



Gary A. Garver

March 12, 1943 - October 12, 2018

Gary Garver, 75, of Callahan, Florida passed away in the early hours of Friday morning, October 12th, 2018. Gary volunteered to work the AMVETS booth at the NE Florida Fair on Thursday as he had done for several years. After working all day he came home with his wife, Betty, and fell asleep on his recliner with the remote in his hand. He passed away peacefully while he slept, after living a fulfilling life of service to his God, his family, his Country, and his community.

Gary was born in Millersburg, Ohio and he was the youngest of Dean and Hazel's five children: Kenny, Laura, Bonnie, and Harold. He is survived by his sister Laura and his beloved wife, Betty, who will celebrate their 51st year of marriage on October 27th. He was an amazing daddy to his daughters, Beffie and Natta-Sue, as well as their husbands Parag and Stephen. He was also a very proud Papa to his six grandchildren: Ashley, Victoria (his Tootie), Suvali, Sarah, Caleb, and Kalan.

Gary honorably served his country for 27 years in the Navy and the Naval Reserves before retiring as a Senior Chief. After transitioning from active duty to the reserves, he attended Jones College and began working for Sears. Gary spent 24 years with Sears and retired as their Home Improvement manager. All who knew Gary would agree that he was not made for retirement, so it was no surprise that before long he began working as a Building Inspector for Nassau County and later for the city of Fernandina as well as a Code Enforcement Officer for the town of Callahan, which he continued to do until the end.

Throughout his life, Gary was extremely active in the community and was always looking for ways to serve and to help. He was the Commander of AMVETS Post 2007 and he was also a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Hilliard Post 10095, a member of the American Legion of Hilliard Post 401, and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1088. He served as a Sunday school teacher at First United Methodist Church and he was also a vocalist in the choir. Gary also made countless children happy while being Santa Clause every Christmas. Gary will be missed by many due to being the type of man that never met a stranger and by being someone that was always looking to help. As his Mother-In-Law used to say, "When they made him they broke the mold."

A viewing will be held on Monday, October 15th, 2018 at Callahan First United Methodist

Church from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. The services will be held at the same location on Tuesday, October 16th, 2018 at 11:00am. He will also be given full honors at the Jacksonville National Cemetery at a date to be determined. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to either the American Legion of Hilliard Post 401 or Callahan First United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be expressed at www.callahanfh.com. Arrangements under the direction and care of Ellis & Charlotte McAninch, Callahan Funeral Home, Inc.

Events

OCT **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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First United Methodist Church of Callahan
1st Ave., Callahan, FL, US

OCT **Church Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Please accept my thoughts and prayers for your loss, though i hadn't worked with you Ms. Betty in Permits, your FDOT family is wanting you to know we are praying for your comfort and peace at this difficult time.

Lisa Fields
Jax Maintenance-Permits

lisa fields - October 19, 2018 at 08:51 AM



“ I am so sad to hear of Gary's passing. He was always joking around with all of us in the county building department. He will be greatly missed! My prayers are with Betty & the rest of his family.

Debbie Moody - October 15, 2018 at 02:37 PM