



Gary Buckner

October 25, 1943 - December 31, 2021

Gary Banister Buckner was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. He passed from this life to his eternal home in Heaven on Friday, December 31, 2021, in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 78 years young.

He was born in Champagne, Illinois on October 25, 1943, to Thomas Banister and Pauline Ellen (Duncan) Buckner.

Gary grew up in Fort Worth, TX and graduated from L.D. Bell High School in Bedford in 1962. After high school, Gary attended Bethany Nazarene College for a year and then enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves.

He met the love of his life, Linda, at the age of 16 and they married on June 12, 1965, in Arpelar, Oklahoma. They were blessed with two daughters, Shelly, and Carrie.

Gary was a gifted singer, and he used his talent singing in numerous choirs and churches, as well as singing tenor with the Good News Quartet. He carried his love of southern gospel music throughout his life.

Gary retired from a long career in Information Technology. He began his career at St. Regis Paper Company as a computer programmer and retired

from Witherspoon Electric, with several companies in between. His business sense and work ethic are characteristics that have greatly impacted his children and grandchildren.

He faithfully served the Lord in numerous positions at the Nazarene churches he attended: choir member, music director, board member, church treasurer, and most recently, director of the Regency Park Church of the Nazarene Men's Retreat.

Gary's biggest joy in life the last few years has been spending time with his family and supporting his grandchildren in everything they do.

Gary is survived by his wife of 56 years, Linda, of the home in Tulsa, OK; daughter, Shelly Buckner (Travis Crowden) of Fort Worth, Texas; daughter, Carrie Smith (Darren) of Broken Arrow, OK; sister, Debbie Witherspoon (David) of Cleburne, Texas; four grandchildren: Kassadi Underwood (Grant), Cameron Smith, Jayden Smith, and Savannah Gleckler; two great-grandchildren: Khloee Mae Underwood and Kaden Garrett Underwood; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his mother-in-law, Lula Mae Sullenger.

Visitation will be held at Hayhurst Funeral Home in Broken Arrow, OK on Wednesday, January 5 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The Celebration of his Life will be held on Thursday, January 6 at 10:00 a.m. at Regency Park Church of the Nazarene in Tulsa, OK.

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 5. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

Visitation

JAN 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
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Funeral Service

JAN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Regency Park Nazarene Church
8707 East 51st Street
Tulsa, OK 74145

Graveside Service

JAN 6. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Arpelar Cemetery
McAlester, OK

Tribute Wall



“ Gary Buckner

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ I had no idea my cousin Gary had passed. He was very nice to me and others. I wish I had known. I don't know why I wasn't informed. Marilyn Duncan.

Marilyn Duncan - June 25, 2023 at 10:49 PM



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



January 04, 2022 at 07:22 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Gary Buckner.



January 04, 2022 at 03:12 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Gary Buckner.



January 04, 2022 at 12:49 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Buckner.



January 04, 2022 at 10:25 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Buckner.



January 04, 2022 at 04:42 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gary Buckner.



January 04, 2022 at 12:06 AM

EF

“ *Earl Ray Griffin and The St regis family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Gary Buckner.*



Earl Ray Griffin and The St regis family - January 03, 2022 at 03:30 PM

EF

“ *Earl Buckner Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Buckner.*



Earl Buckner Family - January 03, 2022 at 09:37 AM

AV

“ *Al and Rosa Valdez purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Gary Buckner.*



Al and Rosa Valdez - January 02, 2022 at 02:08 PM

BP

“ *Bill & Jennifer Peters purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Buckner.*



Bill & Jennifer Peters - January 02, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Buckner family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Gary.* ”



Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 31, 2021 at 09:28 PM