



## Gary Dean McMeans

January 20, 1960 - December 7, 2020

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Gary Dean McMeans, 60, of Kingsport, Tennessee passed away on Monday, December 7, 2020. He was born on January 20, 1960 in Arlington, Virginia to the late French Neal and Louise Moore McMeans.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his two brothers, Neal McMeans and Wayne McMeans.

Gary loved the Lord, he loved his family, and he loved life. Some of his favorite things were gardening, making burgers on the grill, sitting by the fire, and going on cruises with his wife. His happiest moments were spent with his grandchildren and his daughter when the two of them weren't talking about politics. Gary never met a stranger. He enjoyed being with people and always had a smile on his face.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory, Connie, his wife and soulmate of forty years; daughter Jessica Learoyd and husband Edward; grandchildren Charlie, Elliott, and Laela; brother Mike McMeans and wife Jeannie; sister Sharon Tomlinson and husband Richard; as well as his two beloved dogs Forrest and Sophie.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM on Friday, December 11, 2020 at Tetrick Funeral Services in Johnson City, TN. A celebration of life service will follow with Pastor Sean Bailey officiating. Friends may view a livestream webcast of the funeral service by visiting the funeral home website.

An entombment service will be held at Washington County Memory Gardens on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 2:00 PM. Pallbearers will be Edward, Charlie and Elliott Learoyd; Mike McMeans; Roger Lane; Gary Hensley; and Anthony McInturff. Honorary pallbearers will be Ron Christian, Jeff Wampler and Mike Vance.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Gary's memory to Pleasant Hill Pet Rescue and Senior Sanctuary, 433 Pleasant Hill Rd, Blountville TN 37617. Phone: 423-967-1262. Online condolences may be made at [www.tetrickfuneralhome.com](http://www.tetrickfuneralhome.com).

Due to the current COVID-19 regulations, our staff is committed to taking care of our guests and families that we serve. Please understand we will be following the State's

COVID guidelines. We also ask all guests and family members attending visitations and services to please bring and wear a mask.

Mr. McMeans and his family are in the service of Tetrick Funeral Services 3001 Peoples St. Johnson City, TN. 37604 423-610-7171. Online condolences may be made at [www.tetrickfuneralhome.com](http://www.tetrickfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery

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## Washington County Memory and Cremation Gardens

113 Memory Gardens Road  
Johnson City, TN, 37615

# Events

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**DEC 11 Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Tetrick Funeral and Cremation  
Services

3001 Peoples Street, Johnson City,  
TN, US, 37604

**DEC 11 Celebration of Life Service** 06:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Tetrick Funeral** - December 11, 2020 at 08:37 AM



“ Connie and Family,

There are no words to express, how heartbroken we are for the loss of your beloved Gary. We met on a cruise several years ago. From the 1st time we spent time together on the cruise. It was like we had known each other for years. Gary's infectious smile, personality and love of life was contagious. It was clear from our 1st meeting that his love for you Connie, your daughter and grandkids were immeasurable .It was also clear that you two were soulmates. We pray that God will give you and the family the strength and comfort you need to get through this extremely difficult time.

Sincerely,

Michele and Michael Beene

**Michele beene** - December 11, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ Connie and Family

My prayers go out to you and your family. Gary and I went to Junior High and High School together. We finally got up with each other at Sony's Marina that's when I met you. Every time I saw him he always had that sweet smile and always talked to me bout you his daughter and his precious grand kids. I am keeping you all close to my heart during this horrible time. Love and prayers to you and your family.

Becky Parkinson Segrest

**Becky Segrest** - December 14, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ My heart and prayers go out to his wife and family . I just watched the memories video, and he was smiling in every picture. I've only known Gary a few years and most of our conversations were about business. Whatever we were talking about he always managed to talk about his wife , his daughter and her family and The Lord . He always seemed so happy . I will always remember his smile . I will continue praying for y'all during this difficult time . My sincere condolences, Patti Baker ( Baker's Jewelry)

**Patti Baker** - December 16, 2020 at 12:50 AM

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“ BRADLEY PRICE lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean McMeans



BRADLEY PRICE - December 12, 2020 at 06:04 PM

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“ Gary , Jordan and I will miss you so much .. Thanks for being such a great friend and boss .. I'll cherish the memories of working with you at the gold shop , all the laughs we had ,especially when you slipped on the floor with your cowboy boots and slid all over the floor. What I would give to have that day back .. Thanks for all the advice you gave me and for listening to my drama .. I know god has you now and one day we will all meet again .. Love you Kim & ""princess"" Jordan.. Connie , Jessica and family prayers for you all to have comfort and peace during this time I'm very sorry for your loss.. Jordan and I both love you all and I'm sorry we couldn't make it tonight but we sure our keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers ..



Kimberly Stout - December 11, 2020 at 07:38 PM

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“ our prayers are with you the family

billy and nina wells

billy wells - December 11, 2020 at 06:46 PM

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“ Rest in peace my friend.

Rodney Hurd - December 11, 2020 at 05:54 PM



“ Gary was my first friend. We first met when we were 3 or 4 years old. We played and even got into mischief back then. After we turned 16 our paths took different directions but we reconnected several years later. Even most recently and we talked about old times, God, and politics. He was always a ray of sunshine and a barrel of laughs. His confidence was off the charts and inspiring! He will always be considered my brother from another mother! I miss him dearly but also know that we will reconnect once again someday in heaven. My heart breaks for his family and friends and their loss.

**Jeff Wampler** - December 11, 2020 at 01:06 PM

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“ Jessica Allen and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Dean McMeans.



**Jessica Allen and Family** - December 11, 2020 at 10:43 AM

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“ Gary was a special person. I will always cherish my memories of him growing up together as cousins. He was funny and kind, and cared for others. His words of comfort to me when my dad passed away are even more comforting to me now. He spoke of the place that has been prepared for us. Sending love and prayers for the family.

Suzan Moore

**Suzan Moore** - December 11, 2020 at 07:36 AM

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“ Gary and go back as far as I can remember. He was my first friend, neighbor when we were only 3 to 4 years old. I have tons of precious memories of the times we had together. Gary was always a ray of sunshine and a breath of fresh air! His confidence was inspiring and we all looked up to him. I told Gary recently that he was an overcomer and that God's favor was truly upon him. Gary will always be considered my brother from another mother! I'm so glad we reconnected the past few years and shared even more wonderful times and conversations together. We talked a lot about God and politics and our families and friends and our concerns for our children and grandchildren and their futures. Gary was also a patriot and loved our country and the freedoms he and I have always enjoyed. I will miss my brother but also know we will reconnect once again in eternity. My heart is broken for Connie, his daughter and his grandchildren and the rest of Gary's family loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to each of you.

**Jeff Wampler** - December 10, 2020 at 07:25 PM

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“ It was always a pleasure to be around Gary and listen to his stories. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this sad time. Bob Leonard

**Robert Leonard** - December 10, 2020 at 07:17 PM

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“ 121 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Tetrick Funeral** - December 10, 2020 at 04:12 PM

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“ My best man, the one who pushed me and I pushed him. No matter what ever happened, we had each other's back. He was so talented and had such a winning personality. He and Connie loved to travel, especially Cruises. He totally and completely adored Connie and he was so proud of Jessica and his grandchildren and Edward.

I challenge myself and you all to move past the anger and celebrate him. God has a plan in all of this and we may or may not see it soon, but it is in motion. A Christian cannot die like this without something good to come of it.

Jeannie and I love you all with all of our hearts.

Mike McMeans

Michael McMeans - December 10, 2020 at 10:36 AM



“ Gary loved his wife, Connie, so much! He loved his daughter and grandkids, too, but, Connie was his soulmate. He would brag about their box gardens they had recently made. There was not one time that i was at his shop that we did not talk about God! He loved the Lord and was proud of his relationship with Him.

He was very proud of his relationship with Jessica, too. He was proud of the woman that she had become and person and individual that she is.

I learned so much from him about silver and life. He was a good friend to me.

Kelli Smith - December 12, 2020 at 08:40 AM



“ Craig, Tina, and Madeline Lane purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gary Dean McMeans.



Craig, Tina, and Madeline Lane - December 10, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ Gary was my first friend when my family moved to Weber City from Maryland. We lost touch over the years, but I have fond memories of the good times Gary, myself and his dog Rusty had.

Randy Edwards - December 10, 2020 at 09:34 AM



“ Cynthia, Blake, and Blaire purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Dean McMeans.



Cynthia, Blake, and Blaire - December 10, 2020 at 08:47 AM

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“ Grew up with Gary. So sorry to hear of his passing. Debbie Jennings Quillen

Debbie Jennings Quillen - December 09, 2020 at 10:35 PM

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“ I don't think I will ever meet someone who I had an instant friendship with like this remarkable man. There are no words to describe what a great man he was. We are heart broke over his passing.



Dan Blair - December 09, 2020 at 09:25 PM

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“ SO SORRY GARY WAS A CLASSMATE AND A GOOD IN SPORTS ! OLE JOEL !  
RIP !

JOEL D. SHULL - December 09, 2020 at 08:08 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. The family is in my thoughts and prayers. Went to high school with Gary. Great guy !

Ellen Williams Rak - December 10, 2020 at 12:57 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Scott Cowden** - December 09, 2020 at 06:59 PM

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“ So very sorry to hear of Gary's passing. We will certainly be praying for everyone.  
John & Wanda

**John Green** - December 09, 2020 at 04:25 PM

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“ During the 15 years my late husband Kenny and I have known Gary we grew to not only to know him as a business associate but, to love him as a true friend. I enjoyed hearing his stories. He definitely had the gift of gab those close to him knew well. He will be missed.  
Linda Thacker

**Linda Thacker** - December 09, 2020 at 03:24 PM

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“ Matt Wiese lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean McMeans



**Matt Wiese** - December 09, 2020 at 02:52 PM

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“ Anthony Melton lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean McMeans



**anthony melton** - December 09, 2020 at 01:51 PM

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“ ANNETTE@STATE FARM lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean McMeans



**ANNETTE@STATE FARM** - December 09, 2020 at 12:17 PM



“ Gary was a cherished friend. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word. I loved our talks about the Lord. Gary was a blessing to me. I sure am sorry for your loss and will keep the family in my prayers. God bless you all.

**Linda Ferguson** - December 09, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ Very saddened to hear Of Gary's passing. We worked together in the car business and it's been quite a while. May the peace of God comfort you, the family and friends of Gary.  
Sincerely, Mike Mathes

**mike mathes** - December 10, 2020 at 10:33 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Gary's passing.

Judy Broome

**Judy A Broome** - December 11, 2020 at 07:15 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. I knew him from when he had his car lot...he came in to register cars for customers. He was such a nice person. We used to talk about the cruises that he enjoyed so much. Please know you all are in my prayers during this most difficult time. My heart just broke when I heard this news.....Kim Wright

**Kim Wright** - December 11, 2020 at 11:38 PM