



Gary W. Meeks

April 7, 1945 - April 12, 2018

Retired Colonel Gary Willard Meeks passed away April 12, 2018 at Siloam Springs Nursing and Rehabilitation after a long and lengthy illness. Gary was born on April 7, 1945 in Camden, Arkansas to Dorman and Beulah Tuberville Meeks. He was a graduate of Camden High School and Ouachita Baptist University. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dorman and Beulah Meeks, his brother Wayne Meeks, niece Tammi Tutt Ray and step son Brad Norris.

He is survived by his loving wife Alice of Siloam Springs; his precious daughter Kristen Meeks Carter (Brad) of Franklin, TN.; two grandchildren, Carson Carter and Lauren Carter of Franklin, TN.; one step daughter Rochelle Combest (Scott) of Dallas, TX.; three step grandchildren Clare Combest of Cincinnati, OH, Reid Combest and Wyatt Norris of Springdale, AR.; one sister, Wanda Steed (Gene) of Camden, AR.; one niece, Gigi Bird (David) of Hot Springs, AR.; one nephew, Matthew Meeks (Lauren) of Fayetteville, AR.; one aunt, Amanda Meeks Gray (Don) of Benton, AR.; two sisters in law, Margi Meeks of Fort Smith, AR., and Rita Foster of Siloam Springs, AR.; and many other relatives and special friends.

Gary was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Maumelle, AR. He loved to sing, especially old hymns, gospel songs, and 50's and 60's music. Now he is singing in the Heavenly choir.

Gary was a devoted soldier, serving 30 years in the military for his country. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War and Desert Storm. Gary was a graduate of the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA., Command and General Staff College, Army Jungle School, Armor School, and Field Artillery Advance courses.

He received the following awards during his service:

National Defense Service medal

Vietnam Service medal

Army Commendation medal

Humanitarian Service medal

Army Service medal

Armed Forces Service reserve medal

Republic of Vietnam Campaign medal

Kuwait Liberation medal

Southwest Asia medal

Bronze Star medal

Combat Infantryman medal

Gary was an avid golfer. After retiring, he spent much of his leisure time playing golf, the game he loved, and loving on his grandchildren. His kindness and sweet smile will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

There will be a celebration of Gary's life with full Military honors at Wasson Funeral Home in Siloam Springs, AR on April 21, 2018, at 2:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Hospice of North Arkansas, 3277 West Sunset Suite D, Springdale, AR., 72762.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

APR **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GP

“ Served under COL Meeks command in 1-142d FA, he was a great leader. R.I.P.

SFC (RET) Gerald Pederson

gerald pederson - April 21, 2018 at 09:53 AM

MB

“ Mitch Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Gary W. Meeks



Mitch Blankenship - April 21, 2018 at 09:40 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary W. Meeks.



April 21, 2018 at 08:57 AM



“ 41 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wasson Funeral Home - April 20, 2018 at 11:07 AM

BC

“ Brad & Judy Carter purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gary W. Meeks.



Brad & Judy Carter - April 18, 2018 at 02:30 PM

RA

“ Sorry to hear of Colonel Meeks passing. We served together in the Arkansas National Guard. I considered him as a friend as well as a soldier.

MSG(Ret) Ron Allen

Ron Allen - April 18, 2018 at 11:53 AM

CH

“ Alice, so sorry to hear of Gary’s passing!
We spent a lot of time together serving in The Arkansas Army National Guard. He trusted my “Full Time Guard” judgement and advise, of which I appreciated. It was not always about work and friendship developed.
Both Chris and I send our love!
Col(Ret) Chainsaw and Chris Henry

Col(Ret) Charles & Chris Henry - April 17, 2018 at 01:56 PM

SE

Kristen, I am so sorry about your Dad. We were lucky enough to be friends with him and Donnie, and then stand up with him him when he married Alice. He was an amazing man. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love you, Susan Eiler

susan Eiler - April 20, 2018 at 09:03 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary W. Meeks.



April 17, 2018 at 12:52 PM

RA

“ Met Gary while working at Wal-Mart Bentonville and thought a great deal of him. God bless the family. Ron Anderson

Ron Anderson - April 17, 2018 at 11:06 AM

JO

“ Thoughts and prayers to Alice and family during this time. God bless.

Jean Orr - April 16, 2018 at 07:49 PM

LL

“ So sorry for you loss. I never got to meet Mr. Gary, but my Niece Beth was one of the ladies who took care of him at the resident. Her words and thoughts were enough to tell me this was a great man who was so loved by all. I want to thank the family for his service to our country. And to let you know he has touch so many lives. Praying for the family.
Linda Lott

Linda Lott - April 16, 2018 at 11:13 AM

MH

“ MICHAEL HOWSER lit a candle in memory of Gary W. Meeks



MICHAEL HOWSER - April 15, 2018 at 05:43 PM

MH

“ My condolences to Alice and family during this period of celebrating the Life and memories of Gary. I remember him as a very friendly person who welcomed me as a new student who moved to Camden in 1958. Our 1963 graduating class was one of the last to attend CHS prior to consolidating with Fairview. Having moved from Camden after graduating I was unaware of his 30 year career with the military. I am grateful for his service to our country in Vietnam and Desert Storm. I'm sure he was a great leader in those efforts which protected the freedoms we enjoy today. May our Lord be with all of you as you say farewell and comfort you with His peace as you face the days ahead. RIP my friend for a job well done until we meet again some day. With love, Marilyn K Plunk Hampton, Oklahoma City OK.



Marilyn K Hampton - April 14, 2018 at 01:32 PM

SL

“ My heart cries over the loss of my dear first cousin. My deepest sympathy and prayers for Alice, Kristen and Wanda Gail.

Sharon Dunn Leachman - April 14, 2018 at 09:46 AM

JM

“ John Meeker lit a candle in memory of Gary W. Meeks



John Meeker - April 14, 2018 at 09:32 AM

RW

May our heavenly Father comfort each member of the family.

Roy Willcox - April 24, 2018 at 11:16 PM