



Colonel Gary Edward Pullin, USMC, Retired

September 7, 1947 - August 2, 2024

Colonel Gary Edward Pullin, USMC, Retired, 76, of Charleston passed away at home on Friday, August 2, 2024. He was born to the late Nile C. (Red) Pullin Sr. and Vesta E. Potter of Tornado on September 7, 1947. Gary grew up on a small farm with his four brothers and graduated from St. Albans High School. He earned a B.S. in Agriculture from West Virginia University in 1970, then joined the United States Marine Corps as an Officer Candidate where he initially served as an active-duty Artillery Officer. After transferring to the reserve component of the Marines, he attended WVU's College of Law and graduated in 1978. Gary served his country as a Marine for 30 years total, primarily in the reserves as a Staff Judge Advocate, until retiring at the rank of Colonel in 2001. Oorah! Gary was very dedicated to his law career, where he worked in private practice and at the United States Attorney's Office before becoming a founding member of a law firm in 1989. He enjoyed the success, growth, and community of Pullin, Fowler, Flanagan, Brown & Poe, PLLC, where he retired as senior partner in 2019. Additionally, Gary was elected in 2013 as the District Supervisor of the Capitol Soil Conservation District to stay engaged in local agriculture.

Gary was a devoted father and enjoyed spending time with his two children, Allison and Ryan. He unconditionally supported their interests and careers. Gary could be found on the ski slopes or bicycle paths with Allison, and he was in the audience for Ryan's concerts or taste testing Ryan's cooking in the

kitchen. Gary was excited to be part of all their major life events - graduations, moving into new homes, starting new careers, Ryan's marriage, and more. He was passionate about ensuring the success and happiness of his children.

Gary also enjoyed boating, bicycling, snow skiing, slalom water skiing, running, and observing the wildlife in his backyard. He loved spending time on the Pullin family farm, whether he was mowing grass, admiring the sunset, or grilling out with family. He had a great sense of humor and was always generous to help people in need. Gary was an active member of various United Methodist churches throughout his life.

Gary is survived by his wife, Barbara Crimmel Pullin; daughter, Allison Pullin of North Carolina; son, Ryan (Hannah) Pullin of Charleston; grandchildren, Lydia and Roo Chapman of Charleston; brothers, Nile C. Pullin Jr. of Connecticut, Joe (Mary) Pullin of St. Albans, and Johnny Pullin of California. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews and grand-nieces and grand-nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Richard Lee "Sonny" Pullin Sr.

A celebration of Gary's life will be held at 11:00 A.M. Friday, August 9, 2024, at Humphreys United Methodist Church, 7799 Coal River Road, Tornado, WV with Pastor Will Basham and Pastor Jake Henley officiating. Entombment will be in Cunningham Memorial Park, Lower Mausoleum, Saint Albans with Military Honors.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, August 8, 2024, at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Legal Aid of WV, ATTN: Development, 922 Quarrier Street, 4th Floor, Charleston, WV 25301.

You may visit Gary's tribute page at BartlettNichols.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans is honored to serve the Pullin family.

Cemetery Details

Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane
St. Albans, WV 25177

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
Saint Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325

Funeral Service

AUG 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Humphreys Memorial United Methodist Church
7799 Coal River Road
Tornado, WV 25202

Tribute Wall

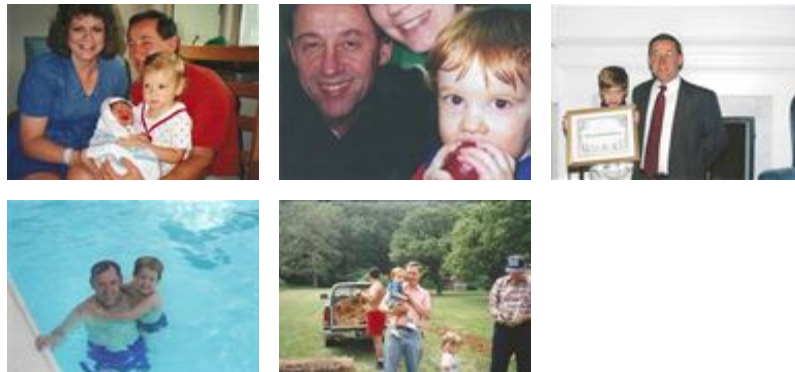
WR

“ Knew Gary since his law school days. Served along side of him in the USMCR and U S Attorney's Office for decades. A good military and civilian colleague, Christian, and loyal, proud father. Never forgot his rural roots. Could always be counted on to step up when the going got tough. Ran the 5 miles with him in the Stroh's 1976 Bicentennial national run: we did well. Will miss his upbeat demeanor and our many engaging conversations. RIP, my friend. You earned it.
Wayne A Rich, Jr

Wayne Rich - November 05, 2024 at 11:30 AM



“ 238 files added to the album LifeTributes



Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home - August 08, 2024 at 05:20 PM

AB

Sympathies to the family. gary was a very nice person and a respectful former employer to work with day to day. GOD's comfort and peace.

Annette Buirge - August 10, 2024 at 05:50 PM

JC

“ I have known Gary for a long time and I have great respect for him personally and professionally. I extend my condolences to the Pullin family.

Jim Cooper - August 08, 2024 at 11:18 AM

TA

“ The Aikens purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Colonel Gary Edward Pullin, USMC, Retired.



The Aikens - August 07, 2024 at 07:32 PM

DM

“ Several decades ago I had an occasion to travel with Gary to Harper's Ferry for something to do with a case where he was representing my client, the State Police. Gary drove and commented on every barn that we passed. The boy certainly didn't fall far from the farm! Although his vehicle suffered a mechanical misfortune and we ended up having to be towed the final leg of our journey, he made a long our journey a pleasure. He was a skilled lawyer, but more importantly, a good human man.

Dolores Martin - August 07, 2024 at 06:48 AM

CD

“ Capitol Conservation District purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Colonel Gary Edward Pullin, USMC, Retired.



Capitol Conservation District - August 06, 2024 at 03:17 PM

RR

“ Gary was a long time friend and valued advisor to us. We were near neighbors in Cross Lanes, shared running with him and enjoyed his friendship. Ron & Janet Raether

Ron Raether - August 06, 2024 at 02:51 PM

TF

“ Terry and Mary Mullins and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Colonel Gary Edward Pullin, USMC, Retired.



Terry and Mary Mullins and family - August 06, 2024 at 01:45 PM

TF

“ Terry and Mary Mullins and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Colonel Gary Edward Pullin, USMC, Retired.

Terry and Mary Mullins and family - August 06, 2024 at 01:45 PM

GP

“ Gary and I grew up as neighbors in Tornado on Falls Creek road. I spent many hours with him and his family, either on the farm or at our house. I have many good memories of our time together. Thanks, Gary for our friendship over the years, for your service to our nation and to the people of West Virginia. Our prayers are with your family. May our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ comfort each one. I'm proud to know you, Gary.

Gale Pauley - August 06, 2024 at 06:35 AM

RU

Semper fi sir good job you fought the good fight

Ray Canterbury USMC - August 06, 2024 at 03:27 PM

HE

I knew Gary many years ago. Met and worked with him in Parkersburg. What a joy to have known him. Very special person. So sorry for the loss. Good memories forever. Helen

HELEN - August 21, 2024 at 10:38 AM

KD

“*Gary lived across the street from my parents on Mt. Vernon Rd for many years. He was always kind and interested in my adventures in the Navy or afterwards. My best courses in college were law classes, and on breaks, I remember talking to him in his front yard about the law and life. In my memory of those chats, the sun is always shining on Gary's face and he would smile, flashing those white teeth and squinting his eyes. I cannot begin to tell you what a kind man he was to me, and what a relief it was knowing he was a quick walk across the street if my mother needed him. Gary would ALWAYS lend a hand if needed. He kindly organized a sword arch for my wedding in Charleston to a Marine Officer. It was so good of him when he was very busy. He was a great person who seemed to have a presence about him...of kindness, of a strength that comes from overcoming challenges, and of joy when he spoke of his children. I am so terribly sorry that he has departed this life much too early. He certainly made an impact on many lives and has left a legacy of kindness and goodness to those of us fortunate enough to have known him. Much love to his family and Semper Fi to you, Gary. God bless you. And thanks.*”

Kathryn Dailey - August 05, 2024 at 06:18 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Colonel Gary Edward Pullin, USMC, Retired.*



August 05, 2024 at 09:43 AM



“ *Gary and I were roommates my last semester at WVU. He was a great Guy and a life long friend. Never forget our trip to Morgantown to find that apartment in his old Triumph TR-3. We broke down in Parkersburg and had to spend the night with some long lost cousins. My last memory of him is sharing a meal in crosslanes with him and another buddy, Steve Morris. I ran into him once years before that in the Cracker Barrel restaurant in Crosslanes. Gary was a good friend and I will miss him!*

Grey Pepler - August 05, 2024 at 09:39 AM



“ *As a fellow attorney I spent many hours with Gary plotting litigation strategy and talking the nuances of the law . We talked about family, common interests and his military career . He has an extraordinary wit , always willing to laugh . He will be missed .*

CHARLES BAILEY - August 04, 2024 at 06:19 PM

SL

“ Our memory of Gary was our nascar trips to Bristol... Gary loved the races and we enjoyed his company. He has also done a lot for us as a lawyer... Steven grew up with Gary and knew him and the family very well... We loved his visits and loved being with Gary... one thing we still laugh at today was when we would go eat after a race... we noticed how fast Gary finished his meals... and watching him one day he had his face down close to the food and was dishing the food in without even looking up... well.... I asked him how come he eats so fast... His answer was in the Marines if you didn't eat fast, you won't get your meal eaten before they were telling us to go.... Gary will be missed by many and I'm sorry we haven't had to talk to him for several years now, but the memories we made with him earlier in life are worth so much... Our condolences to his two children and to his brothers... May God give you peace, comfort and lots of memories to last your life time... and Gary... Thank you for serving our beautiful Country... and go rest HIGH upon the Mountain... Till we meet again.... Steven and Geri Legg.....



Steven and Geri Legg - August 04, 2024 at 04:40 PM

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“ Colonel Thomas J. Flaherty USMCR (Ret.) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Colonel Gary Edward Pullin, USMC, Retired.



Colonel Thomas J. Flaherty USMCR (Ret.) - August 04, 2024 at 11:24 AM



“ Colonel Thomas J. Flaherty USMCR (Ret.) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Colonel Gary Edward Pullin, USMC, Retired.

Colonel Thomas J. Flaherty USMCR (Ret.) - August 04, 2024 at 11:24 AM



“ I had the great honor and pleasure to serve with Gary in the U S Marine Corps Reserves on active duty several times. Gary was an outstanding Marine and a great lawyer. He was very dependable and could be counted on to get the job done completely and thoroughly in a minimum amount of time. Gary was an outstanding example of what a U S Marine should be. He was an outstanding person and will be sorely missed by his fellow Marines. Colonel Thomas J Flaherty USMCR (Ret.)

Colonel Thomas J. Flaherty USMCR (Ret.) - August 04, 2024 at 11:11 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Colonel Gary Edward Pullin, USMC, Retired.



August 03, 2024 at 08:26 PM