



Gary Wayne Stroupe

June 8, 1956 - Sept. 16, 2024

On September 16, 2024, Gary Wayne Stroupe defeated cancer and was rewarded with an eternal life in the presence of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, along with many friends and family members who greeted him with open arms.

Gary was born in Morganton on June 8, 1956. He married the love of his life, Susie, in 1976. Together they built a beautiful life and several businesses. Even with many successes in life, Gary would tell you that his greatest accomplishments were his daughter, Rebecca (Chris) and his son, Kevin (Michelle), who he lovingly referred to as Doodles and Tater. But nothing measured up to his love for his grandchildren, Hannah, Anabel, Jackson and Colt.

Gary knew exactly what he wanted in life, went after it, and didn't let much stand in his way. He knew what to say and what to do at the right times, and even if he said something that rubbed someone the wrong way, he did it out of love, and they knew he was probably right.

Gary truly loved working. As a teenager he began driving septic tank trucks for his father, Ben Stroupe. He had a septic tank pumping service, and started American Concrete, Inc. in the mid-1980s, which is still going strong today. He made a good time out of anything he did. If he wasn't working hard on his businesses, he was

working on trading old cars, cutting hay, feeding cows or finding something else to keep him busy.

But Gary also found plenty of time to relax. He simply loved having a good time. He went on many adventurous hunting and fishing trips, he loved to dance, and some of

his favorite times were spent with friends at Ocean Lakes Campground and nearly weekly with a large group at a Mexican restaurant.

Gary will be missed by all of his immediate and extended family and his numerous friends around the world.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 3 p.m., Sunday, September 22, 2024 at Mt. Home Baptist Church (2272 Mt. Home Church Road, Morganton, NC). A celebration of Gary's life will follow at 3 p.m. in the church with Dr. Ed Yount officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Catawba Valley Masonic Lodge #217, P.O. Box 215, Morganton, NC 28680 or to Mt. Home Baptist Church, 2272 Mt. Home Church Road, Morganton, NC 28655.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



I'm Anabel's friend, and I'm so sorry he passed away, but I know he's in a better place now.

—scarlett r rogers

—Anita Fox

Susie, I am so sorry that I just now learned of of Gary's death. I had not seen him lately, although I knew he was sick. I have not been well since January, so I don't learn of things that happen. I want to wish you, and your family, my deepest sympathy. I always enjoyed talking to Gary, when I was younger and seeing people that I knew. I will be thinking, and praying for you in the days ahead.

—Faye Sain Brittain



—April Price





RIP Gary. Thanks for your friendship over the years.

—Sidney Simmons

To the Stroupe family... So sorry for your loss.. Gary and I had such good times on many Vulcan fishing trips... He was so much fun to be around.. we still talk about all the fond memories we had together... He was a go getter, and loved his family.. He will surely be missed.... God bless you all. Dale Rose

—Dale Rose

To Susie and the Family Words of sympathy feel inadequate in expressing grief and sorrow for a loss so great. Sending a warm embrace and all my love during this sad time. Wishing you peace and comfort in these difficult days. Will be Praying for you and the Family in Hope God wraps his loving arms around you all and comfort you all Randy

—Randy Spake

I am very sorry about the loss of Gary. I will keep you all in my prayers. May the Lord comfort you all and give you Peace. With love, Charlie.

—Charlie Eurey

Dearest Family. We're so sorry to hear about Gary. We have been out of touch for a while but you have been and will continue to be on our minds and in our hearts with love for all of you in the days to come. Love and Prayers.

—Nell and Gerald Carpenter



Gary will be missed by the neighborhood and all who knew him. Our deepest sympathy for the family. You will be on



our thoughts and prayers, not only during this difficult time but, each passing day.

–Pamela Mauney and sons Jacob& Caleb Mauney

WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. GARY AND I GREW UP TOGETHER. LINDA, LISA AND GARY'S PARENTS. I AM SENDING PRAYERS FOR GOD TO COMFORT YOU DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. WITH OUR DEEPEST HEART FELY SYMPATHY.

–Pamela Mauney&Caleb Mauney



Blessings and love to Gary and his family, love ones and friends

–Connie Carswell



Gary was such a kind hearted man that I was proud to call my friend. Both he and Susie were the sweetest couple to both my wife and I and I will forever miss our getting together for laughs while at the beach together. Rest easy my friend. Love and hugs!

–Josh and Shannon Per



I am so very sorry. I bet y'all are devastated. I am sending good thoughts and vibes your way!

–Christina Williams

Susie and all the family, I am so sorry for your loss. Gary was special to Jack and me. He was such a go-getter, whether helping us at the store, Time Saver Market, or the fire department. He gave it all, no matter what! He leaves behind such a precious family, so just hold onto all those sweet memories. of your times together. With love and sympathy to all of you, Guinn Huffman

–Guinn Huffman

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–Phillip A. Branch, Jr



–Pam McLellan



Condolences to the Stroupe family on their loss of Gary. Best wishes during this time of transition and going forward. Doug and Jennifer Gantt

–Doug and Jennifer Gantt

So sorry to hear of Gary passing. We had so much fun with him and Susie when the kids were small, going camping, dancing and just hanging out. Gary was always the life of the party rip my friend. Irene

–Irene Browning Hinson



Lisa, Sorry for your loss and I pray for comfort and peace during this time and always Love Susan Winkler



during the time and always. Love, Susan Winkler.

–Susan M Winkler



–Rusty Hicks

You will be greatly missed my friend

–Lynn Anernathy



So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

–Jeri Carswell berry

I am so sorry for your loss. Gary was special to Jack and me. He was like the Energizer Bunny when he was helping us at Time Saver Market. He carried that 'get it done' attitude in everything he did. Susie, I am praying for peace and strength in the days ahead, for you and all his precious family...Rebecca, Kevin and all the 'Grands, as well as sisters Linda and Lisa, and parents, Ben and Sue. With love and sympathy, Guinn Huffman

–Guinn Huffman



–Alisha Pullen

So sorry to hear about Gary. Wilma and I wish we could be there. You are all in our prayers.

–Michael Hartley