



Gary M. Rutherford

October 7, 1937 - August 11, 2020

Gary M. Rutherford, 82, died at home on August 11, 2020. He was preceded in death by his wife of 38 years Marti Turner Rutherford. After the death of his first wife, he met and fell in love with another Martha. They shared 21 wonderful years of marriage. He is survived by his wife Martha Hawkins Rutherford, his two children Kimberly Mullen (Michel) of Helotes, Texas, and Kip Rutherford (Carrie) of Arlington, Tennessee, his stepson, Michael Ferguson, of Jacksonville, Florida, his brother Glenn Rutherford (Charlotte), five grandchildren, and a host of other dear relatives and friends.

Gary graduated from Whitehaven High School (1956), and later Memphis State University where he was a proud member of Kappa Alpha. In addition to working with his brother Glenn in commercial real estate, Gary had a successful career at Sears Roebuck and Company. He traveled extensively during his time at Sears but spent most of his career in Chicago, Illinois. After his retirement in 1989, he returned home to Germantown, Tennessee where he remained until his death.

Gary was an active member of Germantown United Methodist Church, and of the Lamplighters Sunday School Class. He served his congregation and his God with love and unwavering faith. He was generous with his time and resources. He founded and led the Men's Prayer Group that now bears his name. Gary enjoyed golf and fellowship with friends. He was a member of the Rotary Club, Lions Club, Methodist Men, and Toastmasters Prime Timers. He served as a Trustee, and as a member of the Board of Directors for several civic and religious organizations.

In addition to expressing his gratefulness to his wife, his children, his brother and their families for the joy, love, and laughter they have shared with him, Gary wanted to thank Dr. Derene Akins, Dr. William Mariencheck, and Dr. Jack Whorman, Jr. for the care they provided to him, as well as fraternity brothers and friends Mike Hopper and Charlie Stone for their love and support.

The family will receive friends from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 15 at Germantown United Methodist Church with the funeral service to follow at 11:00 a.m. The burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery. The family requests that any memorials be made to Germantown United Methodist Church, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Events

AUG **Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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Germantown United Methodist Church
2331 S. Germantown Rd., Germantown, TN, US, 38138

AUG **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Dear Gary was so gracious and loving to me and my family. I always enjoyed the respectful political discussions we had. I will miss him but will keep him in heart. With love, Patti McLaughlin

Patricia McLaughlin - August 15, 2020 at 11:49 AM



“ Martha and Family....

Bob and I are thinking of you in your loss and remembering what an extraordinary person Gary was: generous, enthusiastic, positive (no problem too difficult to solve), loving and willing to do whatever you needed. His spirit lives on in all who knew him. How blessed we are that our life paths crossed....for me, first at that magical place called Lambuth and later as Bob and he met when Bob served St. Matthews where Frankie Turner was a member. May your memories and the love you shared sustain you through this difficult time. But we know where Gary is....only a whisper and a breath away.. God be with you.

Oma Strickland

Oma Strickland - August 14, 2020 at 11:59 PM



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August 13, 2020 at 11:56 AM