merle Albert Eastman

May 31, 1959 - November 20, 2025

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Merle Albert Eastman, who departed this life on November 20, 2025, at the age of 66. Born on May 31, 1959, in Claremont, New Hampshire, Merle brought warmth and kindness to everyone he encountered throughout his life's journey.

Merle dedicated over thirty years of service to Publix, where his hard work and commitment were recognized through multiple promotions, culminating in his role as the manager of the Publix liquor store. His career was marked not only by professional accomplishments but also by the friendships and camaraderie he fostered among colleagues and customers alike.

Outside of his professional life, Merle was a man of varied interests. He enjoyed playing golf and was an avid bowler, proudly achieving the perfect game of a 300 score. Above all, he cherished spending time with his family, finding immense joy and fulfillment in being a loving husband, brother, and father figure.

Merle was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur R. Fitch and Marie Eastman Fitch, as well as his father, Merle Eastman Sr., and dear sisters Marilyn, Michele, and Cheryl Anne.

His memory will be lovingly carried forward by his devoted wife, Glissett

Eastman and child, Liam, who made him feel like a father for the first time, children, and his grandchildren along with multiple nieces and nephews; his sisters, Nancy Carroll (Larry May) and Twila McKinney (Gerald McKinney), and Ronne Knighten (Dennis Knighten).

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 26th, from two to four in the afternoon, followed by a service at four o'clock, taking place at Roberts West Chapel. Family and friends are invited to join in remembrance and celebration of Merle's life, a testament to his enduring legacy of love and kindness.

In our hearts, Merle's gentle spirit and steadfast love will forever remain. May he rest in peace.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala West Chapel
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Ocala, FL 34476
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Service

NOV **26**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CH

“ Merle was a friend through our time at Publix. As a clerk he once said “I have the hardest asile to work in the store” It was something we would repeat to him throughout the years. He worked hard and was always working to do things right. He was my ASM at the store I managed and he was always ready to go. I appreciate him and his dedication.
You will be missed but never forgotten.
You touched many lives and made a positive impact.
Go in peace Merle. Our father will guide you to heaven, our final destination.



Chuck

chuck - November 26, 2025 at 10:01 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Merle Albert Eastman.



November 24, 2025 at 11:33 AM

LI

“ Merle was one of my managers at Publix and helped shape me into who I am today. He would always sing the Pizza song “when the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie” every day. He will be missed.

Linzi - November 22, 2025 at 01:33 PM

JA

“ My most fond memory of my Uncle Buddy (which I've called him by through my entire childhood), is when I was little he came and took me to Publix to pick out whatever ice cream I wanted then we would go to aunt Kim's and watch movies and pig out on junk food. He was such a great father figure. I never understood why he didn't have kids because of how he was with kids. Seeing him last month at the young boy Liam's birthday party and how he was with him as well. I still can't believe you're gone. You're beyond missed and forever loved. 💔😭-Jacquelin Corrin

jacquelin - November 22, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ Merle was a childhood friend he could make you laugh just saw him within year was talking retirement which he did but not for long life is short RIP.

Tony Downes - November 21, 2025 at 08:36 PM

TB

“ Merle was a great person to me. Kept me laughing and he and I rode together when he was off. Our family, my brothers and Sisters loved him.

God gained a cheerful person that day. With respect and love,
Condolences to the family,
Tom, Kathy and Pam Bench

Tom Bench - November 21, 2025 at 07:31 PM

KS

“ *Kimberly Eastman and Dallas Shrewsbury purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Merle Albert Eastman.*



Kimberly Eastman and Dallas Shrewsbury - November 21, 2025 at 06:20 PM

MH

“ *Merle was a great guy that I enjoyed having laughs with about our year book pictures. John and I enjoyed great conversations with Merle. Our sympathy is with the family*



Mr and Mrs Horner - November 21, 2025 at 06:20 PM