



## Earl E Balash

December 29, 1935 - January 17, 2022

Earl "Gene" Balash, age 86, of Hobart, passed away peacefully and joined his wife, in everlasting love, on January 17, 2022. Gene owned and operated Balash Towing in Hobart for over 40 years. He also served in the U.S. Army and was a Union Teamster. He will be greatly missed.

Gene was preceded in death by his wife-Sandra; sisters-Sandy Kresho, Janet Aydelotte. He is survived by his daughter-Brenda (Bob) Toby; son-David Balash; brother and best friend-Robert Balash; many loving nieces and nephews. Services for Gene will be determined at a later date. Burns Funeral Home (Hobart) entrusted with arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Dave, I'm so sorry to hear of your fathers passing, condolences from Garry, Debra Trawick and Family.

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**Debra T.** - February 02, 2022 at 10:34 PM

KS

“ Too many wonderful memories to comment on , but he was a great person and a wonderful uncle. He will be greatly missed but he has joined his wife and many other family members. Hope there playing a game cards right now.



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**kathy shearer** - January 22, 2022 at 02:07 PM

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“ Our condolences to the Balash family. Many people in Hobart know Gene through his towing business. I always called him when I needed help with a tow. He was an honest guy, willing to help rescue people when their vehicles broke down at all hours. But I also remember when Gene was another kind of hero. He rescued people from a fire in an upstairs apartment in downtown Hobart back in the 1980s, when I was editor of the Hobart Gazette. He was driving, I believe in his tow truck after a call, along Main Street late one night, when he saw smoke in the air. He pulled over to investigate and saw it was pouring from a building in the 300 block with upstairs apartments. Despite the personal risk, he didn't wait for the fire department. He acted. He ran into the building, hustled up the stairwell and banged on doors, notifying the unknowing residents their building was on fire and helped them get out. I don't recall how many people he rescued that night, but I think it was several. Matthew 25:21

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Joseph Conn - January 21, 2022 at 12:58 AM