



Gary M. Leonard

January 10, 1943 - February 11, 2018

Gary McDonald Leonard of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, formerly of Salem, passed away Sunday, February 11, 2018 at the age of 75. Gary was born in on January 10, 1943 to the late Raymond A. and Edna Leonard.

Gary was a Salem High School Class of 1960 graduate. After graduation he proudly served his Country in the United States Air Force from 1960-1964 serving in Germany. Upon his return to Salem he obtained his Barber's license which he held until 2014. He worked at George Swiney's barber shop in Salem during the 60's, he loved to listen to and tell stories.

Gary was an avid horseman in his early years, working for Inman Oil Company, and training and riding Tennessee Walking horses; he then changed careers and went to work at Amax lead and then the Doe Run Mining Company. Gary has a passion for politics which lead him to pursue a local elected office of the Dent County Clerk, where he would spend the next 8 years serving the community, he loved Salem and Dent County, so serving in this capacity was the highlight of his life. He was a member of the First Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon for many years. He enjoyed his farm raising Angus Beef Cattle and spending time in the beauty of the outdoors. After Gary retired, he and Christine packed up and moved to Cape Girardeau, Missouri to be close to his daughter and grandson. It was one of his greatest joys for him to be able to spend his later years watching his grandson, and picking him up from school everyday. He loved listening to

Gospel music, and spending time with family and friends. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend to all, and will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved him.

Gary McDonald Leonard is survived by his wife Christine M. Leonard, of the home; daughter, Allison Leonard, of Cape Girardeau, MO; grandson, Nicholas Barnes and special friend, Kimberly Etherton; sister, Nadine Victor, of Salem, MO; nieces, Sarah Richter and husband Michael, of St. Louis, MO, Dr. Susan Leonard DVM, of TX; nephews, Matt Victor and wife Julie, of Salem, MO, Daniel Victor and wife Jane, of Rolla, MO, Doug Victor , Colonel (US Army Retired) and wife Lori, of VA, Robert Leonard Jr., Michael Leonard, and Mack Leonard, all of TX; a host of great nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends. In addition to his parents Gary was preceded in death by his sister, Maxine Leonard; brothers, Howard and Robert Leonard.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, February 16, 2018 at 1:00 PM at Cedar Grove Cemetery with Pastor Chuck Whitmire officiating.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 16. 1:00 PM (CT)

Cedar Grove Cemetery
Salem, MO

Tribute Wall



“ Gary M. Leonard

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ Gary M. Leonard

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gary M. Leonard.



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“ My most special memory of Gary, my brother-in-law, was to watch him ride his horses. He rode so perfectly and would always nod and smile at me. I loved watching him ride! Not so long ago, we developed a wonderful friendship and he would tell me stories of his younger years while we would ride around Cape and have our chocolate milkshakes!! I'm so thankful for our time together. He will always be considered my brother and I will miss that Leonard smile! He was truly one of a kind!!

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Gary was a cousin on Mama's side of our family and we enjoyed many large family meals when we were young. Gary sent me stamps for my collection when he was stationed in Germany. I used a very funny story in my senior-speech class about Gary's "cussing habit" when he was a little boy. In later years Gary and my Daddy were Tennessee Walking horse buddies and spent many hours talking and riding together. Gary was a fun-loving and terrific person who will be missed. My prayers and love to all the family. RuthEllen Campbell

RuthEllen Campbell - February 13, 2018 at 09:52 PM