



## Gary Holt

August 7, 1956 - April 18, 2026

Gary Holt was born August 7, 1956, to William Carroll and Vera Holt in Bybee, TN.

Gary unexpectedly passed away Saturday April 18, 2026, at Cookeville Regional Hospital after complications from a recent illness.

Gary was a member of Cave Hill Baptist Church in Newport, TN. He worked with Royal Ambassador summer camp for 3 years and had also been an R. A. Leader at Northport Baptist Church.

Gary was always busy doing something, whether it was working, helping others, or just getting a rise out of making others happy. He never walked when he could run. Gary loved working on the farm and being on the tractor. Amos, his faithful steed watching him along the way. Gary was full of life and brought joy and laughter to everyone that knew him. His twin brother Larry often says Gary was the best looking of the pair, so says his twin. One thing for certain is that Gary NEVER completely grew up and he will never grow old. Gary was a paramedic of 30 years in 3 different counties and spent the last 20 years at Dollywood where he retired in 2023. He was a 32nd Degree Masonic Member and Pass Master. As if that wasn't enough, he was also a Shriner Clown.

Gary is survived by his wife Dean Green Holt, daughter Jennifer, son Adam and his wife Ally, stepchildren: Shea, Anthony and his wife Schea, Brad and his wife Amber with grandson Franky, Andrew, as well as Sarah and her husband Wes. He is also survived by mother Vera Stewart, twin brother Larry,

and brother Tim and his wife Michelle, with a special granddaughter Keirra Laws, as well as several nieces and nephews and extended family.

Gary was preceded in death by his wife Carla Holt; father William Carroll Holt, and his brother Lynn Holt.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Saturday, April 25, 2026 at Manes Funeral Home.

There will be a Masonic Service held at 3:00 pm in Manes Funeral Home Chapel followed by the memorial service with Rev. Tony Rutherford officiating. Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

APR **25**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Inc.  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821  
(423) 623-6952  
manesfuneralhome@bellsouth.net  
<https://www.manesfuneralhome.com/index.cfm>

## Memorial service

APR **25**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Prayers for the family so sorry for your loss.

Summer Sutton - April 29 at 11:38 AM

KE

“ Prayers for strength & comfort for Jennifer & Adam & all who know & loved Gary. He was always kind regardless if I was hanging out with Jennifer & even later in life as we both work in the medical field.

Kelly Ailey Eslinger - April 29 at 07:55 AM

TL

“ Larry so sorry to hear of your brother passing . I could never tell you two apart . I sure will be thinking of you and your Family during this most difficult time .

Tura wiley Lawson - April 26 at 12:09 PM

SH

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. We grew up together on Freeman street. Many prayers for all



Sandy Hurley - April 26 at 02:49 AM

NS

“ We are so sorry to read of Gary’s passing. He was a good guy with a soft heart. He loved to tease and everybody loved being around him. So full of life, it’s hard to believe he’s gone. Our deepest sympathy to his Mom, Larry and Jennifer..... all his family. Gone to soon. May God comfort you all in the coming days. Our prayers and thoughts are with each of you. Bobby and Nancy Swanger

Nancy Swanger - April 25 at 05:54 PM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time.

Jimmy and Charlotte Blazer



Jimmy and Charlotte Blazer - April 25 at 01:38 PM

PP

“ I was so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. My Prayers and thoughts go out to everyone in the family, Gary will be missed. Paula (Gorrell ) Poore.

Paula Ann Poore - April 25 at 10:53 AM

DG

“ Jennifer and Adam we are so sorry for the loss of your dad. We are praying for God's comfort and strength now and the day's to come. Darlene and Jeff Gorrell

Darlene Gorrell - April 25 at 08:41 AM

RJ

“ So sorry to hear of Gary Passing. Prayers and thoughts are with his family and friends



Rita Jennings - April 24 at 10:10 AM

KC

“ Sorry to the family for your loss.



Kathleen Campbell - April 23 at 07:31 PM

MT

“ So sorry for your loss prayers for the family  
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Marilyn Thomas - April 23 at 07:28 PM

CG

“ I worked with Dawg at Jefferson County Ems. Me and Don were his receptors when he went to paramedic school. I will miss getting to see you when you donate. May everone find peace and comfort during this time and to everyone that knew you, worked with you and especially his family. You were an awesome person. You will be missed. Thanks for being a friend to me. Charolette Gass.

Charolette Gass - April 23 at 11:28 AM

SS

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for the family. Sherry Prince Stazzone

sherry stazzone - April 22 at 05:38 PM

TW

“ Teresa Williams lit a candle in memory of Gary Holt



Teresa Williams - April 22 at 02:25 PM

CG

Comment was suppose to be preceptors. When you donated blood.

Charolette Gass - April 23 at 11:30 AM

DL

I am very sorry that Gary has passed. He was a close friend and will be missed. Prayers to the family.

darrell lindsey - April 25 at 02:43 PM

SO

“ I am so so sorry to hear that Gary passed away. I have known Gary most of my life. I knew him as a paramedic, when he worked at Dollywood, when he worked at Manes Funeral Home..... Gary Holt was one fine man. Always smiling and never met a stranger. Being in the medical field he knew most everyone in Cocke County. He had the best personality, and was well respected and liked. I am praying for his wife, children, Vera, Larry, Tim and all his family. God be with them in the days ahead.💔 This man will certainly be missed and not forgotten. Rest in peace Gary.



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**Susie O'Dell** - April 22 at 02:06 PM

SO

“ So sorry to hear of Gary's passing, praying for the family

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**ShaRon Ottinger** - April 21 at 11:16 PM

CV

“ I'm very sorry to hear of Gary's passing. I always thought he was a very kind man. The family is in my prayers.

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**Cindy Valentine** - April 21 at 12:23 PM