



Gary Don Knapp

November 5, 1955 - December 22, 2017

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Gary Knapp, 62, of KCK, passed away Dec. 22, 2017. To know Gary was to love Gary. He was never one to be anything but 100% authentic at all times. And if you were authentic too, you were in. He was a very loving man with one of the biggest hearts around. He always had advice, telling his boys, friends, loved ones to “get their minds right” or whatever other words of wisdom he had (not always welcomed!) but looked back upon as being insightful and right more often than we want to admit.

Gary was born November 5, 1955 to George “Jack” and Marcia (Hanlin) Knapp. He had a sister, Valerie and a brother Danny. From a very young age Gary was a hard worker. One of his first jobs was at Tambee Ranch. Young in life he married Penny Lillard Bowers and had their beautiful son Robert. In 1985 he married Shirley Hardy, unconditionally welcoming two more sons into his life, Chris and Vince.

Gary was a proud Local 518 cement mason. Though he worked off and on for other companies, his work family for life was at Martiny Construction, where he loved going to work everyday with his very best friend Vic.

When his friend Bo talked him into buying a Harley, his life changed. He loved riding with his friends and all of the experiences that came with it, including at his favorite bar, K.C.’s.

He spent his final years with girlfriend Lisa Osmun, whom he cared very

deeply for. Lisa took impeccable care of Gary in his final years. She was there on his best days and his worst. She kept him in the home until his very last breath, for which we are eternally grateful. He died with his sons and Lisa by his side.

His father, Jack, and his dear son, Robert, preceded him in death.

He will be missed everyday by his mother, Marcia, girlfriend Lisa, sons Vince and Chris (Gina), sister Valerie (Larry), brother Danny (Teresa), grandkids Brittany, Halen, Lyndon, Amelia, Addelyn, and Alaric, niece Mandy, and nephews Cody and Jacob. He will also be missed greatly by the many friends who were like family to him.

A Visitation will be held on Thursday Dec. 28th, 2017 from 6-8 PM. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, Dec. 29th, 2017, at 10 AM, with burial to follow at Maple Hill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
3300 Shawnee Dr
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 831-3345
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com
<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Don Knapp*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - December 28, 2017 at 03:17 PM



“ *Gary Don Knapp*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Gary Don Knapp*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *I just learned of Gary's passing today (1/9/19). I am so sorry for your loss. He was very special to me and my family having worked at our ranch, the TamBee and he was very much a part of our lives thereafter. I last saw him in 2015. He will be greatly missed.*

Tammy (Charles) Buckallew - January 09, 2019 at 05:30 PM



“ *Vince, Sending condolences and thinking of you and your family during your time of loss. Bill and Cheryl Morton and family*

Cheryl Morton - December 29, 2017 at 12:02 PM

HC

“ 1 file added to the album



H. Church - December 28, 2017 at 10:05 PM



“ 7 files added to the album



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - December 28, 2017 at 04:34 PM

KG

“ KELLY GRAY purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gary Don Knapp.



KELLY GRAY - December 28, 2017 at 04:14 PM

BE

“ *Marsha, Val, and Danny, you and your families are in our prayers, we know you will miss Gary and think of him often, just remember he is no longer in pain and is now in Heaven with our God. Please let us know if we can do anything for you.*

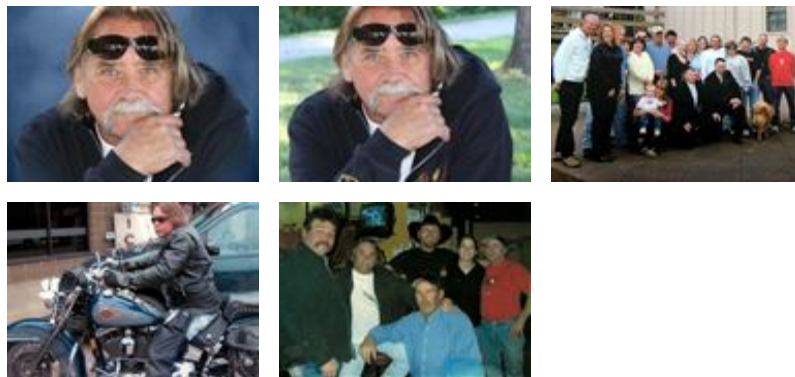


Norman and Betty

Betty - December 28, 2017 at 02:29 PM



“ *67 files added to the album*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - December 28, 2017 at 02:05 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gary Don Knapp.*



December 27, 2017 at 04:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Gary Don Knapp.



December 27, 2017 at 03:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Gary Don Knapp.



December 27, 2017 at 11:13 AM



“ *Aaron and Carrie Hepburn* purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Gary Don Knapp.



Aaron and Carrie Hepburn - December 27, 2017 at 09:54 AM

YK

“ I will always remember Gary's smile. You could count of Gary to cheer you up. I will never forget my first day on the job as a cement mason. It was the spring of 1979. I was in the first class of female apprentices, I was really nervous. I rode to the job site with Gary. All along the way Gary told me exactly what to do once we arrived which calmed my nerves and made for a really great first day. From that day forward, Gary is partly responsible for any success I had as a cement mason. He was an excellent teacher, always patient and kind. He was a tremendous person. I will always remember Gary's smile. It was an honor to be a part of his life. God bless you Gary....until I see you again.

Yvette Kyle - December 27, 2017 at 12:08 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Gary Don Knapp.



December 26, 2017 at 09:48 AM



“ So gonna miss you! All the hugs, jokes, laughs, smiles, our meaningful daddy/daughter talks and yes your lectures about saving money too 😊 One of the greatest men I ever met. So glad I got to share in your life. I love you forever & always my friend ❤️



Angela Jean - December 24, 2017 at 02:37 AM

GA

“ Read this today and thought of Gary. He was loved by all who crossed his path. Will always love & miss this man as he was truly an amazing guy. Sincere condolences to his sons Chris & Vince, and all the family.



Gail Avery - December 23, 2017 at 09:41 PM



“ Stacey McFarland-Keagy lit a candle in memory of Gary Don Knapp



Stacey McFarland-Keagy - December 23, 2017 at 09:07 PM



“ I loved gary and his bright personality. He helped me out in many ways. I am sadden by this but know that i have another angel watching over not just me but all his family and friends. Love you gary knapp. Fly high my friend!!!

Stacey McFarland-Keagy - December 23, 2017 at 09:06 PM

ND

“ My sincere condolences go out to the family I am so sorry for your loss, my prayers go out to out, may God be with you and bless you.



Nelda Dooley - December 23, 2017 at 06:47 PM

WM

“ *With Love, Diane(Dee) Hunt, Alexa Pheffer & Mariah purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Gary Don Knapp.*



With Love, Diane(Dee) Hunt, Alexa Pheffer & Mariah -
December 23, 2017 at 05:44 PM