



## Gary Cheeseman

October 30, 1950 - July 8, 2021

Gary Cheeseman was born October 30, 1950 in McKeesport, Pennsylvania to Charles Cecil and Violet (Morton) Cheeseman. He passed from this world on Thursday, July 8, 2021 in Muskogee, Oklahoma at the age of 70. Services are under the direction of Hayhurst Funeral Home.

Gary was a 1968 high school graduate of Elizabeth Forward High School in Elizabeth, PA. He furthered his education with an Associate's Degree in Specialized Technology on Aircraft from the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics. In 1970, Gary enlisted in the United States Navy. He was stationed for active duty at the Naval Air Station in Dallas, Texas until 1976. He then joined the United States Naval Reserves where he served at the Naval Air Station in Point Mugu, California until 1980. During his time in the Navy, he was a Line Supervisor and Ground Support Electrician. After his separation from the Navy, Gary relocated to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and worked for State Farm Insurance as a Maintenance Specialist-Limited First-Class Stationary Engineer. He retired from State Farm in 2003. Gary was a man of many talents. He was an artist, loved listening to classic rock and jazz, and enjoyed making his own wine and beer. Gary was skilled in building things, was a master craftsman in woodworking, and enjoyed working on cars. He was a lifelong Pittsburgh Steelers fan, enjoyed the outdoors, and going to the lake for camping and boating. Through marriage, Gary had one son, two daughters, and two step-daughters.

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He is survived by,

Son, Gary Cheeseman and Sally of Rosenberg, Texas

Daughters, Jennifer Cheeseman-Rudzke of West Newton, Pennsylvania

Tina Kasardo of Elizabeth, Pennsylvania

Jennifer Pruitt of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Karen Myers of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Grandchildren, Garrett Rudzke, Jeffrey Rudzke, Gabriel Kasardo, Arianna

Pruitt, Colton Pruitt, Jocelyn Pruitt, Kaela Pruitt, Kaylie Myers, Jackson Myers,

Dylan Myers

Sister, Cheryl Blackwell of Richmond, Virginia

Nieces, Beth Hubbard and Kristen Vasquez of Richmond, Virginia

Significant Other, Sandra Wyman of Tulsa, Oklahoma

Preceded in death by parents, and sister, Saundra Cheeseman.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Committal

JUL **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Rd.

Fort Gibson, OK 74434

(918) 478-2334

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gary Cheeseman*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *So sad to hear about Gary. He was a high school friend and he and Les Florenz and I ran around during high school. After high school we lost touch. To his family I do send my sympathy.*

Harris Fry - July 21, 2021 at 08:43 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - July 09, 2021 at 02:59 PM



“ *Gary was a great friend and someone I could always count on. He put on a fantastic horse shoe tournament. He knew how to make things happen. Miss you buddy.*

Bill Rappe - July 09, 2021 at 12:34 PM



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



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - July 08, 2021 at 09:15 AM