



## Gary Tallman

March 4, 1949 - February 26, 2022

Gary Lee Tallman Sr., 72, of Benton, Missouri died Saturday, February 26, 2022 at his home.

He was born March 4, 1949 in Portland, Oregon to Elsworth and Dorothy Bigsby Tallman.

He and Darlene Martin were married April 9, 1977 in Vancouver, Washington

He served in the United States Marine Corps, where he received a medal for being the smallest man in his platoon, as a rifleman and tunnel rat during the Vietnam war. He received a purple heart for saving his Lieutenant.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and a friend to many.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene Tallman of Benton; four daughters, Dianna (Chris) Henderson of Benton, Missouri, Lisa (Daniel Cureton) Tallman of Benton, Missouri, Christy (Matt Lowe) Martin of Cape Girardeau, Kylie Wolfe of Benton, Missouri; a son, Gary (Amber) Tallman Jr. of Cape Girardeau; a brother, Michael Tallman; a sister, Elaine (Floyd) Harris of Baytown, Texas; 11 grandchildren, Brendan, Kaileigh, Kaden, Taylor, Laura, Logan, Alexis, Zoey, Nichole, Terralynn, Raymond Martin Jr.; and five great-grandchildren, Hallie, Camden, Grayson, Brenley and Asher.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.

Visitation will be 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Saturday, March 5, 2022 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial service will follow at 12:00 pm Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Ken Strong officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to Ford & Sons Funeral Home to assist with funeral expenses.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 5. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Memorial Service

MAR 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Tallman.*



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March 01, 2022 at 01:40 PM



“ *Dar I am sorry for your loss he's in heaven now with pop. Love you*

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