



Gayland Rex VanDyke

October 7, 1933 - April 11, 2016

Gayland Rex VanDyke was born October 7, 1933 in Bird City, Kansas, to John Wesley and Christina (Neidig) VanDyke. He lived in Cheyenne County, Kansas until 1940 when his family moved to Decatur, Arkansas. He graduated from Decatur High School in 1952. He served in the Korean War Conflict in 1954 and 1955. He worked for A & P Tea Co. from 1952-1969, except for time served in the U.S. Army. After moving back to Decatur, AR Gayland owned and operated a grocery store for many years and then worked as a heavy equipment operator for Benton County, Arkansas until retirement. He was married to Juanita Bullion from 1956 -1981; they had six children. In 1983, he married Beryl (Spencer) Ellis.

Gayland was preceded in death by his parents, baby son Andy VanDyke, brother Gerald VanDyke, sisters Rose Marie Scrogam, Marlene Lou VanDyke, son Keith Ellis and grand-son Taylor Wade Ellis.

Survivors include Mellody Panzer and husband Allan of Bellair, Texas, Stephen Vandyke of Gentry Arkansas, Missy Mehringer of Fort Worth, Texas, Phillip VanDyke and wife Dora of West Siloam Springs, Vanessa Wendt and husband Terry of Hayworth, Oklahoma, Lex Ellis and wife Renea of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, Tracy Ellis and wife Teresa of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Clark Ellis of Colcord, Oklahoma, Steven Ellis and wife Patti of Colcord, Oklahoma, Kevin Ellis of Vinita, Oklahoma. Grandchildren include Jennifer and Robert Panzer, David and Karissa Weygandt, Rachel Flippo, Celia Vreeland, Christopher VanDyke, Ben, Abi, and Rebekah Wendt, Josh Harper, Adam

Ellis, Aaron Ellis, Lindsey McReynolds-Garrett, Ricky McReynolds, Kim Knight, Bobby Jo Knight, Alayna Benefield, Kelsi Sellers, Jamie Tims, Seth Ellis, Anthony Swaim, Stephanie Gragg, Stephen Swaim, Summer Hyde, Levi Ellis, and Sydney Brassfield. In addition, there are 33 great grandchildren and 3 more arriving soon, sister Wanda Sparks of Grove, Oklahoma and brother Lonnie VanDyke of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m., Saturday, April 16, 2016 at Colcord Church of Christ, Colcord, Oklahoma, with Mr. Larry Ellis officiating. Burial will follow at Decatur Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, April 15, 2016 at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Cemetery Details

Decatur Cemetery

Decatur Cemetery
Decatur, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
441 U.S. 412
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
(479) 524-5131
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

Service

APR **16**. 1:30 PM (CT)

Colcord Church of Christ
175 N. Colcord Ave.
Colcord, OK 74338

Tribute Wall

JS

“ We love you Aunt Wanda and are thinking of you. We know Gayland was a good brother to you.

Jack Hopkins Family

Judy Smith - April 17, 2016 at 02:07 PM

WS

Thank you Judy, He really was an exceptional person. I never heard him say anything bad about another person. In fact, he was always making excuses for other people when their behavior was bad. The closest I ever heard him be critical was when he was talking about a business man that he wouldn't do business was because he did something unethical. I said would he really do that? Gayland replied, "Do birds fly?"

Wanda Sparks - April 18, 2016 at 02:57 PM

AW

“ Amy Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Gayland Rex VanDyke



Amy Williams - April 15, 2016 at 01:57 PM

AW

Gayland was a great man, always had pleasant visits. Beryl and all the family, you are in my thoughts and prayers!!

Amy Williams - April 15, 2016 at 01:59 PM

AW

“ Amy Williams lit a candle in memory of Gayland Rex VanDyke



Amy Williams - April 15, 2016 at 01:55 PM



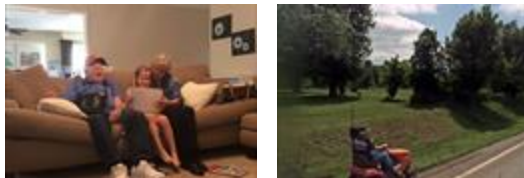
“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gayland Rex VanDyke.



April 15, 2016 at 12:22 PM

SE

“ 2 files added to the album LifeTributes



Seth Ellis - April 15, 2016 at 10:41 AM

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“ 3 files added to the album LifeTributes



Seth Ellis - April 15, 2016 at 10:26 AM



“ 52 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wasson Funeral Home - April 14, 2016 at 04:56 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of *Gayland Rex VanDyke*.



April 14, 2016 at 02:05 PM



“ *Kingwood Moms* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of *Gayland Rex VanDyke*.



Kingwood Moms - April 14, 2016 at 12:37 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gayland Rex VanDyke.



April 13, 2016 at 11:19 PM



“ I remember Gayland I grew up with his kids and went to school with them Steven, Mossy and Phillip he was a great guy and a good friend miss him

Edwin Keith - April 13, 2016 at 11:09 PM



“ To all the Family, God bless you all during this sad time. When I was young, we lived right up the road from the Vandyke Family. Gayland was a good guy and I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Patty (Holt) Boyle'



Patty Boyle - April 13, 2016 at 08:12 PM



“ Gayland has always been there for my family and I appreciate the VanDyke family so. Please know the entire Meek and Saunders' families send our love and prayers to all of you. Sure going to miss seeing Gayland in church. He was so kind and supportive. Blessings and prayers.
Bev and Al Saunders

Bev Meek Saunders - April 13, 2016 at 10:57 AM

DD

“ Beryl very sorry to hear this. You always have been stronger than anyone I have ever known. Wishing peace for you and family.

Donna Davison - April 13, 2016 at 12:39 AM

BM

“ Missy, so sorry for your loss! Many thoughts and prayers are being sent your way, sweet friend!



Betsy Miles - April 12, 2016 at 09:50 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gayland Rex VanDyke.



April 12, 2016 at 08:54 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gayland Rex VanDyke.



April 12, 2016 at 08:23 PM

SW

“ *My thoughts and prayers for the family.*



Sharon Philpott Wood - April 12, 2016 at 07:12 PM

DF

“ *Dave, Shirley and family purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Gayland Rex VanDyke.*



Dave, Shirley and family - April 12, 2016 at 07:02 PM

KS

“ *Vanessa,
You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,
Kathy and Bill*

Kathy Seremet - April 12, 2016 at 06:42 PM

AS

“ *Vanessa, my prayers are with you & your family.....love you..*



Anita Segraves - April 12, 2016 at 03:25 PM

LG

“ Love Always, Kevin, Shelia Browsers & Girls purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Gayland Rex VanDyke.



Love Always, Kevin, Shelia Browsers & Girls - April 12, 2016 at 02:46 PM

BE

“ Belindalondaginshetlar sent a virtual gift in memory of Gayland Rex VanDyke



belindalondaginshetlar - April 12, 2016 at 02:17 PM

KB

“ As you grieve know that we are remembering you and honoring the memory of Gayland. May God comfort you and your family during this time.



Kevin & Shelia Browsers - April 12, 2016 at 02:07 PM