



Gary Wayne Gant

August 11, 1938 - October 30, 2020

Gary Wayne Gant of Salem, Missouri passed away on Friday, October 30, 2020 at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis Missouri at the age of 82. Gary was born in Bunker, Missouri on August 11, 1938, the only child of Jason “Jake” and Bernice (Camden) Gant. Gary was united in marriage to Faye on March 30, 1979 combining their 6 children into complete family.

Gary was a well-educated man. He graduated from high school at the age of 15 then went to college and earned a teaching degree. He continued on to work as an English teacher, volleyball coach, girls and boys’ basketball coach and Principal in the Bunker and Viburnum School Districts. Later in life, he returned to college and earned a Specialist Degree to end his career in Education as the Superintendent.

Gary spent many years in the mines of Amax and later, The Doe Run Company. He was an educator there as well. He taught safety classes and was the safety and medical Director until he decided he wanted to retire to his farm in Bunker, Missouri 2001 Gary loved life on the farm. Many days were spent counting cattle, hauling hay, or brush hogging the property. Even when working in Herulaneum, Missouri, all week, he and Faye would rush back home to the farm every weekend. They made this weekend trip regularly until his retirement.

If Gary was not working on the farm, you could bet he was sitting in his recliner watching football or whatever sport season it was. He enjoyed following local athletes and attending basketball and football games. If a sport

was not on, friends would come over and play cards with he and Faye. A pastime that was very frequent and enjoyed in the retired years.

Gary enjoyed traveling. He and Faye enjoyed several cruises and bus tours in their retired years. However, if you know Gary, you know he loved the food and meeting people the most.

Gary was a 33rd Degree Mason, and just received his 50-year pin in 2019. He was a man of strong faith and member of Crossville Southern Baptist Church where he was the song leader. He loved music and sang bass many years in southern gospel quartets such as Assembly and The Jim Pryor Singers.

Most importantly, he was a family man. He adored his wife and kids and grandkids. He will be lovingly missed by all that knew and loved him. Gary Wayne Gant is survived by his wife of 41 years, Faye Gant, of the home: Children, Christina (Michael) Harris of Park Hills, Missouri, Russ (Laura) Gant of West Plains, Missouri. Step children; Larry (Sheri) Emory Jr. of Steeleville, Missouri, Kirk Emory, of Rolla, Missouri, Robert Emory, of Salem, Missouri, and Melanie (Dale) Tucker, of Bunker, Missouri; 15 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, a host of family and friends. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 11:00 am graveside at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Salem, Missouri with Ronnie Parker officiating and Crossville Pastor, Len Young, reading the obituary. Serving as pallbearers will be, Weston Gant, Lucas Gant, Jake Swain, Garrett Bowen, Shea Emory, Nicholas Emory, and Dylan Wells. A visitation for family and friends will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at the Salem Chapel of James and Gahr Mortuary from 5-7 pm. Memorials are suggested to The Shriner's Hospital cards are available at all James and Gahr locations.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem
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Salem, MO 65560
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Graveside Service

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Cedar Grove Cemetery
Salem, MO

Tribute Wall



“ Gary Wayne Gant

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ Gary Wayne Gant

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Wayne Gant.*



November 04, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ *Faye, Chris, Russ and families.
I am sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Thank God for "the hope that is within us", we will meet again.
I am praying for you,
Dalinda Smith*

Dalinda Smith - November 04, 2020 at 09:09 AM

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“ I recall Gary as the grade school principal. I was in grade school. His voice was so deep it scared me, me being in the class room and Gary in the hall. Tens out he was just a gentle giant. R.I.P. Gary you will be missed.

Mike and Debbie Batson

Deborah Batson - November 03, 2020 at 10:12 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. As each day passes we pray that the sorrow of loss fades and the memories of Gary are cherished.

Best wishes to you all.

Alan & Kim Sellers - November 03, 2020 at 03:46 PM

JS

“ Prayers for all of the family.
Jan & Cleo Shaw



Jan Shaw - November 02, 2020 at 08:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Wayne Gant.



November 02, 2020 at 08:52 AM

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“ *Faye and family. we send our sympathy and our prayers in this time of sorrow. Praying for you all in the days ahead.*

Gary and Pat Dane

pat dane - November 01, 2020 at 11:23 PM



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“ *Frank and Angelle Regnier purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gary Wayne Gant.*

Frank and Angelle Regnier - November 01, 2020 at 06:07 PM



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“ *Larry and Dana Logan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gary Wayne Gant.*

Larry and Dana Logan - October 31, 2020 at 11:40 AM



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“ *Thoughts and prayers going out to Faye and the Family. May God be with you all in this time of need and comfort you in the days to come. He was a great guy Gary will be missed.*

Dennis Inman - October 31, 2020 at 11:15 AM



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“ *I had the honor of being his Pastor only a few short months. He was a wonderful Christian, and the best song leader I have ever worked with. See you again, my brother!*

Len Young - October 30, 2020 at 10:21 PM