



## Gary Dunlap

July 3, 1944 - September 4, 2012

Gary Hays Dunlap, 68, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died September 4, 2012, at Circle of Life Hospice, Springdale, Arkansas. Born July 3, 1944, in Prairie Grove, Arkansas, he was the son of Bill Bailey and Betty and Hurchel Dunlap. He was a lifelong resident of Northwest Arkansas, and a 1962 graduate of Siloam Springs High School. Gary retired from United Telephone Company after working for 25 years and then was self-employed until 2011. He was preceded in death by one grandchild; his parents; and one brother.

Survivors include his wife Linda Parks of Siloam Springs; two daughters, Jerra Torna and husband Steve of Montana, and Sherri Copeland and husband Scott of Kansas, Oklahoma; two sons, Gary Dunlap and wife Amy of Highfill, Arkansas, and Wesley Mabry and wife Melissa of Centerton, Arkansas; 14 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; step-son, Kent Riley and wife Jamie of Edgartown, Massachusetts; step-daughter, Tonya Mobley and husband Brian of Mint Hill, North Carolina; one brother and one sister; and a very special friend, Lonnie Eudy, of Siloam Springs. Memorial services will be 2:00p.m., Friday, September 7, 2012, at Wasson Memorial Chapel, Siloam Springs, with Pastor Lonnie Nelson and Roger Reid officiating. Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, September 6, 2012, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Siloam Springs Library, 401 W. University, Siloam Springs, AR 72761.

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ Gary was a delight to know. He will be missed by many and life will be difficult for Linda without him. I loved watching him look at her and the love shining between them. They were both blessed.

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**Judy Cloyd Arbia** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Linda and Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.

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**Belinda Londagin Shetlar** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Gary, Amy and Family,  
  
we are so very sorry for your loss.

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**Renee and Clay Bradshaw** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Gary, Amy & all of the family--we are so sorry for your loss. May your memories & God's love bring you peace & comfort at this difficult time.

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**Larry & Lana Hurt** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Gary was a good friend. I always enjoyed visiting with him, especially about bowling. He was a great bowler. Linda, I am so sorry. As you know, you were very valuable to him . You will be in our prayers.

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**Donetta Samuels** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ We have known Gary over 20 years. He was a kind and gentle man. He had a very soft heart for animals - feeding cats and birds - as well as having cats and dogs. We will miss Mr. Gary. He was the self appointed Caregiver of my sister, Linda, who is in poor health with cancer.

We were fortunate enough to travel with Gary and Linda last year to Martha's Vineyard, MA and Watch Hill, RI.

Mr. Gary will remain in our hearts. We had him at the head of our dining table in our house in Siloam Springs. We will leave his seat empty - because no one can fill his shoes.

Gary was a very intelligent man. He helped us with our i-phone and computer.

We are truly grateful to Lonnie Eudy for his friendship to Gary and Linda. He is the true meaning of a friend.

With love for Gary,  
Beverly and Bub Joyce

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**Beverly & Bub Joyce** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ I extend my deepest sympathy to you, Linda and all the family in your loss of Gary. Here, we of the class of '62 just celebrated our 50th Class reunion together. It was good to see Gary and you again. I always remember Gary and his jeep when we were in high school. May God and good memories give you much comfort.

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**Louise Jennings** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Gary was the closest thing I ever had to a father. He made my mom happy, made my daughter giggle, and made the world a better place with his silly sense of humor. He loved reading, and was great at shooting guns.

Gary has spent the last of his years taking amazing care of my mom through her illness, and I am so grateful for the blessing he has been, not only to her, but to all those whose lives he touched.

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**Tonya Mobley** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I've known Gary for over 20 years ... He has always been good company. But over the past few years I've especially enjoyed talking about movies with him. He knew so much about film. I loved to hear his Siloam stories and to laugh with him. In Watch Hill, RI, last summer, we enjoyed Gary so much ... all of us on vacation, just playing and exploring. I loved to see how Gary played with Addie, Savanna, and Myles ... He knew how to reach across the generations. And Linda and Gary's love story is one of the great inspirations of my life. Gary will remain in our hearts in so many ways.

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**Michael Jackson** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ I met Gary in 2004, but felt as though I'd known him my entire life. He had a way of making people feel comfortable with his sincere honesty and his unbeatable humor. His love was and will continue to be an inspiration. Thank you, Gary, for the memories that will live in our hearts forever. We miss you.

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**Kent and Jamie Riley** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Linda and family  
We were so sorry to hear of Gary's  
passing. We enjoyed so much sitting  
with you all during dinner at our  
50 year class reunion and visiting.  
Gary was a great classmate and caring  
person.  
May God's love comfort you at this time.*

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**Larry & Patty Mason** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Gary & Amy - We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are  
in our thoughts and prayers. May God hold you close and comfort  
you.*

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**Jim & Sherry Shrum** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ *I worked with Gary when he was at the county working on phones.  
He was a fun  
man to talk to and he was always so concerned about his wife. God  
Bless Him and His Family.  
Patty*

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**Patty Dial** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Dear Linda,  
Just wanted to let you know how sorry I am at the loss of Gary. You  
have and continue to be in my prayers.  
Love you  
Terry*

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**Terry Biggs** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Gary I am really sorry for the loss of your dad, my prayers are with your family.

Karen Lingle - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ We have lost a true gentleman. Gary was gentle in dealing with his friends and acquaintances; he was especially gentle with small children, with whom he seemed to share a unique bond. He was gentle in dealing with animals; he loved his cats.

*His love for and care of Linda should serve to inspire all of us.*

*Gary, you will be missed.*

Bub Joyce - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ gary was funny man, he came into my shop one day about 330pm his boots where untied we told him, his reply was "i know, i leave home that way sometime during the day when i have to kneel down i will tie them then, today i have not had to kneel down yet."

steve sturm - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of need

david crile - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Linda and Family, many hearts were sadden when we learned of your loss. You see, it was our loss too.  
I have only known and been friends with Gary for a short time, but, it did not matter how long someone knew Gary; he was always a friend to you. Gary was a teacher and a help to me, and, he will be missed by me, and, all who knew him.  
May you all be watched over during this time of great sadness, and, may all of your memories of Gary be of his warmth and gentle nature.

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**Lee R. Paull** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Prayers for fmaily and friends. So sorry for your loss I know Gary will be deeply missed.

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**Michelle Smith** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Gary will be missed, we feel blessed he considered us among his friends, our thoughts and prayers are with his family

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**John & Sandie Mahoney** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Gary was a great guy and had a delightful sense of humor. He was also a very kind and caring individual and went out of his way to help others. It was my pleasure to get to know Gary and Linda a few years ago. His care and concern for her is an example to us all. He will indeed be missed. Linda, I am so sorry we never got together for one last breakfast! You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Mary Buckley** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Known Gary a long time and enjoyed shooting with him. Worked with him putting on matches at ACPL for the 10 years I have lived in Berryville.

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**John May** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ I am so sorry, Linda. I love you!

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**Ann Brewster** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Linda and kids,

So sorry to hear about Gary. We are so glad you both came to the class reunion.

Linda, take care of yourself and know that we are praying for you.

Donley and Connie

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**Donley and Connie Harrington** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ There are no words to describe my appreciation and gratitude for what Gary was to our family. The devotion and care he showed for my mom even before she became ill... The world could use a lot more people like him. Funny, sincere, friendly, kind, smart (smart allelic as well, I may miss that most of all) and so much more.

I wish I had told him how I felt more often and more directly, but again there really aren't words enough to properly express what he meant to me and my family.

Thank you Gary, goodbye.

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**Kent Riley** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *The loss of a loved one is one of the most difficult challenges in life that we have to face. I know the strength that you have in your heart and this is what is carrying you through. God gave each one of us a great gift, the gift of seeing our loved ones after they pass. When I lost my father and my mom, I couldn't hve made it through till I understood what God was showing me. I have thanked God for this. I can close my eyes at anytime and they are there in my thoughts and memory. It is God's photograph to us to help us through our day.*

*You are in my prayers.*

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**Regina Thompson** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *To Linda, and family of Gary's...  
Our deepest sympathy, love and Prayer's go out to you all.  
Linda, if there's anything we can help out with, please give us a call..*

*Mike and Yvonne Larson*

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**Mike and Yvonne Larson** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Gary, Amy Nacona and Trevor,  
We are so sorry to hear of your loss it is not always easy losing a parent or grandparent but know that God is there for you to lean on. My God bring you all comfort and strength and know that we are always here is you need anything. Praying for you all  
Love The Brigances*

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**Shawn and Nanci Brigance** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ No doubt our friend Gary was special. When I first met him,he scared me! But he didn't waste time showing me he had a heart as big as the sky. I will miss his smile and the twinkle in his eye. Gary was a real friend. Linda,our thoughts and prayers are with you and his loved ones.

*God Bless*

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**Diane Haring** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ Our Friend Gary I have Known 10 years, Through these years he has shared his wealth of knowledge. Many times he has told me that "We are Defined by the People We are with". He will truly be missed.

*Rest in Peace*

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**Frederick Haring** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I always enjoyed seeing Gary at the range. He was a great shot!

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**Jan Walker** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ It was truly a privilege to know Gary. Our family extends its heartfelt condolences. God bless.

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**Bob Atkinson** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Praying for God's comfort and protection for your family during this difficult time.

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**Donnie and Sandy Millsap** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To Gary, Amy, and the Family,

*Regenia and I are so sorry for your loss. While I never really knew your father, I do know you. I have to think the same good qualities I see in you came at least partially from him; "apples don't fall far from the tree". Regenia and my prayer will be that Jesus wraps His arms around each member of the family and gives the type peace and comfort that only He can provide.*

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**Dr. Randy C. Barrett, Supt.** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Spent many hours in a boat with Gary, always a good draw for a tournament. We shared many tales of networking woes...

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**Dick Lester** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Linda, I wish I had words that could take away the pain you must be feeling right now. I was so shocked to hear about Gary's passing. In fact, I wasn't aware that he was ill until just a week or so ago. I've known Gary for over 50 years and rarely saw him over the years, but when I did, he was always the same ole Gary. Always had that ornery grin on his face, and that twinkle in his eye, and always had something to say! And when he talked about you, it was obvious that he cared very deeply about you. I know that you have wonderful memories, and I pray that these memories and the comfort only God can give, will help you and your family in the days ahead. I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Joyce Bailey** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Gary Jr. and Family:  
I was sorry to hear about your father passing, his suffering has ended and there should be comfort in knowing this.  
God does not give us more than we can handle. He will provide you with strength to face these difficult times, although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in my thoughts and prayers.

*My deepest Sympathy,  
William & Melody Carey*

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**Melody Carey** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Gary will be missed by all tha knew him. He his family have been life time friends of my family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*God Bless All*

*Phyllis Barker Curtis*

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**Phyllis Barker Curtis** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ I have known Gary and family for several years. I use to bowl with him and his sister Lynn. He will be missed.

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**Rita Daniels/Nadine Daniels** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Oh how that teasing and big smile will be missed. He was a good friend for over 60 years. God bless his family and help them through this time of sorrow.

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**Glenita Guthrie** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ My deepest condolences go out to all of Gary's family. I'm so sorry for your loss. Gary was a very likable guy who I always enjoyed working with while I worked with him at Benton County. He taught me quite a bit about installing, managing and maintaining networks and phone system. He taught many things that were far above and beyond what he was contracted to do which I deeply appreciate as it has helped me build my career. I also was amazed at his marksmanship skills after he invited me to Sturm's for competition night and I have thought of him as one of the top marksmen from that day on. I know it's hard to loose such an amazing person but stand by the Lord and you will be able to get through it and just know we will all be reunited in Heaven one day.

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**Darren Vohs** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I always enjoyed the discussions we had at Cathy's. I appreciated you. May God bless.

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**Michael Rapp** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ The finest man I ever met , never had a bad thing to say about anyone , I had the opportunity to spent many hours on the water with him truly times I will never forget,He will be missed

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**Tim Harrison** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EV

“ *To Linda and Family*

*There are not words to tell you how Gary's passing had on me. Over the years, Gary was one of the few people that I knew that was always the same. Thinking back to the days of the early 60's, and the time between then and now; Gary was just Gary.*

*I am sure that we will be united again in Heaven.*

*My thoughts and prayers will be with you at this time.*

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**Evan Vohs** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *Gary & Amy, so sorry to hear about your dad passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Let us know what we can do. Love you, Leroy & Karen*

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**Leroy & Karen Keigley** - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM