



Gary Wayne Pirtle

July 2, 1953 - December 24, 2024

PIRTLE, Gary Wayne, 71, passed away at home on Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve 2024.

He was born on July 2, 1953, to Ruby and Russell Pirtle. Gary was one of eleven children.

Gary graduated from Ahrens Trade Vocational High School as part of the Class of '72. He liked to say his first job was delivering Courier Journal papers with his brother, Donnie.

Gary retired from American Standard and was proud to work with his dad for some of those years. He worked at Kentucky Trailer as a paint finisher.

Currently, for the last 15 years, Gary has worked for GE in various buildings. He took pride in any job he did. He was also a member of the union, Local 83761.

Gary loved to talk. Always making friends wherever he went. He loved his guitar and playing with Theresa's family. Gary loved to dance. He learned to DJ for parties and weddings with Theresa by his side as his helper and a lifelong fan of Elvis Presley.

Gary's greatest love was his wife, Theresa, celebrating 51 years of marriage this past December. Gary thanked God every day he spent with her and their little dog, Tinkerbelle.

Besides Theresa, Gary is survived by his brothers, Mike (Bonnie) and David; sisters, Judy Hardin, Sherry Gant (Tom), Peggy Holt, Darlene Carrico, and Janice Rein; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Ruby Dillihay Pirtle; brothers, Jim, Paul, Kenneth, and Donnie; and sisters, Betty, Gayle, and Hope.

A service to celebrate Gary's life will be held at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway, on Friday, January 10, 2025. Visitation will be from 10am-2pm with a service at 2pm.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
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Louisville, KY 40216
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Tribute Wall

SB

“ Gary. Rest In Peace. Susie Ballard. Ahrens H S 1972.

susie ballard - January 21, 2025 at 05:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Wayne Pirtle.



January 09, 2025 at 03:56 PM

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“ Karen Seyler and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Wayne Pirtle.

Karen Seyler and family - January 09, 2025 at 10:31 AM

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“ Karen Seyler and family purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Gary Wayne Pirtle.



Karen Seyler and family - January 09, 2025 at 10:31 AM

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“ I worked along the side of Gary at GE for some years before moving to a different section but I remember him well. Gary could get on your nerves at times BUT I knew he had a loving heart. To his beautiful wife I would love to send condolences to especially and let her know Gary would talk about her everyday and I even heard him otp walking in letting her know how much he loved her every morning. Gary would often tell him about the times he seen my uncle Jimmy Ellis parade after winning the heavyweight championship which made me smile. Gary will be missed in this realm truly. Bless you G.P

delvin (Donte) Ellis - January 09, 2025 at 09:12 AM

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“ Gary was truly a good, kind man who loved his wife dearly and all his family.

It was always fun to be around him and talk to him. Rest in peace, Gary. You will be missed.

*With love and hugs,
Susan (Ethridge) and Pete Eiche*

Susan Eiche - January 07, 2025 at 03:28 PM



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

January 06, 2025 at 12:55 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Wayne Pirtle.*



January 06, 2025 at 12:55 PM



“ *Gary was so full of life and never met a stranger. He was one heck of a guy, a good man and you could see the love he had for His wife when he looked at her. May he rest in peace, sending our love and prayers for his wife and family . Sincerely, Tony & Joni Vozzo*

Tony Vozzo - January 05, 2025 at 11:07 PM



“ *I am so sorry for the Loss of Gary. My heart goes out to all his family & especially his wife, Theresa. He will be missed greatly. Such a dear friend for over 50 years. Love you Gary! Love you Theresa. Your friend in North Carolina, Rita Gibbs*

Rita Gibbs - January 05, 2025 at 09:10 PM