



Gary D. Austin

July 30, 1946 - October 28, 2023

Gary D. Austin, 77, of Charleston, WV passed away on Saturday, October 28, 2023.

He was a graduate of Charleston High School, class of 1964, where he was awarded Mr. West Virginia

Future Business Leaders of America. He earned a B.S. from Morris Harvey College and an M.B.A. in finance and accounting from West Virginia College of Graduate Studies. Gary spent 37 years in the banking industry where he served as President of Peoples Bank of Richwood and Regional President of First Community Bank. He also worked at Kanawha Valley Bank and Chemical Bank and Trust. In addition to his banking career, he worked at the accounting and consulting firm, Arnett and Foster. He volunteered to serve on the boards of several charities in WV. Gary was a veteran of the United States Army and attended Bible Center Church.

He was born at Charleston and was preceded in death by his mother, Betty Lee Austin Goins and sister, Connie Sue White.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, June Austin, son Chris Austin and daughter-in-law Angie Austin; daughter Robin Austin Ritchie and son-in-law Brad Ritchie; five grandchildren, Haley Austin, Caleb Austin, Ty Austin, Trey Ritchie, and Evan Ritchie; his brother William Harrison (Peggy) and his sister Linda Carreon; many nieces and nephews; and far too many friends to count.

We are a family of faith who believe he is safe with God and joined by members of the family that have gone on before and have welcomed him with joy and open arms. His indomitable spirit, bright smile, and quick laughter left an indelible mark on all who met him and his memory will live on as a blessing to all who knew him.

Memorial service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Friday, November 3, 2023 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans with Pastor Matt Friend officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the memorial service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gift may be made to HospiceCare, 1606 Kanawha Blvd. W, Charleston, WV 25387.

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 Austin family.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Memorial Service

NOV 3. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RF

“ *What a wonderful man. He left behind a wonderful family. So sorry for your loss. We loved Gary. The Thaxton's are sad.*

Rebecca Thaxton & family - November 12, 2023 at 04:13 PM

JD

“ *Dear June and family, please accept my heartfelt condolences on Gary's passing. It has been a long time since we served together at Rhein-Main but some memories are still fresh. He was a wonderful guy and a great example to others.*

*John Dillon
Madison, WI*

John Dillon - November 05, 2023 at 08:59 PM

BW

“ *Garry was a great friend for many years and one of the most honest people I have known in my life. We enjoy getting together for lunch and talking about West Virginia. I will miss him so very much. He truly was a man of integrity and great moral principle. he was honest with everyone he met and expected the same from them. Humanity has suffered a great loss. My blessings to the family and friends.*

Bishop Richard White

Bishop Richard White - November 04, 2023 at 05:04 PM

CM

“ *Austin family, we were very saddened to hear of Gary's passing. God bless. John and Libby McClung*

Catherine McClung - November 04, 2023 at 04:28 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary D. Austin.*



November 03, 2023 at 07:18 AM

SS

“ June and family. I am so very sorry to read of Gary's passing. May you find comfort and peace in our LORD JESUS CHRIST. He was a friend and a faithful customer. Suzie Sigley, SUZIE SASSY SCISSORS.

Suzie Sigley - November 02, 2023 at 07:59 AM

DS

“ So very sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Prayers for June & all the family .I had known Gary since the mid 60s and always thought of him as a man of high character & a man of GOD. The last time I talked with Gary was at our State Capitol when Rev Franklin Graham was speaking in every state in 2015. Gary is with his heavenly Father!!

David Skeen - November 02, 2023 at 01:40 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary D. Austin.



November 01, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ 147 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home - November 01, 2023 at 01:19 PM

FM

“ I met Gary at Kanawha Valley Bank in June, 1966. We worked together for years. Many memories made with him and KVB friends. Praying for June and her family. Faith Morman

Faith Morman - November 01, 2023 at 09:58 AM

JB

“ So sorry to learn of Gary's passing. He was instrumental in my getting a my first job in banking at Kanawha Valley Bank, where he became my mentor. Years later, our paths crossed again at First Community Bank. Rest in peace my friend!

John Bowling - November 01, 2023 at 07:31 AM

ZA

“ I am sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Every football season I think of him and our neighborhood kids playing touch football, many years ago. May his Memory be eternal!

Zani Cassis Autry - October 31, 2023 at 10:38 PM

BB

“ Gary always had a smile on his face and very friendly. Our thoughts to June and children. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Bob and Bindy Brown - October 31, 2023 at 07:30 PM

JH

“ June and family. I am heartbroken to learn of Gary's passing. May he rest in peace.

Josephine Cassis Hypes - October 31, 2023 at 12:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary D. Austin.



October 31, 2023 at 10:12 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary D. Austin.

October 31, 2023 at 10:12 AM

LI

“ June and family, I am sorry to hear of Gary’s passing. I have many fond memories of working with Gary through the years at First Community Bank. He was well respected and highly thought of by everyone. I’m sorry I will not be able to make it to the funeral. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Mike Feola

LindaFeola - October 30, 2023 at 07:49 PM

NC

“ So sorry to hear of Gary’s passing. He was always so kind and helpful at the bank. Prayers for June and all the family.

Norma Cogar - October 30, 2023 at 06:07 PM

CH

“ Prayers for June and family!

Carolyn Howard - October 30, 2023 at 05:27 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was a good friend to so many. He did a lot of good in this world. Prayers for all the family.

Thomas Wagner - October 30, 2023 at 03:45 PM

DB

“ Worked with Gary at People's Bank. Loved him, June, Chris and Robin. Prayers for all the family

Dona Bayless - October 30, 2023 at 02:46 PM

MM

“ One of the finest men I've ever known. It was my pleasure and we were lucky to be his friend.

Matt Mccallister - October 30, 2023 at 01:15 PM