



Gary Don Shewmaker

August 19, 1947 - December 12, 2011

Gary Don Shewmaker, age 64, of Gravois Mills, passed away Monday, December 12, 2011, at the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans Hospital in Columbia. He was born August 19, 1947, in Gravois Mills, the son of the late William and Ruth Coontz Shewmaker.

On May 8, 1982, in Stover, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Debra Hunnicutt, who survives of the home.

Gary was a United States Air Force veteran and was of the Baptist faith.

He was a master stonemason and an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a wonderful father, who loved and adored his grandchildren, and treasured the time he spent with his family.

In addition to his wife, Debra, he is survived by his children, Michael Shewmaker and wife Amy of Bentonville, Arkansas, Jessica Howard and husband John of Mirabile, Missouri, William Shewmaker of Kansas City, Missouri, Emilee DeMatteo and husband Paul of Kansas City, Missouri, Joseph Shewmaker of Jefferson City, Missouri, Samuel Shewmaker and wife Lauren of Kirksville, Missouri, and James Shewmaker of Gravois Mills, Missouri; three granddaughters and six grandsons; his brother, Damon Shewmaker and wife Phyllis of Gravois Mills, Missouri; his sister, Peggy

Shewmaker and Greg Weedon of Versailles, Missouri; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two nieces.

Graveside services and interment with full military honors will be held at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 14, in the Shewmaker Cemetery in Gravois Mills with Michael Shewmaker, William Shewmaker, Joseph Shewmaker, Samuel Shewmaker, James Shewmaker, and Waylon Shewmaker serving as casketbearers and Jesse Shewmaker, Jerry Shewmaker, Joshua Shewmaker, and Misty Shewmaker serving as honorary casketbearers. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home, P.O. Box 26, Versailles, Missouri, 65084, in Gary's memory.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **14**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Shanell , Melvin & Linda Branch lit a candle in memory of Gary Don Shewmaker*



Shanell , Melvin & Linda Branch - March 05, 2012 at 07:06 PM



“ *I felt helpless when I saw your suffering. All I can do is be there for you. I learned a long time ago from a Wise man that you can never wait until tomorrow to tell someone you love them. I love you all! It feels like I lost a father all over again.*
Josh Wood & Family

Josh Wood - December 15, 2011 at 06:43 PM

JH

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Jessica Howard - December 15, 2011 at 11:23 PM

DS

Josh thank you so much. Please stay in contact.

Debra Shewmaker - December 19, 2011 at 11:22 AM

BC

“ *So sorry for your loss, praying for you all.*
Pat and Brenda Cornett

Brenda Cornett Cook - December 14, 2011 at 12:07 PM

JC

“ *Jennifer Chipley lit a candle in memory of Gary Don Shewmaker*



Jennifer Chipley - December 14, 2011 at 08:48 AM

DW

“ *We are thinking of and praying for all of Gary's family and friends. May Jesus Christ who was born in Bethlehem, went to the cross and rose from the dead give you hope, comfort and peace. Dinzel & Diane Webb*

Dinzel & Diane Webb - December 14, 2011 at 07:24 AM

SH

“ *Sean Hutcheson lit a candle in memory of Gary Don Shewmaker*



Sean Hutcheson - December 14, 2011 at 02:36 AM

BH

“ *My sincerest sympathy to all of the Shewmaker family. Gary was such a wonderful friend. I selfishly am so sorry to hear he has passed on, but know he has gone to a much better place. I know he is at peace with God.*

Barbara Hendricks Harris - December 13, 2011 at 07:35 PM

MF

“ Thinking of your family during this sad time.
Gary was a great man!
The Monroe's - Larry, Jerrilyn, Derek and
Zack



Monroe Family - December 13, 2011 at 06:58 PM

MS

“ I looked up to Uncle Gary as more than just my Uncle. I also looked up to him as the male rolemodel in my life. My mom wouldn't trust anyone to watch me but him, and if you knew my mom that says a lot! They said it right when they said that they only take the good! He was pure at heart, and I will miss him forever. I love you Uncle Gary, and I will see you on the other side, but not just yet. Tell Granny and Pa Pa I said hello and that I love them.

Misty Shewmaker - December 13, 2011 at 04:38 PM

WS

“ There are too many memories to pick just one. But growing up without a father he was always there for me to teach me from right and wrong. Taught me how to deer hunt, and lay those heavy rocks to make a beautiful wall!!! He will be missed



Waylon Shewmaker - December 13, 2011 at 03:11 PM

KW

“ *Karen Watkinson lit a candle in memory of Gary Don Shewmaker*



Karen Watkinson - December 13, 2011 at 02:44 PM

JT

“ *My heart goes out to the family for this loss... A great man went home to be with the Lord. He touched many lives and brought many smiles to everyone he encountered!! I know that no words can describe the feelings of losing a father, but my thoughts and prayers are with you!!!*

Jamie Timmerman - December 13, 2011 at 02:05 PM

KG

“ *Kim Gorman lit a candle in memory of Gary Don Shewmaker*



Kim Gorman - December 13, 2011 at 10:50 AM

RH

“ *My heart goes out to the Family. I feel your loss. Everyone loved Gary. A good man and father. If I can do anything for any of you. Please let me know. I love you All.*

Gail Hanlon

Rolanda Gail Hanlon - December 13, 2011 at 09:28 AM

JA

Goodbye Gary. We will miss you!

John andrews - December 14, 2011 at 05:03 PM

LV

“ Gary was like a big brother to me. I was friends with Peggy and spent many hours at the Shewmaker home. The whole family meant a lot to me. The family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Linda Hibdon Vansell



Linda Hibdon Vansell - December 13, 2011 at 09:16 AM

RW

“ Rich Williams lit a candle in memory of Gary Don Shewmaker



Rich Williams - December 13, 2011 at 07:34 AM



“ *this breaks my heart, my brother rodger and i were cousins with gary, i was the oldest damon next then my brother and gary, there were like 4 years between he and i, i don't even know where to start with the memories, so i will share a few from our childhood, one was fish frys only he pronounced it wish frys, or the time at a school play he got up to sing go tell aunt rodie her old grey goose is dead, now he was way off key singing at the top of his voice and his dad was scooting way down in his chair hoping it would soon be over when my dad (lloyd hibdon) would yell up at gary and say thats great son sing it again which would start him all over again a little louder and a little more off key, i baked his wedding cake for him and i was so sick of messing with cake was felt honored to do it, i remember him calling billy earl when he was a baby, i remember when my now husband of 47yrs and i were first dating he and my brother rodger went swimming at soap creek with us and i don't know how to swin, so dave(my husband) thought it was more fun to dunk me in the water than teach me how to swim and gary and rodger and him really enjoyed it until i was ready to hit all of them, gary was a special person and his death is way too soon for all of us, but he will live on in his kids and those precious grandkids, in my mind i will always see that little blond headed boy with his head full of curls singing at the top of his voice "go tell aunt rodie" in heaven off key and my dad who is in heaven also saying sing it again son, gary i love you and gods speed. nancy hibdon jewell*



nancy jewell - December 12, 2011 at 07:06 PM