



Gary Don Hess

May 21, 1952 - December 7, 2010

Gary Don Hess, son of James Chester Hess and Anna Darlene (Rolf) Hess was born May 21, 1952 in Paris, Arkansas.

Gary grew up and attended school in Westboro, Missouri. He was raised in the Lutheran Church.

On September 13, 1969 in Westboro, Missouri, Gary was united in marriage to Annette Elaine (Olsen). Gary and Annette shared over 41 years of marriage and two loving children: Trish and Gary.

Gary joined the United States Army in 1971. He was stationed throughout the United States and Germany. He was a proud and true soldier and served with great dignity and pride. Gary was patriotic from his head to his toes. He retired at Fort Leonard Wood in 1992. After retirement, he worked as Transportation Director for Head Start, and later a truck driver instructor at Ft. Wood. He truly enjoyed training the young soldiers. He was currently driving the OATS Bus.

Gary had a great love for children, not only his own children and grandchildren but all children, especially those that were not as fortunate as most. He loved spending time with his family, and collecting John Deere memorabilia. He never met a stranger and was blessed with the "gift of gab."

Gary departed this life Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at his home in Richland at the age of 58 years. We were blessed to have him in our life and will cherish the fond memories for a lifetime.

Gary is survived by his wife Annette Hess of Richland; two children: Trish (Kevin) Roam of Dixon, Missouri, Gary Jay (Kimberly) Hess of Lynchburg, Missouri, his siblings: Delores Krejci of Bennington, NE, Gerald Hess of Stewartville, Missouri, Bobbie Newby of Meeker, Oklahoma, Margaret Crocker of Kansas City, Missouri, Charlotte Burch of Springfield, Missouri, Frank Cornelison of Tunnel Hill, Georgia, Judy Cornelison of Kansas City, Missouri, Vickie Allen of Kansas City, Missouri, Deborah Tellez of Seattle, Washington, Connie Hernandez of Kansas City, Kansas and Michael Cornelison of Kansas City, Kansas; two aunts: Fern Ebert of Shenandoah, Iowa and Marjorie Wheeler of Las Cruces, New Mexico; 10 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren with two on the way.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents, one brother: Charles Evan and one sister: Anne Gosling.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m., Friday, December 10, 2010, in the Memorial Chapel of Richland with Rev. Pam Quigley officiating. Special music selections included "Just As I Am" and "Amazing Grace". Serving as pallbearers were Harold Bever, Matthew Toothaker, Gary Burch and Marcus Laroe. Burial followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery with military honors provided by the United States Army, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Tribute Wall



“ Gary Don Hess

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ Annette, Jay, Trish, and family,
I'm so sorry for your loss. We will all have fond memories of Gary
and things he did for other people. I just learned today that Gary
had passed away.
Robin##imported-begin##Robin (Sherrer) Ballhagen##imported-
end##

December 27, 2010 at 03:04 PM



“ All my love, prayers, and deepest sympathy for aunt Annette, Jay,
and Trish. May God be with you all.##imported-begin##Dale L.
Newby##imported-end##

December 14, 2010 at 11:22 PM



“ i love you GOD BLESS YOU I WILL MISS YOU##imported-
begin##Bobbie and Wayne Newby ##imported-end##

December 13, 2010 at 10:09 PM



“ Annette and kids

*I was so very sorry to get the news today. Seems as if we always wait one day too long to get back in touch. You and Gary have been in my thoughts alot the last couple of months. Please know that you are in our every prayer. We will be in touch soon. love ,
Jeff###imported-begin##Jeff and Kathy Greenslate###imported-end##*

December 13, 2010 at 03:02 PM



“ *I will miss Gary so much. He was the best friend that anyone could have. We had so much fun all these years doing things we all loved. We shared many interests, going on motorcylce trips and visiting Branson to eat breakfast. Gary was a spontanious man that would take care of his friends when they needed him. There is a place in my heart that will always be for Gary.*

*I truly miss you, my friend and i shed these tears for you.
Farewell friend.##imported-begin##Manuela Bever##imported-end##*

December 13, 2010 at 08:28 AM



“ Annette and kids,

You have been and will always be part of our family. The type of family and friends, it doesn't matter how often we get to see or talk to each other, we know that you are there for us and we will be there for you.

Love and Prayers, always.

From "Your Other Son"###imported-begin##Mark & Connie McHenry###imported-end##

December 12, 2010 at 09:58 PM



“ We are so sorry that your family has to experience such a loss-our prayers are with all of you. Dawn and the Moody family##imported-begin##Dawn D Moody-Lynch ##imported-end##

December 12, 2010 at 08:31 PM



“ Gary was a very close friend. The best friend anyone could ever have or ever will have. He always made you laugh and always could be counted upon. Will never have a friend like Gary again.##imported-begin##Harald Bever##imported-end##

December 11, 2010 at 08:17 PM



“ Our thoughts are with you##imported-begin##James and Tana Mitschele##imported-end##

December 11, 2010 at 09:55 AM



“ Dear Annette, Trish, and Jay, (and families),
I just got the note about Gary and am so sorry. I am sure my mom welcomed him with big, open arms. Actually think of the reunion he is at! I wish I were there to give each of you a hug. I am thinking of you and sending prayers your way. I love you all, Lydia##imported-begin##Lydia Kelley##imported-end##

December 10, 2010 at 08:37 PM



“ *Dear Annette
So sorry for your loss. If you don't remember me I worked with you taking care of Tammy. May God be with you. Love Mary*###imported-begin###*Mary Ann Curran*###imported-end###

December 10, 2010 at 02:52 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear what had happened my condolences go out to all of you. I worked with Gary out at the Fort. and I really liked him a lot. He was the only one who bothered to help me when I needed the help. Again may God be with you and the family during this time. Peace.*###imported-begin###*John Dix*###imported-end###

December 10, 2010 at 02:19 PM



“ *Dear Annette,
Carolyn Seek let us know about the death of your husband and we want to extend to you our deepest sympathy. Do you remember me? I am your cousin with whom we've had little contact through the years. But I remember some really good times when we were little kids. My mother was Frieda Schierkolk who married Val Curtiss. Please know that you are in our prayers.*###imported-begin###*Bob and Sandie (Curtiss) Anderson*###imported-end###

December 10, 2010 at 11:13 AM



“ Our grandfather was more than a grandfather he was a friend a companion and a man we highly looked up to. we have many many memories and he was deffinetly a very good man. our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone close and far and especially to our grandmother. we would love to be there but we are there in everyones heart we love everyone and wish everyone well. lots of love The Toothakers###imported-begin##Zack, Jake,and Hannah Toothaker###imported-end##

December 09, 2010 at 11:27 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I hope that you can find comfort that I am keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. Love and hugs.
-Kelly###imported-begin##Kelly Moody###imported-end##

December 09, 2010 at 02:31 PM



“ I will miss Uncle Gary very much. When I was young and he was still around Coin Ia. I remember going for rides in his Rambler. He would let me shift it. I thought that was the coolest thing. After joining the military we didn't get to see him or Aunt Annette that often but when we did ,it was quality.He was inspiration for me to go into the military myself. a decision i will never regret. Thank You Uncle Gary! I love you and Aunt Annette very much. You will always be in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Larry D. Moody###imported-end##

December 09, 2010 at 11:48 AM



“ One of the fondest memories of my childhood was spending a few weeks with my Uncle Gary and Aunt Annette in Arkansas. We spent every day swimming in the Buffalo River, and playing with my cousins. It was one of the best times of my life. I love you Uncle Gary. I love you Aunt Annette, Trisha, Gary Jay. My love and prayers are with all of you during this very difficult time. God Bless.##imported-begin##Don Moody##imported-end##

December 09, 2010 at 11:38 AM



“ Gary is in the hands of our Lord now. I can see him giving his folks a big hug and our mom and dad also. Maybe talking with dad about fishing. May God give you strength and courage at this time and always. Our love to you, Trish, Jay and all your precious grandchildren.##imported-begin##Arlene Olsen Moody##imported-end##

December 09, 2010 at 11:27 AM



“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. God be with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Jonathan & Melissa (Hankins) Stradt and family##imported-end##

December 08, 2010 at 04:44 PM