



Gary L. Blankenship

April 6, 1952 - June 29, 2017

Gary L. Blankenship, 65, of Kearney died Thursday, June 29, 2017 at Kearney Regional Medical Center.

Memorial services will be Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Kearney. Rev. Stan Murdoch will officiate and burial will be at Kearney Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested in lieu of flowers to the family to be designated for kid's sports programs.

Gary was born April 6, 1952 in Superior, NE to Alvin "Dale" and Virginia (DeKalb) Blankenship. He grew up and attended school in Superior until moving to Kearney in 1969. He graduated from Kearney High School in 1970 then attended Kearney State College. He went to worked for Baldwin Filters then on June 4, 1977 he married Marge Hegarty in Kearney. He continued to work at Baldwin's and lived in Hastings and Fremont until moving back to Kearney in 1980. He retired in 1999 from Baldwin's and has been working part-time at Walmart in Kearney since.

He is a member of the First Baptist Church in Kearney and a past member of the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department. He is also a past president of the Kearney Soccer Program, was a Boy Scout Leader and Cub Master, coached many youth sports teams, and did volunteer work at Good Samaritan Hospital. Gary received the first Hub Freedom award for youth sports.

Surviving relatives include his wife of Kearney; sons, Greg Blankenship and wife Angie and grandchildren Aidan, Brady and Kellen of St. Paul, NE, Scott Blankenship and wife Jennifer and grandchildren Kameron and Tyler of Laveen, AZ; brothers, Al Blankenship and wife Sandy of Waverly, NE and Bruce Blankenship and wife Tammy of Kearney; sister, Debbie Craig and husband Brian of Omaha, NE; brother-in-laws, John and Mike Hegarty both of Lincoln, NE; sister-in-laws, Colleen Anderson of McAllen, TX, Barbara Hegarty, Theresa Hegarty, Laura Douglass and husband John, Bonnie Suarez and Carolyn Hegarty all of Lincoln, NE

He was preceded in death by his father in 1994; mother in 2007; granddaughter Quinn Marie in 2012 and nephew Tim Blankenship.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ Gary L. Blankenship

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear about Gary. Our sons were good friends. Gary was a good friend.

Dennis Shultz - July 06, 2017 at 12:07 PM



“ Deb Brian and family--So sorry to hear of your loss--praying that time and fond memories help to heal your hearts.--Steve and Eileen Moore

Eileen Moore - July 05, 2017 at 05:39 PM



“ I worked as a CARTPUSHER @ Wal-Mart when Gary worked there as a " Door Greeter".

Kent Verbeck - July 05, 2017 at 04:40 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memorial Video



Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services - July 05, 2017 at 03:19 PM

KW

“ Marge and all the Blankenship family,

Mary and I were very saddened to hear of Gary's passing. Our sincere sympathy to you. I'm sure Dale and Virginia greeted him at Heaven's gate.

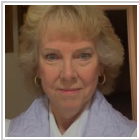
Keith and Mary Wagner

Keith and Mary Wagner - July 05, 2017 at 10:52 AM

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“ Rose & I send our love & prayers to the Blankenship family. Dale and Virginia were so Proud of their children and families. We looked forward to our short visits with Gary at Walmart.

Bob & Rose Rhodes - July 04, 2017 at 01:20 PM



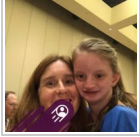
“ Greg and family, I had no idea Gary was your dad. He was always very friendly whenever I went to Walmart. I am so sorry for your loss. Not easy losing a dad at a relatively young age.

Bev Driscoll - July 03, 2017 at 10:06 PM

BR

“ Rose & I send our love and prayers to the Blankenship family. Dale and Virginia were so proud of their children and families. We looked forward to our short visits with Gary at Walmart. A trip to Walmart won't be the same. Bob and Rose Rhodes.

Bob & Rose Rhodes - July 03, 2017 at 02:56 PM



“ To Mrs blankship and family. I worked with Gary he was always so sweet to me and my family I'm so sorry for your loss

Rebecca Harris - July 02, 2017 at 12:53 PM

SD

“ Gary was always a helpful associate at the store. To Mrs. Blankenship, family, friends, and coworkers, sorry for your loss.

Shelly Daake - July 01, 2017 at 05:45 PM

MN

“ I extend my deepest heartfelt condolences to the family. When you trust in the Lord, he will help you thru this most difficult time. I know. Words cannot say what you are feeling. A hug is the only thing that helps, no words, just to be hugged.
Gary was my classmate.

Marcene Niedt

Marcene Niedt - July 01, 2017 at 05:06 PM

BJ

“ I worked with Gary at Wal-Mart he will be missed God bless all of his family. Bernard and Brenda Judd kearney

Bernard Judd - July 01, 2017 at 10:55 AM

BF

“ Bruce and Trish Craig & family purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Gary L. Blankenship.



Bruce and Trish Craig & family - June 30, 2017 at 05:22 PM