



Gary Wayne Dickinson

September 22, 1950 - January 26, 2024

Gary Wayne Dickinson, 73, of Waldorf passed away at his residence on January 26, 2024 of hydrocephalus. Gary was born on Sep 22, 1950 at Providence Hospital in Washington, DC, the youngest son of Harold Woodrow Dickinson and Margaret Ward DeShazo. Gary grew up in Hillcrest Heights, MD, in a house built by his father. He grew up surrounded by family, including his brother, the late Harold Dickinson Jr, and aunts, uncles, and cousins, some of whom were his neighbors. As a child, Gary took regular trips to King George County, VA, to visit extended family there. Gary was baptized at Hillcrest Baptist Church, where his family were active members.

After graduating High School in 1968, Gary began general studies at Prince Georges Community College. On Jun 14, 1969, he met Patricia Anne Tolson at a carnival in Clinton, MD, whom he married on July 31, 1971 at Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Gary served seven years in the Air Force, from Jan 20, 1971 until his honorable discharge on Feb 27, 1978. During this period, Gary and Pat had two children: the late Julie Dickinson Bradbury (Steven) and Paul Dickinson. Gary worked for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in Radar Maintenance between 1978 and 1990, where after he worked for the FAA as Program Manager until his retirement in 2011, for a total of 40 years of Military and Government Service.

Gary was an active member at First Baptist Church of Waldorf, where he served in the Sunday School, Youth, and Sound Ministries, as well as other areas.

Gary delighted in his grandchildren, Luke, Kara, and Jenna Bradbury, and enjoyed many camping and beach trips with them in his retirement years.

Gary leaves behind a wife, son, son-in-law, and three grandchildren. He was beloved by many, and will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to First Baptist Church of Waldorf.

Cemetery Details

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery

11301 Crain Hwy
Cheltenham, MD 20623

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Waldorf
10045 Bunker Hill Road
Waldorf, MD 20603

Service

FEB 20. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

FEB 20. 1:45 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am very sorry for the loss of a family member and friend, Gary was a very dedication to the Lord, and his Family, He Loved his wife and all his children. He chose his words carefully and was always helpful to many lives. Including mine. He was so easy to talk to and learn from. All my memories from the church touched my heart, it was shocking to hear that he passed, I am very sorry for your loss. Gary loved life, He was funny, and always knew the right words to say. I will miss him, Rest in Peace, see you soon friend, Prayers are in our Hearts for your family and friends. Joanna (Josie)

Joanna Leah Austin - February 25, 2024 at 09:37 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Wayne Dickinson.



February 19, 2024 at 03:11 PM

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“ Carol Gaunt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Wayne Dickinson.

Carol Gaunt - February 19, 2024 at 03:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Wayne Dickinson.*



February 19, 2024 at 12:30 PM



“ *Sending love, sympathy, and prayer for the Dickinson and Bradbury Family. Gary was indeed beloved and will be greatly missed. ❤️*
The Benton Family, FBCW

Toni Benton - February 15, 2024 at 01:13 PM



“ *My Uncle Harold talked me into giving piano lessons to Gary. I don't remember how old I was but probably in my early teens. Gary was 6 years younger than me. I wasn't a very good teacher and Gary had no interest in playing piano. Lessons didn't last long but the memory continues. What a wonderful man he became and we will miss him.*
Mitzi Smith

Lois Smith - February 07, 2024 at 11:41 AM