



Gary Richard Cunningham

August 1, 1944 - February 21, 2015

Gary Richard Cunningham, 70, passed away the same way he lived-serving others. He met the Lord, whom he loved so dearly, on Saturday, February 21, 2015. Gary was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, father-in-law, and friend. His gentle spirit, gracious demeanor, and genuine concern for others were evidenced in his everyday life. He was born August 1, 1944 in New Trenton, Indiana to the late James & Lillian (Hall) Cunningham.

Gary was a retired ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene and pastored five churches in Indiana. He moved to Newnan, GA in 2006 and began working at McKoon Funeral Home as a chaplain. Gary was a proud member of the National Rifle Association and was a Navy Veteran. Gary was passionate about teaching Biblical End Time Prophecy, and he and his wife led a group in their home for many years.

The funeral is Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 11 o'clock at Sharpsburg First Church of the Nazarene. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Newnan. The visitation is Wednesday evening between 5-8 P.M. at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St. Newnan. Flowers are welcome or memorial contributions can be made to Sharpsburg First Church of the Nazarene, 4757 Highway 34 East, Sharpsburg, GA 30277 which will be contributed to missions.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

Survivors include: Donna Rottinghaus Cunningham, his loving wife of 47 years; daughters, Kelly Dennis & husband Steve of Newnan, GA, Micki

DeHaan & husband Dave of Elgin, IL, Bethany Campbell & husband Jim of Warrenton, VA; 13 grandchildren, Lauren & Easton Dennis, Alivia, Clay, Will, Anna & Benjamin DeHaan, Nehemiah, Elijah, Grace, Gideon, Hannah, & Simeon Campbell.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sharpsburg First Church of the Nazarene
4757 Hwy 34 East
Sharpsburg, GA 30277

Tribute Wall

LM

“ We just met Gary February 7th and 8th during the visitation time for our dear departed Mother, Mary B. Geren. Gary was so kind and compassionate and full of the Lord's love and mercy. He, through the Lord's love, made the pain and loss easier to cope with. We fell in love with Gary's caring and friendly nature almost immediately and considered him a friend, although we had not known him long. He asked about our family and when he found out we were from Manassas, told us about his daughter in Warrenton, VA and when he had travelled there and the enjoyable time he had had. We were shocked and saddened to hear of his loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Family and may God bless and comfort you in your time of grief. As I saw on a sympathy card in the Christian bookstore in Manassas, "When someone who we love dearly, goes home to be with the Lord, we rejoice knowing that they are in a better place -- but, our sorrow and pain is still great". May the Lord embrace your Family in his loving arms and provide you solace, peace and comfort.

Larry & Diane Morris - February 26, 2015 at 08:53 PM

CS

“ My deepest sympathies to your family as you grive Gary's passing. It was my pleasure to have worked with Gary at McKoon's for about a year, and every interaction with him was uplifting and wonderful. He had a servant's heart and a love for our Lord that was obvious. What a special legacy he leaves.

Connie Singleton - February 26, 2015 at 10:11 AM

RF

“ Donna and family, So sorry to hear of Gary's passing. I so enjoyed his prophecy studies. We were laborers together with God. We'll look forward to that great reunion in heaven someday! Our prayers are with you.

Ron & Fay Ferguson - February 25, 2015 at 09:51 PM

JW

“ What a loss for Gary's family and friends but what a victory for him and a tremendous gain for Heaven. What a day that will be when we are all reunited.

Johnnie Mae Welch - February 24, 2015 at 08:26 PM

BW

“ I have many good memories of working with Gary at Dove-Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home in North Vernon, Indiana. He was always so kind and compassionate with our families. My sincere sympathy to all of his family.

Bonita Welch - February 24, 2015 at 03:57 PM

BK

“ I'm so sorry for your family's loss.

Beth Katz - February 23, 2015 at 10:34 PM

EH

“ Gail and I join the church family in our prayers for God to provide each of you with His comfort during this time in your lives and in the days to come. We pray that the love of God will surround you and give you peace and hope. We love you.

Eddie & Gail Hopkins - February 23, 2015 at 06:34 PM

LF

“ Donna and family, you are in our prayers. We pray the peace that passes all understanding surrounds you today and for the days and weeks to come. Gary certainly left a legacy of a faithful servant. May the many shared memories carry you through and may you always know the many lives he touched. We also pray for all of the wonderful people at McKoon's as you grieve the loss of one of your own.

Lanave Family - February 23, 2015 at 06:24 PM

TW

“ Such a wonderful man and a dear friend. We will certainly miss his smiles and his kind personality. Heaven has to be rejoicing as Gary is now with Jesus. The news of his passing was such a shock to us. Our prayers are with Donna and her family.

Tom & Dot Wingett - February 23, 2015 at 05:06 PM

AS

“ We just want you to know that we are so very sorry for loss. We will both miss Gary's wonderful smile and great sense of humor. Please let us know if we can do anything for you.

Annette & Richad Stolar - February 23, 2015 at 04:46 PM

CL

“ I was so shocked and saddened to hear about Gary's passing. I will miss his bright smile on Sunday mornings at church. His wonderful ministry will be missed. Donna, you and your family are in my prayers. Love you.

Cynthia Livingston - February 23, 2015 at 04:26 PM

BU

“ *Donna, girls and families: We are so saddened to hear of Gary's passing. We are so sorry for your great loss! We send out love, hugs, and prayers.*

Bill and Kathy Ulmet - February 23, 2015 at 12:37 PM