



Gary Martin Kaufman

September 11, 1955 - August 24, 2023

Gary Martin Kaufman, age 67, of St. Vincent, died peacefully in his sleep on Thursday, August 24, 2023. He was born on September 11, 1955, in Morrilton, Arkansas to Louis and Louise Kaufman of St. Vincent. They took him home to their beef and turkey farm and he immediately decided he never wanted to leave.

After graduating from Arkansas Tech University, Gary returned to the family farm with his parents and ensured that they remained in their family home and helped care for them until their passing. Gary was a member and past president of the Conway County Farm Bureau Board, member of the Conway County Fair Board, the Arkansas Tech University Ag Advisory Board, and St. Vincent Knights of Columbus. He served many years on the Wonderview School Board, the St. Vincent Volunteer Fire Department, the Conway County Extension Council, and the St. Mary Parish Council and is a Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary Church in St. Vincent where he has been a lifetime member.

Kaufman Farms was selected as Conway County Farm Family in 1973 and in 1994 and was named an Arkansas Century Farm in 2018. Gary was the Butterball Grower of the Quarter nine times and Grower of the Year four times. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Sherry Nelson Kaufman of Cleveland; his children, Jason and Jane Kaufman of Morrilton, Brittany and Zachary Singleton of Walnut Ridge, Amber Kaufman of St. Vincent, and Emily and Richard Woodall of Conway; his grandchildren, Noah Kaufman, Bo Kaufman,

Adelaide Woodall, and Lee Woodall, who called him “Bubba” and thought he made the best popcorn in the world; his siblings, Drs. Dale and Jeana Kaufman, Mary Beth and Raymond Gunther, Brenda and Eddie Squires, and Sheila Hanson; and his aunt, Elizabeth Thines of Morrilton.

The funeral mass will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 28, at the St. Mary Catholic Church with Father Jack Harris officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery. Rosary will be 6:00 p.m. Sunday, with visitation following at the Harris Chapel. Gary never met a stranger and will be missed by many. Memorials may be made to Conway County 4-H. Please make checks payable to Conway County 4-H, Conway County Extension Service 1537 University Blvd. Morrilton, AR 72110. Pallbearers will be Drew Pinkston, Matt Pinkston, Brad Brewer, Michael Burgener, Bob Burgener, and Jason Kaufman.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

2041 Highway 95
Hattieville, AR 72063

Previous Events

Rosary

AUG 27. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton
1325 Oak St
Morrilton, AR 72110
(501) 354-4575

Visitation

AUG 27. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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1325 Oak St
Morrilton, AR 72110
(501) 354-4575

Funeral Mass

AUG 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church
11 Kaufman Ln.
Hattieville, AR 72063

Tribute Wall

SR

“ With deepest condolences we send to you, Sherry and family. Gary was never without a smile on his face and in his heart. He will be deeply missed by so many people. May he Rest In Peace.

Sara Raines - August 30, 2023 at 12:33 AM



“ Many prayers to all of you. Gary was always smiling and always asked about my family. I enjoyed visiting with him at the sale barn ..101 Livestock. He will be missed by many. RIP
Denise Lasowski

Denise Lasowski - August 28, 2023 at 09:14 PM

NM

“ Sending you the strength and courage you need to face the days ahead. We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Nancy Merryman - Justin & Joshua Pfeifer and Family

Nancy Merryman - August 28, 2023 at 05:57 PM

KM

“ My heart is broken for all the Kaufman family. I am so sorry for your lost. Gary was always there for our family.

Karen Mangiaracina - August 28, 2023 at 11:34 AM

BR

“ *Bettye and Sheree Rowell lit a candle in memory of Gary Kaufman*



Bettye Rowell and Sheree Rowell - August 28, 2023 at 07:52 AM

DN

“ *I was so saddened to hear of Gary’s passing. We became great friends while in college at Tech and I’m so grateful we were able to reconnect over the years and swap stories of the old days and talk about the world as it is. I know I always felt the better for it afterwards and am sure others did as well. His smile could light up a room or even on a phone call, you just felt better for it. Such an amazing and genuinely good man. Sherry, please know that you and the family are in our prayers as you deal with this loss.*

David Norman - August 27, 2023 at 06:18 PM

DB

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.*

Conway Country Club

Dan Bloodworth - August 27, 2023 at 05:55 PM

DP

“ To Sherry and Family: As a co-worker with Sheila, Gary's sister, we know how close the Kaufman siblings were in growing up and even today. We hope you can find comfort in this prayer:
A Blessing for the Sorrowful
May the Lord bless your sorrow and wash your eyes with tears until you can see clearly that invisible land where tears shall come no more. Amen
Diane and Tony Pollock

Diane Pollock - August 27, 2023 at 03:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Martin Kaufman.

August 27, 2023 at 12:57 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Gary Martin Kaufman.



August 27, 2023 at 12:57 PM

DJ

“ Dana, Rachel, and Jennifer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Martin Kaufman.

Dana, Rachel, and Jennifer - August 27, 2023 at 09:46 AM

DJ

“ Dana, Rachel, and Jennifer purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Gary Martin Kaufman.



Dana, Rachel, and Jennifer - August 27, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Martin Kaufman.

August 27, 2023 at 08:04 AM



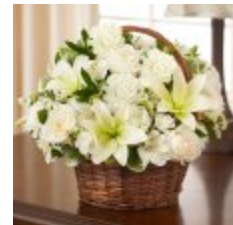
“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary Martin Kaufman.



August 27, 2023 at 08:04 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Gary Martin Kaufman.



August 26, 2023 at 03:53 PM

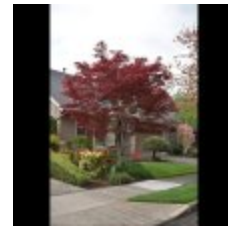


“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Martin Kaufman.

August 26, 2023 at 03:03 PM

AG

“ Aleks and Gena purchased the Red Leaf Japanese Maple for the family of Gary Martin Kaufman.



Aleks and Gena - August 26, 2023 at 02:34 PM

WF

“ With deepest sympathy, Jenny Flaherty purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Gary Martin Kaufman.



With deepest sympathy, Jenny Flaherty - August 26, 2023 at 12:28 PM

WF

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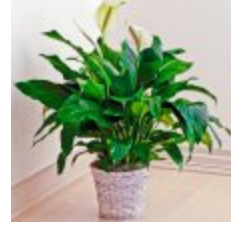
RB

“ We were saddened to hear of the loss of one of the Saint Vincent Community and Conway Counties truly outstanding and selfless civic leaders. Gary was an inspiration to all who encountered him . He was always friendly and sincere and not only a true gentleman but a friend to all.
Please know that Linda and my Prayers and thoughts are with the Kaufman family during their time of grief and recovery
Linda and Ray Briggler

Ray Briggler - August 26, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Gary Martin Kaufman.*



August 26, 2023 at 11:37 AM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Martin Kaufman.*



August 26, 2023 at 11:37 AM

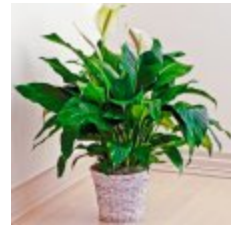


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August 26, 2023 at 11:37 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Gary Martin Kaufman.*



August 26, 2023 at 11:31 AM

YF

“ Your Ducks Unlimited Family purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Gary Martin Kaufman.



Your Ducks Unlimited Family - August 26, 2023 at 10:54 AM

YF

“ Your Ducks Unlimited Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Martin Kaufman.

Your Ducks Unlimited Family - August 26, 2023 at 10:54 AM

JD

“ Here at Harris we will miss his always smiling face, such a gentle and kind man who truly cared for others.

Janet Dilbeck - August 26, 2023 at 10:16 AM

GA

“ Gayla A. purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of Gary Martin Kaufman.



Gayla A. - August 26, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Gary Martin Kaufman.



August 26, 2023 at 09:40 AM



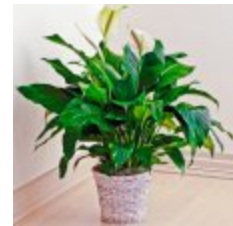
“ We will Miss our Great Friend Gary, always ready to Help, to listen, to fix breakfast after a duck hunt. Gary Loved his Family and Friends and he did everything to make you feel special. Rest In Peace Our Friend. Tommy & Diane Thompson



Tommy & Diane Thompson - August 26, 2023 at 08:12 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Gary Martin Kaufman.



August 25, 2023 at 09:38 PM



“ David D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Kaufman.

David D. - August 25, 2023 at 07:32 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Gary Martin Kaufman.



August 25, 2023 at 07:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Kaufman.

August 25, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary Martin Kaufman.



August 25, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Gary Martin Kaufman.



August 25, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Kaufman.

August 25, 2023 at 05:53 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Gary Martin Kaufman.



August 25, 2023 at 05:53 PM



“ Truly a great man and a true friend to all of us here at 101 Livestock...

John Knight - August 25, 2023 at 05:52 PM



“ Will truly miss his smiling face here at the sale barn. Was always a delight to deal with. He would always come in to get his proceeds check and tell me Gary Kaufmann with a K.

David Hutchins - August 25, 2023 at 05:50 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Martin Kaufman.



August 25, 2023 at 05:48 PM



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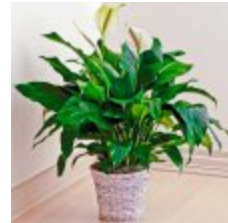
“ *Yellow & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Gary Martin Kaufman.*



August 25, 2023 at 05:47 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Gary Martin Kaufman.*



August 25, 2023 at 05:14 PM



“ *Robbey and Gary became friends one summer when Robbey was hauling hay there in ST Vincent they had got to talking and found out they were born on the same day and same year after that they would call each other their twin and each year they would get each other and birthday gift Robbey and I send our deepest sympathy and condolences and know that we are praying for You and your family*

Nena Scroggins - August 25, 2023 at 05:10 PM



One of the gifts exchanged was a singing fish (billy bass) is sticking in my head. I do not remember who was the giver and who was the receiver or any other details just that their was a lot of joy surrounding the exchange! Thank you so much for sharing the memory.

Brittany Singleton - August 25, 2023 at 11:34 PM



Mom remembered that dad was the receiver of the singing bass and told me exactly where I could find it.

Brittany Singleton - August 27, 2023 at 11:57 PM

ES

“ The Kaufmans have always been special people to me. The 15th of August was a special feast day in our church. I was seated when Sherry sat beside me during the mass. I remember holding hands with her during the recitation of the Our Father, so meaningful. Later after mass we connected again as we headed to the parking lot. Gary was out in front as they had driven separately bc he was working in the hay field. He turned around and gave Sherry (and me) a big smile and continued on his way. That was my gift that evening; I will always remember Gary from that last encounter. Sherry and family, my love and prayers.

Emerita Sponer - August 25, 2023 at 04:49 PM

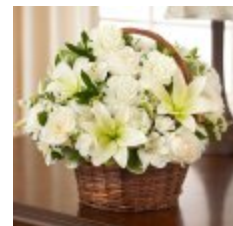


Thank you so much for sharing that story with us!

Brittany Singleton - August 25, 2023 at 11:26 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Gary Martin Kaufman.



August 25, 2023 at 04:48 PM

LW

“ *Sherry and children, I thought the world of Gary. He was a fine, Christian man. May you all know he is resting in Jesus' arms. One day everyone will be united once again. May eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Gary was loved by all and will certainly be missed.*

Linda Wiedower - August 25, 2023 at 04:42 PM

DA

Gary was an amazing man. You were a very fortunate person if you were blessed to have him as your friend. Gary dropped everything to help me when my husband passed and I'm sure there are so many more stories of the kindness he has given through the years. Eternal rest for Gary dear Lord, may he rest in peace. Amen.

Debbie Austin-Fauria - August 25, 2023 at 08:45 PM



Thank you so much Linda. When we would visit the cemetery dad would usually lead us in an Our Father prayer and follow it up the the second to the last sentence you wrote. What a special comfort to see those words in your message.

Brittany Singleton - August 25, 2023 at 11:37 PM