



## Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter

April 7, 1949 - July 12, 2023

Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter (AKA "Biggie") was born in Johnson City, Tennessee, on April 7, 1949, to Anna Maude and Allen Carpenter. He was called home on July 12, 2023, at the age of 74.

Biggie was known in Johnson City as one of the top football players in high school. He was described as a high-effort player and an "absolute fighter" on the field. When Carpenter put his helmet on, the nicest guy in the world became somebody you didn't want in front of you. After graduating from Science Hill, he married his high school sweetheart and they had a son, Michael S. Carpenter.

He started his career at Burton Rubber and worked there for many years. He also played softball for East Tennessee Mills. He enjoyed playing golf and loved entertaining family and friends at his home by watching sports at the famous "Round Table" in his living room. He served his community well. He was the kind of person who always helped in any way needed. He was an active member of Grace Temple Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Anna and Allen Carpenter, and siblings, Jerry Carpenter, Alen Carpenter, Mary "Jane" Brown, Virginia Carpenter, Barbara Bridges, and Eunice Cooley.

To cherish his memory, he leaves his son, Michael Carpenter (Tahira); stepson, Dominick Banner; grandchildren, Tre and Mikey Carpenter; and a host of family and extended family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 22. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

RH

“ *Renea Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter*



Renea Hall - July 24, 2023 at 10:29 AM

BJ

“ *Bobby J Ryans Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter*



Bobby J Ryans Jr - July 22, 2023 at 10:30 PM

ML

“ *Mary Latham sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter*

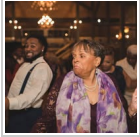


Mary Latham - July 22, 2023 at 03:17 PM

LP

“ *I am so grateful that our Heavenly Father encouraged me to reach out to you only days before Christmas 2022. Life is to short to allow negativity to rule our minds and hearts. Your angel wings have been earned and your pain is no longer!*  
*Lorry Pierce*

Lorry Pierce - July 22, 2023 at 11:51 AM



“ Carolyn Fain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter



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**Carolyn Fain** - July 22, 2023 at 11:00 AM



“ Shelia Bagwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter



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**Shelia Bagwell** - July 21, 2023 at 05:31 PM



“ Veral Neal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter



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**Veral Neal** - July 21, 2023 at 05:16 PM



“ Gary & Moricina Fain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter



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**Gary & Moricina Fain** - July 21, 2023 at 05:07 PM



“ *Louis Locke Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter*



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**Louis Locke Jr** - July 20, 2023 at 11:25 PM



“ *William H. Hill Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter*



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**William H. Hill Jr.** - July 20, 2023 at 10:15 PM



“ *William H. Hill Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter*



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**William H. Hill Jr.** - July 20, 2023 at 10:15 PM



“ *Sending prayers to Pam and the entire family of Mr. Gary Carpenter. Matt 5:4 Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted.*



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**Karla Bowen** - July 20, 2023 at 04:54 PM

LP

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Carpenter family.*

Lorry Pierce - July 20, 2023 at 04:18 PM



“ *Linda Workman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter*



Linda Workman - July 20, 2023 at 01:45 PM

TJ

“ *Glad to have known Biggie. We played softball together on the same team for several years. He was Great player and friend. Always full of laughs.*

Tony Johnson - July 20, 2023 at 12:52 PM

RS

“ *We are praying for GOD to comfort you all during this difficult time.*



Ron & Gwen Smith - July 20, 2023 at 12:33 PM

JW

“ *Janice Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter*



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**janice wells** - July 20, 2023 at 09:43 AM

RO

“ *Raymond & Carol Oxendine lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter*



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**Raymond & Carol Oxendine** - July 20, 2023 at 02:44 AM

FF

“ *Fred And Jackie Fields lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter*



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**Fred and Jackie Fields** - July 19, 2023 at 10:40 PM

SB

“ *SANDRA STEVENS BELL lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter*



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**SANDRA STEVENS BELL** - July 19, 2023 at 09:29 PM

SB

*Remembering Biggie...*

SANDRA STEVENS BELL - July 19, 2023 at 09:31 PM

AS

“ *Aundre Eugene Stevens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter*



Aundre Eugene Stevens - July 19, 2023 at 08:48 PM

DC

“ *Biggie, you were one of the older guys I looked up to. You cared enough to help me stay on a good track. I could never repay you for loving me like a brother and I am honored to call you friend. Rest well my brother. Dr. Conley*



Dr Melvin Conley - July 19, 2023 at 07:46 PM

MJ

“ *MARY JAMES lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter*



MARY JAMES - July 19, 2023 at 06:53 PM

MH

“ *Mary Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter*



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**Mary Harris** - July 19, 2023 at 06:50 PM

TR

“ *Tiffany Ryans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter*



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**Tiffany Ryans** - July 19, 2023 at 06:41 PM

CC

“ *R.I.P. Biggie*



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**Chuck Carroll** - July 19, 2023 at 06:11 PM

DW

“ *Be at peace in the Arms of Jesus sweet Biggie—my first love and father, grandfather and great grandfather to our generations. As always, Dottie.....*

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**Dottie De Waard** - July 19, 2023 at 05:51 PM

RB

“ To my niece Pam and the rest of the Carpenter family we send our love and condolences and prayers for peace as you lay Biggie to rest.



Ricky and Lisa (Cooley) Banks - July 19, 2023 at 04:00 PM

JB

“ Joe Bradley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter



Joe Bradley - July 19, 2023 at 03:21 PM

JB

*What a great athlete but a better person .Biggie will be missed.*

Joe Bradley - July 19, 2023 at 03:23 PM

RS

“ REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND

Ronald & Vanessa Stephens - July 19, 2023 at 02:49 PM

DC

“ Debra Mathes Crum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter



Debra Mathes Crum - July 19, 2023 at 12:49 PM

JL

“ *Julia Anderson Letcher lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter*



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**Julia Anderson Letcher** - July 19, 2023 at 12:34 PM

MR

“ *Sincere condolences from the Rollins Family*



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**Mary Rollins** - July 19, 2023 at 11:40 AM

JL

“ *Jacqueline Leeper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter*



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**Jacqueline Leeper** - July 19, 2023 at 11:23 AM

BS

“ *Bobbie Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter*



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**Bobbie Smith** - July 19, 2023 at 10:07 AM

PA

“ *Phyllis. Askew lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter*



Phyllis. Askew - July 19, 2023 at 07:43 AM

MD

“ *Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter*



Melvin Drumgoole - July 19, 2023 at 07:36 AM

RN

“ *Ricky A Nobleton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter*



Ricky A Nobleton - July 19, 2023 at 07:19 AM

CA

“ *Crystal Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter*



crystal anderson - July 18, 2023 at 09:14 PM

CT

“ *Connie Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter*



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**Connie Thompson** - July 18, 2023 at 08:38 PM

CS

“ *Condolences to all the family. I enjoyed sitting around and listening to my brother Dee Dee and Biggie talk about football before and after games. Biggie was an amazing player and as a young kid myself was always kind and welcoming to me. He will be missed.*



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**Charles Stuart** - July 18, 2023 at 08:07 PM

VR

“ *Rest in peace cuz until I see you again! Love goes out to you and you will be missed!*



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**Vangeline Rollins** - July 18, 2023 at 07:12 PM

JJ

“ *Jaymon, Edna and Adeline*



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**Jaymon Johnson** - July 18, 2023 at 06:03 PM

VP

“ Praying for you family.  
RIP



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**Viola patton** - July 18, 2023 at 04:59 PM

CG

“ Claudia Goines lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Gary Lee Carpenter



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**Claudia Goines** - July 18, 2023 at 04:39 PM

RH

“ Robert (sweetpapa) Hall lit a candle in  
memory of Mr. Gary Lee Carpenter



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**Robert (sweetpapa) Hall** - July 18, 2023 at 04:23 PM