



Gary Lynn Carpenter

November 8, 1951 - March 7, 2020

Memorial services for Mr. Carpenter have been postponed until further notice.

Gary Lynn Carpenter passed away Saturday, March 7, 2020 after a courageous battle with ALS. He was born November 8, 1951 in Sweetwater, TX. Because his father worked in the oil field for Amoco, he was raised in various oil field towns, finally finishing high school in Tyler at Robert E. Lee. At that time, the Tyler paper recognized him as Lee's ace pitcher, making everyone who knew him very proud. Gary continued his education at Tyler Junior College, where he met his first serious girlfriend Susan, who became his lifelong wife, after they both graduated from Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, TX. Gary then went to work for Amoco Production, later BP Oil and Gas. Like his father, he went wherever the company needed him, both in the U.S. and to Trinidad & Tobago. Gary spent his entire career with that one company. He was a very loyal employee, friend, father and husband throughout his life.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents Myrl Murray and Osie Jean Laws Carpenter. He is survived by his wife, Susan of Tyler; daughter, Dr. Erica Carpenter of The Colony, TX; sister, Judy Berg of Alvin, TX; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to one of the various ALS

foundations.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 27. 10:30 AM (CT)

Rose Hill Mausoleum
2455 Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75701

Tribute Wall

GB

“ Betty and I were very sad to hear about Gary’s passing. Gary and Susie were friends and neighbors as well as Gary being a colleague. We watched as Erica began life as a little toddler. We were fortunate to share more than one Amoco location with Gary and Susie. Gary taught me the value of always making sure we had all sides represented when making important decisions. We wish Gary’s family the best and we will always cherish Gary’s friendship.
George and Betty Blankenship
107 Ridge Lake Lane
Montgomery, TX 77356
512-913-4662

George and Betty Blankenship - March 18, 2020 at 08:05 PM

JC

“ I am truly sadden to hear of Gary passing. He interviewed me when I first came to BP. We would always laughed about Susie and Erica spending his money (lol). I could tell he truly loved his family. May the family find comfort that's he's at peace and no more suffering. Praying that God will comfort you during this time.”

Judy Chandler

Judy Chandler - March 16, 2020 at 02:55 PM

PK

“ hi Susie & Erica - I'm so sorry to hear about Gary. We all loved working with Gary.
He taught me to eat pizza "without cheese" ! what fun we had in all the years working together - such a great NAG family we had with Shahid .& all the great staff
take care - prayers are with you, Erica & your family
polly kangos

polly kangos - March 12, 2020 at 08:57 PM

JS

“ I worked with Gary at Amoco and then BP. He was soft spoken with a wonderful sense of humor. He was focused on the job and always brought a results oriented pragmatic view to any problem that we faced. I valued his opinions but most of all his friendship.
John Stombaugh

john stombaugh - March 12, 2020 at 09:24 AM

DC

“ I attended Canton High School with Gary. He was always a nice, fun guy that you enjoyed being around. So sorry for the family. Debra Walter

Debra Costlow - March 10, 2020 at 10:21 PM

AS

I too went to school with Judy and Gary. They are my second cousins on the Woods side. I was working family tree on Ancestry and found Gary's obit this morning. Very sorry for his passing. God bless you all.
Alice Woods Smith

Alice R Smith - May 01, 2024 at 06:58 PM