



Gary Joseph Palmer

July 15, 1949 - May 12, 2022

Gary Joseph Palmer, 72 of Adamsville, Alabama with his family at his side took his last breath on Earth and first breath in Heaven on Thursday, May 12, 2022.

Born on July 15, 1949, in Clinton, Missouri to Harry Clarke Palmer Jr. and Lois Clara Mueller Palmer. He was their first born.

Baptism was his first outing on July 24, 1949. He received First Communion on December 8, 1956 and was Confirmed on June 8, 1958. All of these Sacraments took place at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Clinton, Missouri. Gary worked for several of his high school years at the Palmer Drive-In A & W Root Beer stand owned by his parents. He also worked at the Plaza Super Market which was owned by his father and uncles. He was very athletic and was on the baseball, football and wrestling teams. Gary was offered a college scholarship to play football at the University of Missouri but blew out his knee during one of his last high school games. He graduated from Clinton High School on May 18, 1967.

His pride was coaching his son, Chris' baseball team. They won the 1978 Little League Minors, the 1982 Babe Ruth All Stars, and in 1983 placed 4th in the State of Missouri All Stars.

Gary owned several businesses in Clinton including a carwash and laundry mat for about 6 years. He worked a number of years as a truck driver for Clermont Cheese and McCormick Spice Company. Later, he was employed by Zenith Manufacturing Company in Clinton and quickly rose to the position

of General Manager where he manufactured fireworks for more than 20 years and was well known in the Fireworks Industry as “Mr. Assault Chopper”. In March of 2000, Gary left Clinton, Missouri and moved to Adamsville, Alabama. He became the General Manager for Crazy Bill’s Fireworks. On February 16, 2002, Gary married Pam and their families became one huge family. The two of them celebrated their 20th Wedding Anniversary this year. He was lovingly known by his grandchildren as Papa, Grandpa Gary and Pop Corn. Together they had 10 children, 24 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Gary made sure that every member of his family had a nickname. Sugar, Buster Boy, Lippy, Girly Girl, Little Buddy, Mosey Man, Pooh Head, Scooter, Sissy Pooh, Buster, Little Buck, Shorty, Bebop, Short Round, Squawk Box, and so many more!

One of his proudest accomplishments was following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather when joined of the Knights of Columbus in 2016. He later became a 4th Degree Knight on February 18, 2017.

Gary was diagnosed at Stage IV Renal Cell Carcinoma in February of 2016. He received chemo everyday for almost 6 ½ years. He fought a hard battle. His days of fighting have come to an end, and he now looks upon the face of his Savior.

Gary is survived by his wife of 20 years, Pam Cairns Palmer; daughters, Stacey Deeter (Rick) and Kasey Epps (Craig), of Florida, and Kellan Palmer (Nate) and Amber Volmer (Jamie) of Missouri; son Chris Palmer of Florida; brother, David Palmer (Cindy) of Missouri; bonus children, Nalani Lukela, Dylan Lukela, Ethan Denham, Lisa Easterwood (Brandon), Tuesday Shaw, Christina Neiman (Chris), and Luke Mosley; Uncle Jack Palmer (Grace); several aunts, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Harry Clarke Palmer Jr. and Lois Clara Mueller Palmer; brother, Bruce Clarke Palmer; son Cody Lee Palmer; grandson Zachery Allen Palmer; paternal grandparents, Harry Clarke Palmer Sr. and Elizabeth Elsie Smith Palmer; maternal grandparents, Alfred Joseph

Mueller Sr. and Nettie Hazel Heacock Mueller.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Adamsville, Alabama from 10 a.m. until Noon. The Funeral Mass will begin at Noon with Fr. Vernon Huguley as the Celebrant. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery in Jasper. In lieu of flowers, Gary's desire was that donations be made to the St. Vincent DePaul Foodbank at St. Patrick Catholic Church 301 Shamrock Trail Adamsville, AL 35005.

The Palmer Family would like to thank Dr. Steven Beck and all those at the Bruno Cancer Center for their years of love and encouragement; Our special friend and pastor, Fr. Vernon Huguley for his many trips to the Palmer home in order to bring communion and anointing of the sick to Gary and the family; Hope Hospice for their loving care during Gary's last few days; and our many Prayer Warrior friends and family.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

401 Oakhill Rd.
Jasper, AL 35504

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
301 Shamrock Trail
Adamsville, AL 35005

Funeral Mass

MAY 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Adamsville, AL 35005

Tribute Wall



“ *Gary Joseph Palmer*

October 05, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Gary Joseph Palmer.*



May 16, 2022 at 12:56 PM



“ *Lisa Dougherty lit a candle in memory of Gary Joseph Palmer*



Lisa Dougherty - May 16, 2022 at 10:22 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to Pam and Gary's entire family. What a beautiful and moving tribute you have given him. He was a faithful member of St. Patrick and was loved by all. May God continue to comfort each of you. Your love and dedication to him was inspirational. You both fought hard in this battle. You should have no regrets and now he is where we all want to be. God bless you and give you peace, Lisa Dougherty*

Lisa Dougherty - May 16, 2022 at 10:17 AM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray* was purchased for the family of Gary Joseph Palmer.



May 16, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Gary Joseph Palmer.



May 15, 2022 at 01:02 PM



“ *Pat Roden lit a candle in memory of Gary Joseph Palmer*



Pat Roden - May 14, 2022 at 07:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Gary Joseph Palmer.



May 14, 2022 at 07:18 PM

VJ

“ Volmers-Ron, Karen, Jason, Angie, Jacob purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gary Joseph Palmer.



Volmers-Ron, Karen, Jason, Angie, Jacob - May 14, 2022 at 08:22 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Joseph Palmer.



May 14, 2022 at 01:56 AM

TC

“ Pam and family we are so very sorry at the passing of Gary . We will be keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Love, David & Tammy Crauswell



Tammy Crauswell - May 14, 2022 at 01:09 AM

AW

“ Mr Gary was a joy to know the few times we met, he stood strong and always smiled. Throughout the stories Mrs Pam shared on Facebook, I know that his family and faith was so very important to him. Your memory will live on. Blessings to Mrs Pam and all of the sweet family. ❤️



Angel Winkler - May 13, 2022 at 09:49 PM

RC

“ *Sending our condolences to the Palmer family. May the love of God with his Grace & Mercy continue to be with each of you !*

*Rev. Leon & Ruby Cotton
Sipsey Missionary Baptist Church*

Ruby Cotton - May 13, 2022 at 07:58 PM

PR

“ *My treasured memory of Gary was when we attended the St. Joseph Alter at OLV. I learned he was of German decent and loved Hot Cross buns at Easter as I did. I will miss sharing Hot Cross Buns with him Easter.*

Pat Roden - May 13, 2022 at 07:28 PM