



## Gary Lee Reece Sr.

August 30, 1947 - December 11, 2019

Gary Lee Reece, Sr, 72 of Newport, met his Lord and Savior, Wednesday, December 11, 2019, after a short battle with cancer. Gary was born August 30, 1947, to Margie Lane and William Leon Reece.

Gary spent most of his life working in the grocery business at the White Store, Piggly Wiggly, and Food City. Gary also worked 16 years at ACE Products. Gary attended First Christian Church of Newport his entire life. He served as an Elder of the Church. Gary loved to talk and spend time with friends and family; he never met a stranger.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents and their spouses, Margie and Stan Brooks and Leon and Twila Reece, father and mother-in-law, Wes and Vege Cureton, and step-brother Tommy Baughman.

Gary leaves behind the love of his life, Brenda K. Reece, whom he fell in love with 56 years ago, and recently celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary.

Daughter and son-in-law, Command Chief Master Sergeant Michael and Michelle Johnson. Son and daughter-in-law, Gary Jr, "Buddy" and Melissa Bible Reece. The lights of his life, seven grandchildren, Mattie, Maggie, Michael, and Mollie Johnson and Daniel, Isaiah, and Ava Reece, and fishing buddy, brother-in-law, Kelly and wife Barbara Styles.

Gary is also survived by half-sister, Debbie and Terry Miller, Bybee, step-siblings, Rita and Art Wood, Massachusetts, Jerry and Janet Baughman, George and Dolly Baughman, and Margaret Baughman, South Carolina.

Several cousins and extended family. Best friend since birth, Hugh W. "Bud"

and wife Betsy Hightower. Best friends and traveling companions, Mike and Starlene Sweeten and family, Kristy Sweeten, and Jonathan, Holly, and Addy Sweeten.

A special thank you to family and friends for their loving care during the last month, to Kim Thomas and friends at Primary Care Center of Newport, Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice, and Gary's friends who he visited before church every Sunday morning at Manes Funeral Home.

A Celebration of Life will be held, Sunday, December 22, 2019, at First Christian Church, Newport. Family and friends will be received from 2:00-4:00 PM, with service to follow at 4:00. Pastor and friend Martin Stump will officiate. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Christian Church, C/O Mike Sweeten, 333 Unaka St, Newport, TN 37821, or Celebrate Life, PO Box 263, Newport,

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

First Christian Church  
382 East Broadway St  
Newport, TN 37821

## Celebration of Life

DEC **22**. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Newport, TN 37821

# Tribute Wall



“ Gary Lee Reece Sr.

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ Dear Brenda and family, we are so very saddened to hear of Gary's passing! We didn't know anything until just today, but will pray for you all that the Lord will heal your broken hearts and give you peace day by day. Gary truly was a Godly man and showed love to everyone. We loved our time with you at Newport Christian. He will be so very missed. May the Lord bless you and comfort you this day! Much love, Linda and Jim Chumney

Linda and Jim Chumney - December 27, 2019 at 10:36 AM



“ Brenda , My Childhood Friend , I'm So Sorry About Gary ! He Was A Wonderful Person And I Know Husband, Dad , Papaw And Friend To All Who Knew Him . Love You Girlfriend ! Imogene Chesteen Andrews !! ❤️



imogene Chesteen Andrews - December 22, 2019 at 09:13 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family through this difficult time... sorry for your loss

Johnny Denton - December 22, 2019 at 01:27 PM

CW

“ Brenda, buddy and the rest of the Reese family. I'm so very sorry for the loss of your husband, dad, and papaw. I'll always remember talking to him in the back always about his family. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers.

cindy wise - December 22, 2019 at 12:44 PM

BB

“ I am so, so sorry for your loss! Sending you love and prayers!

Brooke Fullington Boggs - December 22, 2019 at 11:13 AM

LD

“ All of you are in my thoughts and prayers, and as hard as this is, I will see you at the church Sunday. It's just so hard to imagine not seeing Gary anymore.....but we will join him someday and see him again. God Bless!!!

Matthew 5:4

Love, Linda

Linda & Bud Dawson - December 22, 2019 at 12:11 AM



MM

“ Knowing Gary at church, we knew he was truly a Christian man. We have all lost a good man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mike and Jude Moore

Mike and Jude Moore - December 21, 2019 at 07:56 PM

RP

“ *Brenda and family, so sorry to hear about Gary. We will be holding you all in our thoughts and prayers.*  
*Robin (McAlister) Palmer*

Robin Palmer - December 20, 2019 at 03:37 PM

JR

“ *June Holt Russell sent a virtual gift in memory of Gary Lee Reece Sr.*



June Holt Russell - December 20, 2019 at 09:47 AM



“ *Buddy, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers.*  
*Austin.*

Austin Bryant - December 19, 2019 at 01:24 AM

JC

“ *Brenda & Family, to hear of Cousin's passing was surprising and devastating. I look now how much love he had for all of you. It won't be easy, getting used to this, but God is in control and He will lead you. Love, Jane. See you Sunday.*

Jane Smith, first cousin - December 18, 2019 at 07:33 PM

MC

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Gary's passing, he has been a blessing to my mother for many years since she was diagnosed with dementia. Rest in peace Gary*

Marty Coakley - December 17, 2019 at 03:40 AM

KB

“ Prayers of comfort for Brenda and family. Gary will be missed.

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**Kevin and Teresa Bennett** - December 16, 2019 at 04:28 PM

CL

“ Brenda & Buddy, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers and with you both and your family.  
Christina Leas

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**Christina Leas** - December 16, 2019 at 03:28 PM

DF

“ Brenda, I'm so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was a good man and will be missed by many! May your precious memories bring you comfort!  
Debbie C. Fullington

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**Debbie Fullington** - December 16, 2019 at 10:38 AM

LR

“ Brenda so sorry to hear about Gary's passing. Thankful we were able to chat at your class reunion. Gary was always a good guy, rock solid, and a steady influence in many lives. RIP dear cousin. God be with you Brenda and family.

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**Luther Reece** - December 15, 2019 at 08:26 PM

LH

“ Prayers!

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**Louise & Jimmy Hux** - December 15, 2019 at 07:51 PM

MA

“ We are very sorry to hear about Gary. Prayers for the family.

*Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman*

Mary - December 15, 2019 at 05:18 PM

CW

“ Brenda I'm so sorry for your loss My thoughts and prayers are with you all May God bless you all

Christy Williams - December 15, 2019 at 03:25 PM

CS

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you with many happy memories.

Claude, Earlene, and Julie Strange - December 15, 2019 at 02:44 PM

IF

“ Brenda So Sorry About The Passing Of Gary . We Sure Had Some Good Times In a Our Teenage Days . Love And Prayers For You And Family !! ❤️❤️🙏🙏 Kermit Andrews And Imogene Chesteen Andrews ❤️❤️💔



imogene Andrews Friend - December 15, 2019 at 12:34 PM

Ed  
Hardison

“ So sorry to hear about this , He was always a good friend to my parents and to our family, Will miss him

Ed Hardison - December 15, 2019 at 11:33 AM

DO

“ So sorry to hear about Gary. I will miss our talks about many things. I can just see Cousins Nannie, Arlene, Ailene. And Lenola welcoming him Home.

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**Duay O'Neil** - December 14, 2019 at 08:51 PM

MW

“ He will be missed in our neighborhood and others. He was a great person. Deepest sympathy to his family.

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**Marie wood** - December 14, 2019 at 01:36 PM

CW

“ Sorry to hear about Gary's passing

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**charles and lana Williamson** - December 14, 2019 at 09:42 AM

CA

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Charlotte Atkins** - December 13, 2019 at 07:16 PM

JK

“ Condolences to the Family, Gary always had a smile on his face that will always be remembered.

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**Jeff Kyker** - December 13, 2019 at 01:31 PM

LB

“ Brenda, my sincere condolences to you and your family. Gary will forever be remembered as one of the nicest people ever. Thinking of you in prayer.

*Linda Sprouse Britton*

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**Linda Sprouse Britton** - December 13, 2019 at 11:39 AM

DO

“ *My sincere sympathy...always enjoyed talking with Gary about many things. No doubt, Cousins Nannie, Arlene, Ailene, and Lenola welcomed him home with open arms.*

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**Duay O'Neil** - December 13, 2019 at 09:35 AM

GK

“ *Condolences to the family.*

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**Gary S. & Dorothy J. Kyker** - December 12, 2019 at 08:30 PM

TL

“ *Brenda and Buddy ; I'm so very sorry to hear about Gary . He was always so friendly; and so very proud of his family and those grandchildren. Prayers for the Family.*

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**Tura Lawson** - December 12, 2019 at 10:34 AM

TD

“ *Brenda and family, So sorry to hear about Gary ... always a good friend .... Terry & Bonnie Davis*

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**Terry Davis** - December 12, 2019 at 08:14 AM

TS

“ *Gary was a great guy and friend--such a pleasant personality. What a legacy he leaves. He will certainly be missed by so many. Thinking of all of you.*

*Tommy & Karen Smith*

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**Tommy & Karen Smith** - December 12, 2019 at 08:03 AM

BE

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I graduate with Buddy from Cocke County High School.

Benjamin evans - December 12, 2019 at 08:00 AM

RF

“ Sorry for your loss Brenda. Gary and my Dad were the biggest cut-ups ever from their White Stores days. We spoke many, many times about those good times. May he rest in peace.

Ray Fancher - December 11, 2019 at 07:13 PM

BA

Brenda and family--I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers have been and will be with you all. Love to you. Barbara Williamson

Barbara - December 12, 2019 at 10:16 AM

MF

Condolences to Brenda and the Family. I was sad to hear about Gary's passing. I worked with Gary for many years at the White Store and he watched out for me while I worked there. He was one of the niceness and friendliest guys that you will ever meet. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Mike Francis

Mike Francis - December 14, 2019 at 11:57 AM