



Gary Glen Rankin

March 27, 1947 - January 25, 2022

Gary Glen Rankin, age 74 of Perryville, passed away January 25, 2022. He was born in Perryville, Arkansas on March 27, 1947, to RL "Cookie" and Lenora "Pete" Sloss Rankin and is survived by his devoted wife of 50 years, Kathy Crowson, son Cody Charles (Wife Jennifer), daughter Joanna, and sister ReGina Clay. Gary was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers James, Daniel, and his twin brother Larry.

After graduating from Perryville High School, Gary served his country as a Navy Seabee in Vietnam. He was a Union Ironworker by trade and retired from the Arkansas Gazette in Little Rock.

Gary enjoyed fishing, traveling, and outdoor adventures with his family. He was an avid history buff, especially Western American events. As a devoted husband, father, and brother, Gary was loved and admired by many as a good man, a second dad, friend, and anchor of strength.

Gary wished to be cremated and was adamant that a celebration of life be planned for friends and family instead of a funeral.

Fisherman's Prayer

I pray that I may live to fish

Until my dying day.

And when it comes to my last cast,

I then most humbly pray:

When in the Lord's great landing net

And peacefully asleep

That in His mercy I be judged

Big enough to keep.

Unknown

Tribute Wall

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“ Mr. Rankin was an amazing man. I had the great fortune to get to know the entire family. As a freshman at Univ or Arkansas at Fayetteville I met Cody and we became great friends. That was the first time I got to spend Thanksgiving with him and his family. I will never forget talking to Gary and really enjoyed getting to know the entire family. And who could ever forget his famous POPCORN. He loved his family and he was a spectacular human being. Who else would let a Yankee stay at his house no questions asked. He will be missed. His big bellow laugh and might have been the strongest human being I ever met. RIP Mr. Rankin you will be missed above the mason Dixon line as well

Adam Feinberg - February 03 at 03:36 AM

VC

“ Kathy and Family. So sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Thomas & Verna Corder

Verna Corder - February 02 at 01:51 PM

DB

“ So sorry to hear this. My thoughts and prayers are with Kathy and the family.

Dale Blaylock - February 01 at 10:00 PM

AA

“ Kathy so sorry for your loss, Gary was such a great friend to John. My thought's and prayers to you and family. Anita Adams

Anita Adams - January 28 at 09:42 PM

CB

“ Gary was such a joy to be around. He always had a smile for everyone.

Carolyn Brooks - January 28 at 08:39 PM

CA

“ Kathy and Family, So very sorry to hear. Thoughts are with the Family. Carroll and Kathy Allison

Carroll And Kathy Allison - January 28 at 05:08 AM

KY

“ Gary was a wonderful, caring and humble man. James and I cherish the memories we had with him. James especially enjoyed his and Gary’s last hoorah. Mud riding and exploring. Prayers Kathy, family and the many that loved him.

karen young - January 27 at 10:07 PM