



Gary Dean Light

November 7, 1964 - October 29, 2020

Cancer robbed the world of a genuine and loyal family man on Thursday, October 29th, 2020 when Gary Dean Light died at the young age of 55. Gary's courageous 29-day battle with esophageal cancer came to an end at 12:45 am, while in the comfort of his home and surrounded by three of the four most important people in his life. Gary was born on November 7, 1964, in Danville, Indiana and was raised by his maternal grandparents, Albert and Julia Dewar.

His early years were spent looking after his younger brother, Bobby, and playing on the small family farm on State Road 42, where they relocated after Gary's 2nd grade in Camby, Indiana. No stranger to hard work coupled with strict, yet traditional morals and values, Gary established a strong work ethic and enviable value of the ole' mighty dollar at a young age. As a young boy, he rode his bike to pick apples at Anderson Orchard and worked on Edward Key's Farm all while maintaining his household and farm chores. As the years passed, he worked various part time jobs while maintaining his academics. Graduating midterm with the class of 1983 from Monrovia High School, Gary gained employment with Valcom Inc., working on communication towers all over the U.S.; his previous employments include Ellis Construction, Paul E. Smith, where he became a licensed Journeyman Plumber before branching out on his own. In addition, he subcontracted with different builders and was the owner of Advanced Quality Plumbing and co-owned The Clean Team with his wife, Shawntel. After nearly 20 years in maintenance, Gary took early

retirement from Universal Flavors, later known as Sensient Technologies in Indianapolis and was about to spend quality time caring for his granddaughter and watching her grow. In 2016, Gary and his wife joined their daughter in the family business at Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia, where he has been a right hand man, staple, Jack of all trades and familiar face on the front door.

Gary's 'real life' began the summer after graduation when he was introduced by a friend to a gal who would become his lifelong soulmate, best friend, partner, and mother of his children, Shawntel Olleman. After a two-year courtship, the two jetted off to Las Vegas and were married on December 14, 1984. Their marriage of nearly 36 years was a true love story! Gary adored his wife and his two daughters, and was smitten with his only granddaughter, Olivia June. With Family being his EVERYTHING, he led by example with a calm demeanor, tireless work ethic and pure heart. He was dependable, loyal, dedicated, loving, funny, witty, talented, meticulous, thorough and independent...known by his nieces and nephews as "the favorite or fun-uncle who had a giant laugh and hands strong enough to bend steel." Spending time working around the yard and home with his family, it was the good times shared with friends while shooting, camping, traveling, boating, mushroom hunting, cookouts, holidays, or simply walking in the woods with his girls and his Pitbull were inevitably Gary's favorite pastimes. He also absolutely loved the outdoors and was a true bird fanatic, as well as a music enthusiast; he loved to crank the music loud and even opened his basement for the band, Mad Ethel during the 1990's.

Gary was a man of his word, a man of ethic, and a man of morals and faith. Loved and admired by many, Gary will be fondly remembered for his legacy and leaving the world a better place! His passing has left a void in the hearts of so many including his wife, Shawntel Suzanne Light of Monrovia; daughters, Savannah Starr Light and Desirae Dawn (husband, Stuart) Watson

both of Monrovia; the apple of his eye, granddaughter Olivia June Watson; brother, Robert “Bobby” Green of Indianapolis; in-laws, Eddie Olleman (wife, Dianne) and Debbie Williams (husband, Mike) both of Monrovia; along with several cherished nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, classmates and friends.

Gary was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Albert and Julia Dewar; paternal grandparents, John and Myrtle Johnson; biological father, Gary Dennis Light and mother, Brenda Faye (Dewar) Purvis; niece, Morgan Ashley Green and a beloved cousin, Elaine Sampson and Jeff Sampson; pit-bull companions, Rebel, Shadow and Cleatus.

Friends and family are invited to gather for calling on Thursday, November 5, 2020 from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm and one hour prior to the funeral service on Friday at Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Friday, November 6th, 2020 beginning at 3:00 pm at the funeral chapel and burial will follow in West Union Cemetery. Pastor Keenan Steinway will officiate the services.

Online condolences, treasured memories, and pictures may be shared and uploaded on the funeral home website at www.lightmemorial.com

Cemetery Details

West Union Cemetery

2038 W. SR 42
Monrovia, IN 46157

Previous Events

Friends & Family Gathering

NOV 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel
585 East Main Street
Monrovia, IN 46157
(317) 996-2101
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

Celebration of Life Service

NOV 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Burial following services

NOV 6 (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JP

“ Olivia was absolutely smitten with Poppy, too. At the service tonight, I asked her if she wanted to put the first dirt in. At first, she looked at me and said no. But within 10 seconds she changed her mind and said yes. She handed her rose to her mom and came over to let me help her put the first shovel of dirt to help bury her Poppy. She asked why he was in there so deep. I told her to protect him. She responded with "Oh, that's good". (out of the mouths of babes..) She is a beautiful child and a wonderful legacy that Gary and Shawntel, her mother and father and aunt Savannah should be very proud of.

Jim and Pam - November 06, 2020 at 09:34 PM

MI

“ I loved your guys' house - full of love and laughter when I'd come over to play. He radiated a pride in his family and girls - hugs to all of you.

Micki - November 06, 2020 at 06:03 PM

MH

“ WE ARE SO SORRY TO HERE ABOUT THE LOSS OF GARY , WE WILL BE KEEPING YOU ALL IN OUR PRAYERS, WE OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES, MATT AND LORI HUNT

MATT HUNT - November 06, 2020 at 05:49 PM

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MATT HUNT - November 06, 2020 at 05:49 PM

RC

“ Allen and I were talking and the one thing we both remember is that Gary always had a smile. We offer our condolences. Your cousins, Allen and Rus Copeland.

Rus Copeland - November 06, 2020 at 08:46 AM

SM

“ We are so sad to hear of Gary's passing. We are thinking and praying for you and your family for strength today. - Your friends over at Morgantown, Meredith-Clark Funeral Home.

Suzanne Moyer - November 06, 2020 at 08:27 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gary Dean Light.



November 05, 2020 at 09:23 PM

KB

“ *Shawntel, words cannot express how very sorry I am to hear of Gary's passing. You and your beautiful family are in my thoughts and prayers.* ”

Kim Beyer - November 05, 2020 at 07:08 PM

JC

“ *Jan Holcomb Cumnick lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Light* ”



Jan Holcomb Cumnick - November 05, 2020 at 05:32 PM



“ *259 files added to the album LifeTributes* ”



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - November 05, 2020 at 04:25 PM

DF

“ *Dianne’s West Coast Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Gary Dean Light.*



Dianne’s West Coast Family - November 05, 2020 at 02:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Dean Light.*



November 05, 2020 at 01:19 PM

 Laura Gibbs

“ *The ones we love are never gone; they live within our hearts. Hugs and prayers. Love Laura*

Laura Gibbs - November 05, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Dean Light.*



November 05, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Dean Light.



November 05, 2020 at 12:17 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gary Dean Light.



November 05, 2020 at 10:06 AM



“ All my love, Tracy Wilson(Hamm) purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Gary Dean Light.



All my love, Tracy Wilson(Hamm) - November 05, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Dean Light.



November 04, 2020 at 09:45 PM

SL

“ I went to school with savanah and desirae im so sorry for your loss right now

Shelly lehr - November 04, 2020 at 09:14 PM

CH

“ My heart is broken and prayers for the family. Gary and I was a great asset to Sensient flavors . He was my friend and a coworker. Last time at home last year we hugged and I didn't know it was my last time to see him. R.I.P. Buddy.

curtis harper - November 04, 2020 at 08:42 PM

TS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, Gary will be dearly missed by all who knew him. I have many fond memories of our time spent together boating and camping. Sending you all love and prayers in this time of sadness. Terry Sampson

Terry Sampson - November 04, 2020 at 01:18 PM

FT

“ FloSource Team purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Gary Dean Light.



FloSource Team - November 04, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gary Dean Light.*



November 04, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ *Praying for your family in your time of loss. Blessings, Tina Mora (Sutherland)*



Tina Mora (Sutherland) - November 04, 2020 at 08:13 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Gary Dean Light.*



November 04, 2020 at 06:59 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Gary Dean Light.*



November 03, 2020 at 03:55 PM

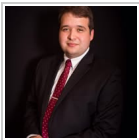
DS

“ Ladies; we are so very sorry! Gary always had a smile on his face every single time we saw him. May the Lord wrap his arms around all of you during this time of need.

Much love & hugs!

Dennis & Kimberly Shields

Dennis Shields - November 03, 2020 at 01:39 PM



“ Rest in peace, Gary. The world has lost a wonderful guy! Prayers of comfort and support for the entire Light family.



Corben Kinder - November 03, 2020 at 12:18 PM

SW

“ OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE LIGHT FAMILY AT THIS SAD TIME. YOUR ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

STEVE AND JANE WILLETT - November 03, 2020 at 11:38 AM

JT

“ Deepest Sympathy from Rushville, IN
Jim, Sue & Dannon Todd

James Todd - November 03, 2020 at 11:10 AM

RS

“ Sorry for your loss. Our deepest condolences to all of your family.
Bob Shelby

Robert Shelby - November 03, 2020 at 10:45 AM

RC

“ *Roxane Crowther lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Light*



Roxane Crowther - November 03, 2020 at 09:22 AM

JM

“ *So sorry for you loss.*



Jeannie McCloud-Stephens - November 03, 2020 at 08:49 AM

RG

“ *Girls I am so sorry, my heart breaks for you. Many hugs and prayers and much love*



Reta L Gibbs - November 03, 2020 at 06:47 AM

DM

“ *Dawn Mynatt lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Light*



Dawn mynatt - November 02, 2020 at 08:55 PM

JC

“ *Jan Holcomb Cumnick lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Light*



Jan Holcomb Cumnick - November 02, 2020 at 08:36 PM

TF

We are so sorry for you loss. Prayers for your family

Tom and Loretta Faulkenberg - November 03, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Gary Dean Light.*



November 02, 2020 at 06:10 PM

DM

“ *With Love and Sympathy, Kent and Donna McPhail*

Donna McPhail - November 02, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Dean Light.*



November 02, 2020 at 04:22 PM

SC

“ *Sandra Chitwood lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Light*



Sandra Chitwood - November 02, 2020 at 03:27 PM

KP

Gary will sure be missed, I worked with Gary at Sensient Flavors. Sending prayers for y'all

ken pingleton - November 03, 2020 at 10:47 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Dean Light.*



November 02, 2020 at 03:20 PM

DN

“ *Gary was such a wonderful person and I feel very lucky to have known him and called him a friend. Shawntel, Savannah and Desirae you are in my heart, my thoughts and prayers.*



Dana Noel - November 02, 2020 at 03:03 PM

CC

“ *Shawntel, Savannah, n Desiree*
Sooo sorry to hear of Gary's passing- May
God give u peace n comfort throughout this
time of sorrow n n the days n weeks to come -
Blessings Always
Carolyn n Larry 🌹❤️🙏🙏🙏



Carolyn D Clements - November 02, 2020 at 02:29 PM

CR

“ *.Dear Shawntel and Savannah, and Desiree. I remember Gary's*
kindness at Dave's services. He shared with me his belief that Dave
was in a place where he was pain free, and had his sight without
troubles. I believe Gary will be there with him also. RIP Gary. Gone
too soon
Catherine Ream

Catherine Ream - November 02, 2020 at 02:03 PM