



Gary Wayne Burkett

December 20, 1947 - October 23, 2012

A memorial service for Gary Wayne Burkett, 64, of Tyler, will be held on Friday, October 26, 2012 at 10:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Marty Dunbar officiating. The family will receive visitors immediately following the service at the funeral home.

A private family burial will be held under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Burkett passed away October 23, 2012 at his residence in Tyler.

He was born December 20, 1947 in Tyler to Woodrow and Myrl McCaghren Burkett.

Gary was a graduate of John Tyler High School. He was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church. Gary loved country line dancing and being outdoors. He mostly loved spending time with his family and the "grandgirls".

Gary was preceded in death by his wife Sandra Burkett, his parents and his sister Kay Clements.

He is survived by his loving family including his children, Nick Burkett and wife Sarah of Tyler, and Casey Burkett of Dallas; and his granddaughters, Claire and Caroline Burkett of Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to Marvin UMC Children's Ministry, 300 West Erwin St, Tyler, 75702.

Previous Events

Mem. Service

OCT **26.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Visitation

OCT **26.** 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SC

“ Rememering Gary starts with him coming to the couples dance class. He was shy but willing to learn. Then he came to the line dance class and his confidence started to grow. He bacame a large part of the dance club and the ladies. He always made them feel welcomed and safe. He would take them out on the dance and patiently show them a three step, waltz, or a progressive double two. He would also walk them to their cars to make sure they were safe. He was willing to help in anyway he could. My last memory is from Monday night line dance class and our last dance. We were doing a waltz and he had the hands of two ladies, one on each hand. That waltz will now be known as Gary's Waltz and when we dance it will always be for Gary. I know he is with his sweet wife, Sandr susand he is teaching her every line dance and couples dance he learned. Twinkle, Twinkle, Twinkle, Twinkle.

*Susan Crane
Rockies "N Ropers Dance Club*

Susan Crane - October 26, 2012 at 08:00 AM

MM

“ Gary was my right hand in the dance club with his well manored behavior and gentleman traits. I could not ask more of anyone to help bring the meaning of the dance club, and to insure the safety of others.
I will dearly miss him and his grace in what will now be GARY'S WALTZ.

*Michael Martin
President
Rockies N Ropers Dance Club*

Michael Martin - October 25, 2012 at 11:45 PM

KA

“ *Katherine lit a candle in memory of Gary Wayne Burkett*



Katherine - October 25, 2012 at 09:03 PM

KA

My Prayers are with family at this time of sorrow. Dance on Gary!

Katherine - October 25, 2012 at 09:06 PM

ID

“ *Dear Family of Gary*

I wanted you to hear that Gary was a gentleman. He had to be one of the kindest men I have ever known. It wasn't just his manners but the way he cared about his friends. I only knew Gary through line dancing but he always took care of all his ladies and he was always happy and teasing us in many ways. You could count on Gary to take care of you, walking you out at night or standing behind you to catch you if you tripped while attempting a 360 spin for the first time. He was slow to get to know you but I loved hearing his deep voice behind me telling me the step as he sensed that I was lost in the dance. But his love of the waltz was apparent to all of us. I am so glad that I had the chance to know such a good man. I just wish the time would have been longer for all of us. His ladies will miss him I will miss my new friend We all think of your family at this time and wish each of you wonderful memories of a real gentleman.

Sincerely, Inez Denson

inez denson - October 25, 2012 at 05:40 PM

NF

Inez...what you wrote was absolutely perfect. The only thing I would like to add is how much his life not only touched mine, but my husband's as well. It was because of him that Andy took the plunge and learned to line-dance. :) And I love how - wherever Gary went - he would find the women who felt alone - guide them to the dance floor - and make them feel like a Princesses. We were blessed to know him, even though the time was too short. Life-dancing will never be the same without him. But we know he is enjoying "Marie's Waltz" with Sandra. We will be praying for the Burkett family during this difficult time. He will be missed tremendously.
~Noreen & Andy Fauss

noreen fauss - October 25, 2012 at 08:58 PM

DS

“ *Debbie Stafford lit a candle in memory of Gary Wayne Burkett*



Debbie Stafford - October 25, 2012 at 05:12 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Wagstaff lit a candle in memory of Gary Wayne Burkett*



Barbara Wagstaff - October 25, 2012 at 03:27 PM

LS

“ *Linda Parker Streeter lit a candle in memory of Gary Wayne Burkett*



Linda Parker Streeter - October 25, 2012 at 11:28 AM

LS

His dancing with us gave us much joy. I am going to miss him so much. I will miss his friendly smile, laughter and wonderful love of the dance.

Linda Parker Streeter - October 25, 2012 at 11:31 AM

KR

“ *Kathy Regan lit a candle in memory of Gary Wayne Burkett*



Kathy Regan - October 25, 2012 at 10:48 AM

LS

“ *Lenora Stone lit a candle in memory of Gary Wayne Burkett*



Lenora Stone - October 25, 2012 at 10:15 AM

LS

“ Gary was the most good & decent man that I have ever known. He personified the word gentleman. His sense of humor was so unque and I will never forget his waffle and spaghetti analogy for how men and women think.

My most precious memory of Gary was at Moore's store and how much fun we had. He had a special gift that he called his "panoramic view", where he would take in the whole room and then point out the special people and their story. He loved to watch people. He could make a joke and just laugh and clap, whether anyone got the joke or not.

To the family: Words cannot convey my sorrow in your loss. My prayers are with you.

To Gary: Keep on dancing my friend. I know, that right now, you are teaching your sweet wife all the dances you have learned, especially Gary's Waltz and the Progressive Double Two. Dance on my friend until we meet again. I will never forget you and what you brought to my life.

Lenora Stone - October 25, 2012 at 10:13 AM

KG

“ Karen Garrett lit a candle in memory of Gary Wayne Burkett



Karen Garrett - October 25, 2012 at 09:12 AM

GT

“ *Gretta Tabb lit a candle in memory of Gary Wayne Burkett*



Gretta Tabb - October 24, 2012 at 11:26 PM

GT

Gary was a very special man. He was a true gentleman and he brought so much joy to our line dancing classes. I never walked in that Gary wasn't there. He was always looking out for the ladies to get us safely to our cars. He will truly be missed.

Gretta Tabb - October 24, 2012 at 11:31 PM

SS

“ *Steve And Laurie Shipp lit a candle in memory of Gary Wayne Burkett*



steve and laurie shipp - October 24, 2012 at 10:23 PM

SW

“ *Sharron Wells lit a candle in memory of Gary Wayne Burkett*



Sharron Wells - October 24, 2012 at 09:53 PM

VA

“ Virginia Ables lit a candle in memory of Gary Wayne Burkett



Virginia Ables - October 24, 2012 at 05:38 PM

VA

My heart is breaking because I lost a very good friend yesterday. Gary's memory will always be with me. He added a lot of joy to my life. Truly a wonderful man that showed the love of God to all of us. Rest in peace my sweet friend.

Virginia Ables - October 24, 2012 at 05:42 PM

CM

“ Charlotte Morphis lit a candle in memory of Gary Wayne Burkett



Charlotte Morphis - October 24, 2012 at 04:51 PM

LG

“ Gary was one of the kindest gentlemen I have ever known. He loved to dance with all of us and we had such a fun time with him. He always walked us out to our cars and made sure we were safe at night. He will be greatly missed! I send all of my prayers to the family and know that God will take care of you all throughout this time. Lisa Garred

Lisa Garred - October 24, 2012 at 01:36 PM