



Gary Lloyd Stafford

August 31, 1940 - September 9, 2018

Gary Lloyd Stafford, 78, passed away September 9, 2018, at Washington Regional Medical Center. Gary was born August 31, 1940, in Orange, California; the son of Thurman and Bernice Mills and Virgil and Nina Stafford. He graduated from Fullerton High School in California. After high school, he enlisted in the Air Force, serving four years, mostly overseas on numerous Pacific Islands including Okinawa, Japan, Guam and others; working as an aircraft propeller specialist. Returning to the states, he began working as an apprentice printer for Moore Business Forms while pursuing a degree in printing from Fullerton Junior College. He retired from printing after 17 years, beginning a new venture as a printing teacher at Fullerton Junior College. Around 1980, Gary purchased Gateway Pet Cemetery in San Bernardino, California. He expanded and developed the business with his added crematory services and served the Greater Inland Empire of Southern California. During this time, he chose to serve his community and joined the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Posse as a reserve deputy where he was involved in many duties including law enforcement, search and rescue, and aviation. He served alongside famous TV cowboy Roy Rogers in the Sheriff's Posse and was Dale Evans' personal escort during the Roy Rogers Funeral. In the year 2000, Gary chose to retire and move back to Arkansas where he spent the remaining years of his life in the Alabam Community. Gary was a faithful member of the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church until his illness confined him to his home. Gary Lloyd was predeceased by his parents, brother

Gary Earl Stafford, sister Patricia Stafford Chesshir, and nephew Kirk Mills. He is survived by his wife, Linda Montgomery Stafford, who he married March 14, 1991. He is also survived by brothers, Ken Mills and Randy Mills and sisters, Nancy Rutherford and Vicky Stafford; Children: April Curtin, Michelle Eaton, Michael Stafford, Maria Coffey, Teresa Stafford, Jamie and Rick Cartmell and Phil and Kim Bolinger; Grand-children: Adam, Haley, Hunter, Melissa, Mike, Carolynn, Russell, Nick, Megan and Jacob, Colby, Colton, Cooper and Haley, and Caden; Great-grandchildren: Paislee and Celiana. Also, nieces, Jan, Jo, Kim, Carrie, Melissa, Christy, Catrina, Corrie, Linda, Sunny and Sage; Nephews, John, Kevin, Jason, Robert and Virgil. He is also survived by several great-nieces and great-nephews. The family will receive friends from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 13, 2018, at Brashears Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 2:00 PM, Friday, September, 14, 2018, at Brashears with Pastors Larry Montgomery and Jim Spurlock officiating. Pallbearers will be Colby Bolinger, Colton Cartmell, Cooper Cartmell, Caden Cartmell, Jacob Porter, Layne Chester and Landon Chester. Honorary pallbearers are Glen Canup, Jim Whittemore, Darby Spurlock, Jerry Spurlock, Jerry Vaughan, Wade Graham, Don Smith and the men of the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church. Burial will immediately follow at Alabam Cemetery. Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

Tribute Wall

WG

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of such a wonderful man. I know he is in heaven with Kirk, and his parents. May all the Angels embrace you with their wings to bring you comfort during your difficult moments. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Peace be with you.



Wendy Grose - September 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Sending prayers and love.



Judy Watson Gaines - September 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ Linda and family, sending out sincere condolences to you at this sad time.

Woodrow and Debra Harmon - September 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ So sorry to hear of Gary's passing! My prayers are with you at this sad time!



Joan Grigg - September 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of your loss.*

Margaret (Mrs. Austin) Smith - September 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Linda and family, so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you.
Dorothy*

Dorothy Dyer - September 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Linda, my heart is with you. I pray for comfort for you and the remaining family. I know the pain even with the knowledge that Gary is at rest. May you have peace like a river flowing through your soul.*

sharon carter - September 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *Linda & family, I am so sorry for your lost. Praying for peace and comfort for you all! Tammy & Terry*

Tamara Long - September 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *To each of the family , my prayers and condolences. May the Lord hold each of you tight in His arms of love during this difficult time.*



Alvin Herrington - September 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Linda and family, I am so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in God's holy word.

Jo Ellen Mac Lean - September 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Linda so sorry to hear about Gary, you have our prayers love Jim and BC

Jim and Betty Obenshain - September 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Linda and family, my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Joetta Smith - September 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Gary was such a special person who always have a smile and made you smile he will be missed.

Kellie McLoud Swaim - September 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM