



## Gary Lynn Carter

December 26, 1947 - January 9, 2024

Gary Lynn Carter, age 76, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away January 9, 2024. Gary was born December 26, 1947 to Opal Neal and Ruth Carter. He graduated in the class of 1966 from Central High School in Muskogee.

Gary was astutely committed to his family. He was unwaveringly supportive of his children and grandchildren and took great joy in spending time with them. An avid reader, Gary was known for always having a story of his own to tell. The veracity of these stories was up to interpretation, yet testament to his remarkable sense of humor and wit. When not telling his own stories or making people laugh, Gary demonstrated a remarkable capacity to listen and to make others feel heard. This quality extended well beyond his family and loved ones into his everyday life and career. Through his position at the Jack C. Montgomery VA Hospital in Muskogee, Gary was a positive constant in the lives of those around him.

He was passionate about his work and would be the first to admit that the relationships he made there were the most important part. Gary was also a lifelong and respected musician. Music always played an important role in his life. He was an avid OU football fan and rooted for the St. Louis Cardinals for many years.

Gary is survived by his wife Jenni Carter; sisters, Janice Rogers of Tulsa and Sharon Backes and her husband Kevin of Muskogee, OK; sons, Travis and

Jason Carter, both of Tulsa, and Jason's wife, India; step-daughters, Shawna Hannon and husband Robert of Muskogee, and Kylee Dornan and husband James of Kingston; and grandchildren, Grant, Peyton, Chloe, Tyler, Rachael, Jaxon, Madelynn, Coulton, Gavin, Cheyenne, and Jordan.

He was preceded in death by parents, Opal Neal and Ruth Carter; brother, Ronald Gene Carter; and nephew, Kent Steven Backes.

Gary's life will be privately celebrated by his family and close friends.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Wesley lit a candle in memory of Gary Carter



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**Wesley** - February 07, 2024 at 11:53 AM

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“ I met Gary about 14 years ago. He was the best drummer and singer. He was a total gentleman and devoted husband to his wife Jenni. I met her and the rest is history. Best friends ever to me. Living next door I did hear lots of good memories in their home. Gary went above and beyond for me as a friend. You are already loved and missed by so many

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**Donna Fairchild Brooks** - February 02, 2024 at 12:36 AM