



Gary Leon Gunter

December 10, 1934 - January 27, 2020

Gary Leon Gunter, age 85, of Pierce City, MO died on Monday, January 27, 2020 at his home in Pierce City, MO. Mr. Gunter was born in Scandia, KS on Monday, December 10, 1934. He was the son of Parley and Thelma (Howell) Gunter. Mr. Gunter graduated from Pierce City High School in 1953. He attended a year of college at SMS in Springfield, MO. He was married to Phyllis Palmer on Saturday, June 15, 1957 in Pierce City, MO. Mr. Gunter spent over 39 years in the Army where he was a Master Sergeant. During his years in the Army, he traveled to Korea and was later in the National Guard. In 1962, Mr. Gunter was presented a Missouri National Guard award for outstanding achievement by the St. Louis Post Dispatch. He was passionate about his grandkids and loved spending time watching them play ball. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, golfing, and anything outdoors. Mr. Gunter was a member of the Sportsman Club where he served on the board. He was an avid reader. He would read 2 or 3 books a week. Mr. Gunter was a member of the Pierce City First United Methodist Church. He enjoyed watching girls college basketball, the Pierce City Eagles, and the Kansas City Chiefs.

Surviving are the following: his wife, Phyllis of the home; two sons, Mark Gunter of Nixa, MO and Gary Gunter of Monett, MO; one daughter, Michel Garman and Doug Shelley of Pierce City, MO; twelve grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Greg Gunter.

The family will receive friends at Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO on Thursday, January 30, 2020 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Funeral services will be at Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO on Friday, January 31, 2020 beginning at 11:00 AM with Pastor Doug Gripka and Pastor Bob Summers officiating. Burial will follow at Pierce City Cemetery with full Military Honors. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pierce City Public Library in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Pierce City Cemetery

Pierce City, MO 65723

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gary Leon Gunter

October 09, 2023 at 08:34 AM

TK

“ Michel, Yvonne and I are thinking of you in the passing of your father, Mr. Gunter. We see now how you came by your excellent ability in dealing with your customers in being a beautician for 32 years.



Tom and Yvonne Kerr - February 05, 2020 at 09:31 PM

BT

“ I loved him like he was my Grandad. I never had a grandfather or grandmother don't I reall very much about them He was the best. Rick Loved him too. It's going to be a hard road to go down without the Lord by your side. Rick had grandparents and they we just like granddad. Now I can say I have had a really live granddad. I love you all and so sorry I'm sick and can't be their. Give him a flower from me.

Brenda Tate - January 31, 2020 at 01:54 PM

MK

“ So very sorry to hear about Gary he was a good neighbor and will miss seeing him driving his red truck down the road and in the field.

Mike & Stella Koenig - January 30, 2020 at 01:14 PM

SE

“ Sending my sincere sympathy. Gary was a great guy. One of my memories is that little red truck going up Joan's driveway checking the trees for Japanese beetles. He wanted to be sure everything kept growing well.

Shirley Elwing - January 29, 2020 at 09:15 PM

LD

“ Sorry to hear of Gary passing. Spent a lot of time with him at the Armory and Sportsmans fishing trips. A military man in all sense of the word. He will be greatly losed.

Larry Denney - January 29, 2020 at 12:35 PM

CB

“ *May God Bless MSG (Ret) Gary Gunter and the country he loved. ~ SGM(R)
Cindy Benward*

cynthia benward - January 29, 2020 at 11:48 AM

JS

“ *I didn't get to know him as good as I would have liked. I'm impressed as to the type of family he has. Very close. I enjoyed his stories at Garrett's "boil". Really enjoyed his fish. Wished we would have been granted more time to chat. Rest In Peace. Respectfully, Jay Stryker*

Jay Stryker - January 29, 2020 at 09:59 AM

DJ

“ *Phyllis and family, may God hold you in His arms.
Dorothy and Lee*



Dorothy Jones - January 29, 2020 at 01:17 AM

MV

“ *God Bless the Gunters, Gary was a good man!*

Michael Velten-Heeter - January 28, 2020 at 10:35 PM

BF

“ *Sue and I had great times with you and Phyllis--thoughts and prayers to all.*

Bill Fischer - January 28, 2020 at 11:31 AM

SS

“ *Sarah Stevenson lit a candle in memory of Gary Leon Gunter*



Sarah Stevenson - January 28, 2020 at 11:04 AM

JA

“ *thoughts and prayers to your family*



julie abramovitz - January 28, 2020 at 10:00 AM

JM

“ *Will remember him as Mr. "Fried Chicken". Dinners at Methodist church were a blast with him. Ryan was always sharing fishing stories he got from Gunter. Prayers and thoughts to entire family*

Julie Morrison - January 28, 2020 at 04:21 AM

CJ

“ *Prayers for all. Sort to hear this*

Carroll and betty jarvis - January 27, 2020 at 11:09 PM

DJ

“ *May God be with you at this time. Prayers are with each of you.
Dorothy (Bowman) and Lee Jones*



Dorothy Jones - January 27, 2020 at 09:56 PM

DO

“ *I can not tell you how much my heart aches for all of you. I will always remember all those church dinners and his special fried chicken recipe! He was such a wonderful man--he will be missed by so many. deb.o.*

debbie osterloh - January 27, 2020 at 09:19 PM