



Gary Ray Adkins

February 11, 1957 - October 2, 2021

Gary Ray Adkins, 64, passed away at home in St. Albans on October 2, 2021.

Gary was born in Branchland, to the late Herman and Dorothy Adkins. Gary is also preceded in death by stepfather, James Gilbert; sister, Oneida Toppins; brother, Fredrick Ray Adkins; and mother-in-law Ellen Kimble

After graduation from Guyan Valley High School, he began work with the emergency ambulance services. Shortly thereafter, Gary fulfilled his life-long dream of working in law enforcement and his passion to serve the public. He proudly served the majority of his career with the Kanawha County Sheriff's Department until his retirement in 2001.

Left to cherish his memory is his devoted wife Debbie Adkins; daughters Kristina and Bree Paxton; sisters, Rita Arbaugh, Obita Nelson, Rena (Ruben) Chaney, Renee' (Bill) Fulks, Naomi Gaor; in-laws Bill and Diane Kimble, brother-in-law Rocky (Anna) Kimble; along with many treasured nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 pm Thursday October 7, 2021 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, with Pastor Bob Gillette officiating. Burial will follow at Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers and to honor Gary's passionate love of animals, the family asks that any memorial donations be made to the Kanawha-Charleston Humane Association. You may visit Gary's tribute page at bartlettnicholsfuneralhome.com to share condolences or memories with the family.

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

Cemetery Details

Cunningham Memorial Park, Lower Mausoleum Chapel

815 Cunningham Lane
St. Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4349

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

OCT 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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Debbie Adkins - October 27, 2021 at 06:41 PM

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Debbie Adkins - October 26, 2021 at 10:25 PM

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Debbie Adkins - October 26, 2021 at 10:06 PM

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Debbie - October 24, 2021 at 02:09 PM

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Debbie Adkins - October 11, 2021 at 10:56 PM

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Debbie Adkins - October 11, 2021 at 10:54 PM

ON

“ Obita Nelson lit a candle in memory of Gary Ray Adkins



Obita Nelson - October 11, 2021 at 05:42 PM

ON

My only, dearly loved and treasured brother....My side-kick, my confidant...Love forever, your Sissy, Obita....

Obita Nelson - October 11, 2021 at 05:44 PM

DD

“ *Bill and Diane Kimble*

We wanted to thank all those who made the beautiful and fitting memorial service so healing after Gary's untimely passing. He was a true larger-than-life hero and protector of Debbie, Kristy, and Bree as well as members of the Atkins and Kimble families.

For those relatives and friends of Gary and Debbie who were unable to attend the funeral, you should know that Gary was honored beautifully not just by Pastor Gillette. Gary's very brave and loving wife Debbie spoke to our grieving hearts from her heart with stories of Gary's love for his family, his neighbors, and his many friends in law enforcement.

The spiritual presence of Gary and his legacy was clearly evident, and the service was perfect. Gary was surely smiling upon his beloved wife Debbie and the girls who stood with her as she talked about him—as well as all of us who loved him dearly.

Photo 2004



Debbie's father Bill Kimble & Diane - October 11, 2021 at 07:58 AM

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Debbie Adkins - October 10, 2021 at 08:24 PM

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Debbie Adkins - October 10, 2021 at 08:21 PM

RK

“ Gary was the best brother-in-law I could have asked for. He was always there for mom over the years and did more for her than anyone realizes. He helped me anytime I needed assistance whether it was a car problem or something else. He treated my kids as his own and they loved seeing him when we visited. He was great at telling stories and I think he appreciated my sense of humor. The stability and safety he brought to Debbie, Krissy and Bree made me feel at ease. They say you can tell the quality of a person by how they treat animals and Gary loved his animals. I will miss him and I am glad to have known him. He made our lives better.

Rocky Kimble - October 07, 2021 at 11:25 AM

EH

“ I have fond memories of Gary. He was a good man, in my opinion.

Eddie Hirst - October 07, 2021 at 09:41 AM

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Tammi Ramey - October 06, 2021 at 08:48 PM

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Brenda Flaherty - October 06, 2021 at 11:39 AM

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Brenda Flaherty - October 06, 2021 at 11:31 AM



“ Reflections of Glory Wreath was purchased for the family of Gary Ray Adkins.



October 06, 2021 at 08:12 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Ray Adkins.



October 06, 2021 at 07:59 AM

JM

“ Gary was one of my best friends we have known each other since the 70's and we worked together on the Sheriffs Dept. He was a good man and will be missed by the those who knew and loved him.

Jim Meddings - October 06, 2021 at 07:43 AM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Ray Adkins.



October 05, 2021 at 12:52 AM



“ Worked with Gary for a lot of years, Hamlin VFD Ambulance/ Lincoln EMS, Putnam County EMS. I lost track with him in 1980, he was a good friend.

Rick King - October 04, 2021 at 10:52 PM

BF

“ My first memory of Uncle Gary I was 5 or 6. My family was moving to Maine from Hawaii and we stopped in West Va for Mom to see her dad. Uncle Gary was 8 years older but he seemed so much older to me. Being a military brat I didn't get to spend a lot of time with him but whenever we did come in Uncle Gary always made time for us. He had the best smile and always made me laugh. He was always a major highlight to any visit. He was and always will be my hero. The Uncle that hung the moon. Prayers for Aunt Debbie, Mom, Aunt Rita, Aunt Obita, Aunt Rena, and Aunt Renee, as well as my cousins ❤️ may the peace of God find us all. Love you Uncle Gary.

Brenda Flaherty - October 04, 2021 at 10:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Ray Adkins.



October 04, 2021 at 09:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Ray Adkins.*



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“ *I will miss my over the fence talks with Gary that usually had to be broken up by Kelly or Debbie to do what we should've been doing...a good man, neighbor, and friend that will truly be missed.*

David Dayfield Jr. and family - October 04, 2021 at 08:47 PM