



Gary Tanner

May 1, 2012

Gary D. Tanner, 71, of Cape Girardeau, formerly of Springfield, Ill., died Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau. He was born Sept. 26, 1940 in Williamson County, Ill., to Willie and Rosie Hill Tanner. He and Charlotte O'Keefe were married Jan. 2, 1960. Gary took early retirement due to a medical condition in 1990 from ABF Trucking Company. He was a member of the Eagles Aerie #3775 in Cape and Teamsters Local 916. Gary was a loving father who enjoyed life and his family. Survivors include his wife, Charlotte Tanner of Cape Girardeau; daughters, Melody Jones (David) of Gulf Port, Miss., and Garia Hiatt (Randy) of Cape Girardeau; grandchildren, Emily Hiatt of St. Louis, and Tanner Hiatt of Cape Girardeau. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister. A celebration of life will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, May 4, 2012 at Ford & Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau. A graveside service for family and friends will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 5, 2012 at Coal Bank Springs Cemetery in Dykersburg, Ill. Memorial contributions may be given to American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ *I was sad to read of Gary's passing. I haven't seen you in 50 years but wanted you to know I've said a prayer for you. God Bless.*

bill Blackman - May 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *We are so sorry for you loss. Gary was great friend and will missed by all. Our thought and prayers are with you and your family.*

Ron,Brenda and Zach Baker - May 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We extend our heartfelt sympathy to you and yours. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Know you are loved. Norman & Joye O'Keefe*

NORMAN & JOYE O'KEEFE - April 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Charlotte, Melody,Garia, Emily and Tanner: We were so saddened to hear of the loss of Gary. It is now time to reflect on all the wonderful times we shared as neighbors. Of all we've had...you guys were the best. Our children still speak of "BIG TANNER" with fond memories. Just know you all are in our thoughts and prayers for healing. Love Jim, Sally, Damon and Jamie*

The Jim Reeder Family - April 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *With heartfelt sympathy to all. May your faith and fond memories sustain you in the days ahead. Much Love, Carolyn,Jason,Dacia Ossick & family.*

Carolyn Ossick - April 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Gary's death. Gary, Genevieve & Stanley were good friends as well as distant cousins. Their ggg grandparents, James Tanner & Nancy (Jernigan) were also my gggg grandparents so we had a special friends connection. My thoughts and prayers are with you tonight and tomorrow.

Judy (McSparin) Hill - April 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Charlotte, You and Gary were the BEST neighbors we could've ever hoped for. We have missed you both so much since we moved and will now hold our last visit with you and Gary forever in our hearts. Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

James, Trish, Jennifer & Charlie McGhee - March 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Charlotte, We are so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the girls at this time.

David & Mary Anne Smith - March 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM