



Gary Lee Shores

June 8, 1931 - December 20, 2022

Gary Lee Shores, age 91 of Newcastle, passed away Tuesday, December 20, 2022. Gary was born June 8, 1931 in Potwin, Kansas, the middle of three sons born to Joseph Henry Shores and Cora Elizabeth (Watkins) Shores. He was raised primarily in Okla. City and graduated from Foster High School. Gary then attended the University of Oklahoma and majored in Political Science. During this time, he was introduced to a young lady, Virginia Elaine McAuliffe, at a Donkey Basketball game he was participating in. They met again while he was working at a Movie Theater, and the rest as they say is history. Gary and Virginia were married on October 10, 1952 in Okla. City. Gary was in the ROTC at OU, and upon graduation joined the United States Army as a Commissioned Officer. He served his country proudly as a member of the Artillery Division in Germany. After his service, they returned to Oklahoma City, and Gary attended OU Law School, graduating in 1960. At this time, all four of their children had been born, and he established his practice, Gary Shores Attorney at Law in Okla.City. In 1970, Gary and Virginia settled in Newcastle with their four children, daughters Linda and Jana and sons, Mark and Neal. He eventually moved his office to Newcastle, retiring in 2020. Away from work, Gary enjoyed tending to his lawn and pool. He was a natural competitor and enjoyed playing volleyball,golf and tennis. He was proud to have coached his sons' Little League baseball teams. He was a self-proclaimed "semi-pro" bridge player. He loved music, and enjoyed playing his guitar and singing. Gary was a man of great faith and a Charter member of

the Newcastle Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, where he served as an Elder, a lay Minister, choir member and taught Sunday School for many years. He cherished his family and especially Virginia, and he was never happier than the day he became a PaPa. He will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by: his granddaughter, Erica Crawford; his parents, Joe and Cora Shores and his brothers, Joe Shores and Tommy Shores.

Gary leaves behind: his wife Virginia Shores of the home; daughters, Linda Crawford and husband Rick of Conway, AR and Jana Harris and husband Roy of Newcastle; sons, Mark Shores and wife Kristye Kirk-Shores of Oklahoma City and Neal Shores and wife Tina of Ft. Worth, TX; 6 grandchildren, Ryan Crawford and wife Melissa of Farmington, AR, Nolan Crawford and wife Jessica of Conway, AR, Dustin Watters and wife Angela of Norman, Lauren Shores of Oklahoma City, Samantha Ellis and husband Garrett of Burleson, TX and Drew Shores of Ft. Worth, TX; 11 great grandchildren, Lilly, Marley, Rhett, William, Jacob, Elizabeth, Ethan, Ansley, Alyvia, Ava and Hudson, and a host of other family and friends.

Viewing is scheduled for Wednesday, December 28, 2022 from 9-7, at Wilson-Little, Tri-City.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Monday, January 2, 2023, at Glory Promise Center, 417 S. Main St., Newcastle, OK, 73065. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Gardens. Send online condolences at www.wilsonlittle.com

Tribute Wall

DK

“ *A truly great friend and a good man.*

David H. Kinnard - October 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Virginia,
I just heard of your loss, i'm so sorry. Gary was a great man and I had a lot of respect for him. I met him through the Kuykendall's.
May he rest in peace.*

Lenora Ralls - February 28, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Age 91. Sounds like he had a good and happy life. My sympathies to all the family, especially to Mark, Kristye, and Lauren.*

Marjorie Hiel - December 24, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My deepest condolences to the entire family. I lack the words to express my heavy heart and sadness. Gary and Virginia were my mom's lifetime friends, Virginia her bestie from birth. They were the first two people mom wanted to show when she brought me home as a baby. Gary picked me up and apparently I screamed and cried. LOL. Little did I know then, how significant a part they would both play in my life and how their faithfulness and steadfastness to mom even to her very end made all the difference. May God pour out his love and comfort your hearts. Praying for peace for you all and especially Virginia. Rest In Peace Gary, and thank you sir. ❤️*



Sandra Mathis - December 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM