



Gary Dale Horne

August 27, 1952 - September 25, 2021

“The best and most beautiful things in life cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.”

Gary Dale Horne, (August 27, 1952), passed away peacefully on September 25th, 2021 after a brief illness. A lifelong resident of Kingsport, Tn. Gary was the son of the late Earnest Haynes Horne and late Gayther Evelyn Horne. He attended school at Ketrion High School graduating in 1971, at which time he enlisted in the United States Navy serving as a Petty Officer Second Class as an Aviation Electrician's Mate where he performed troubleshooting and repairs on electrical, instrumentation, and flight controls systems. During his military career (1971-1979), he was the recipient of several medals including the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal Campaign XV, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and Meritorious Unit. After receiving an honorable discharge in 1979, Gary attended Chattanooga State Technical Community College as an Electrical/Electronic Engineering major and later completed training with the Associated General Contractors of America, completing OSHA and Superintendent training courses and received his certification as a Master Carpenter. He worked for many years his life's work as a carpenter/superintendent on several commercial and residential structures in Kingsport, Johnson City, and surrounding areas. Prior to his retirement, Gary worked as a call consultant for A&T Telecommunications.

Some of Gary's favorite places to be were either the golf course or on the water fishing, as he was both an avid golfer and loved both bass and fly fishing. Of Gary's most memorable attributes, the most amazing was that he loved as deeply as he was loved. He will always be remembered for his compassion and caring, especially to those closest to him. He had a unique way of drawing people in and making them comfortable and was dearly loved for it. Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Earnest and Gayther Horne, and by his sister Karen Sue Horne. He is survived by his beloved wife Kathi and his sons Jacob Smith and Gary Jr. & wife Jessica and grandson Parker; his brother Don Horne & wife Regina and niece Traci Camper & husband Michael and daughter Mya; brother-in-law, Phil LeCroy and wife Diane and their daughter Amy, as well as his extended families of

Gary (Bo) and Donna Harris, David Jennings, Dan and Regina Rose. The loving support of the members of St. John's Episcopal Church and our ETSU and AT&T friends.

A memorial service for Gary Dale Horne will be held with a live stream available at St. John's Episcopal Church on Friday, October 15, 2021, at 10:00 am, with a graveside service to follow at the Mountain Home National Cemetery at 1:00 pm. The Veterans Honor Guard DAV #39 will accord military honors.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Wounded Warriors Project.

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Tetrick Funeral - October 12 at 03:58 PM



“ A life well lived...

Helen Droke Rowland - October 14 at 09:50 PM



“ ETSU Department of Political Science purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Gary Dale Horne.



ETSU Department of Political Science - October 13 at 01:52 PM



“ 49 files added to the album LifeTributes



Tetrick Funeral - October 12 at 03:49 PM



“ God bless you and your family at this time of loss, Kathi.

My love to you and your whole family.

E Kelly Blevins

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“ I served with Gary in San Diego. My dearest sympathy.

Daniel Neiman - October 11 at 12:51 PM



“ LaVonda Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Gary Dale Horne



LaVonda Hawkins - October 10 at 08:31 AM



“ My sympathy and love to you and the family. I love you!

Laurie Kaudewitz - October 07 at 06:02 PM



“ My beautiful love. Some of our last words were 'You are my world', and your reply 'You are my universe'. I do love you so!

Kathi Horne - October 04 at 08:57 AM



“ I remember meeting Gary the first time at Kathi's house where he was working on it. The love showed through Gary and Kathi's eyes and I knew one day they would become husband and wife and they did! He was her world and she was his. They had the kind of love my Mom and Dad had. True and everlasting. I will miss you Gary and I loved you as family the same as my Sis!



Katie Perkins - October 03 at 11:25 AM



“ Patty Fletcher lit a candle in memory of Gary Dale Horne



Patty Fletcher - October 02 at 10:13 PM



“ From Bandy purchased the Memorial Honor Blanket for the family of Gary Dale Horne.



From Bandy - October 02 at 08:54 PM