



Gary Stanley Fornkahl

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Gary Stanley Fornkahl of Egypt Mills was called to his eternal home, January 14, 2010. He was born at the old St. Francis Hospital on September 17, 1940, to Robert and Leona Fornkahl. Gary and Karen Woodard were married August 9, 1970 at Hanover Lutheran Church. Gary attended Brooks Grade School, was a 1958 graduate of College High School and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in History and Social Science Education from Southeast Missouri State College in 1962. Upon graduation, he taught at the Charleston and Hillsboro school districts. Returning to Egypt Mills in 1976, Gary began farming and raising cattle as well as residential construction. Years later, he worked at Gibson Recovery Center, Mayberry Group, and My Camp. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Egypt Mills. Organizations and activities he was involved in, included 4-H leader with Young Americans 4-H club, served on the Cape Girardeau County Soil & Water District, elected and served as Chairman of the East County Fire Protection District for 15 years, and was a member of the Board of Governors for the Missouri Fire Protection District. Survivors include his wife Karen, daughter Gretchen Hanks and son-in-law James Hanks Jr., son Gary Justin, daughter Meagan Fornkahl, and son Robert. He also has two grandchildren, Corabeth and August Hanks, all of Cape Girardeau. Brother Ronald Fornkahl and wife Glenda, sister-in-laws Kolleen Woodard, and Karlis Hennrich and her husband Paul, and Aunt Virginia Rehkopf are survivors as well. He was preceded in death by his parents and mother and father-in-law, Dick and Lydia Woodard. At Gary's

request, a private memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the National Kidney Foundation, or charity of your choice. Online condolences can be made to gsf@showme.net Ford & Sons Funeral Home in charge of arrangements