



## Gary Wayne Stewart

December 11, 1935 - October 1, 2019

Gary Stewart, a long-time resident of Bolivar, passed away Tuesday October 1 after a lengthy illness. He was born in Bolivar to Noel and Wave Stewart on December 11, 1935. Gary spent most of his childhood in Bolivar and graduated from BHS in 1953. He attended Southwest Missouri State College where he majored in architect design. He was quite active there, joining the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity, was on the cheerleading squad, participated in several musicals, and was a cadet in the ROTC program. Most importantly, however, he met the person he would always refer to as “the love of my life”, Sally Day. After graduating they were married on August 24, 1957. They moved to New Jersey where Gary was a member of the United States Army Signal Corps. After completing his service, they returned to the Midwest and lived in Illinois for several years before moving to Bolivar. Gary worked at Commerce Bank for over 30 years. He and Sally raised three daughters Stacy, Kelly and Christy. He was a member of the First Christian Church where he sang in the choir. He was also an avid golfer. Following his retirement, he and Sally spent winters in Tucson, AZ and the summers at their lake house on Pomme de Terre Lake. Gary attended the United Methodist church in Tucson where he was a member of the men’s vocal group. While in Arizona he enjoyed playing golf and being a tour guide to his many Bolivar friends who came to visit. Gary is survived by four grandchildren, Shannon, Kelsey, Stephen and Stewart Kennedy, niece Julie Viger and husband Dennis, nephew Jerry Lawrence and wife Brenda, niece Valerie Lawrence and her

partner Stephanie. He was preceded in death by his wife Sally, brother-in-law Donald Day, sister-in-law Margaret Lawrence and her husband Bob and niece Lisa Lawrence. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society.

Services for Gary Stewart will be held 10:00 AM Monday, October 7, 2019 at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO. Visitation will be held 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Sunday, October 6, 2019 at the Butler Funeral Home. Burial will take place in the Greenwood Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

S. Dunnegan Ave.  
Bolivar, MO 65613

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 6. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
407 E. Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
(417) 326-5233  
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

OCT 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Gary Wayne Stewart

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ Gary Wayne Stewart

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ Gary will be missed by all of us in Vocal Seniority and Vista United Methodist Church. We loved singing with him and being around him. We are sad that he is gone from us , but know that he has been reunited with Sally and all his loved ones around God's throne. We miss you, Gary.

Bill Bellah - October 08, 2019 at 03:50 PM



“ My best friend for 73 years. I will certainly miss him.  
Byron

Byron - October 06, 2019 at 08:30 PM

YN

“ Gary and I met in 2013, after our spouses had passed away. Silly as it may sound, it was my dog, Jing Li who first took an interest in Gary. For Jing Li it was love at first "sniff"; for us (Gary & I) it took only a short time of getting to know each other that we became very close. We enjoyed golfing, music (both listening and dancing), traveling, and socializing with friends over games (especially cards). Whoever Gary met, they would soon become another friend. Gary will be missed by many and I am sure will always be remembered with love.

Yolanda Niemann - October 05, 2019 at 10:24 PM

YN

“ Gary and I met in 2013, after our spouses passed. Silly as it may sound, it was JingLi who first took an interest in Gary. For JingLi it was love at first sniff. For us, it took only a short time of getting to know each other before we became very close. We enjoyed golf, listening to music (Gary introduced me to the music of IL Divo), dancing, travelling and most of all socializing with friends over food/ drinks and games (especially cards). Whoever Gary met became another friend. Gary will be missed by many. I am sure he will always be remembered with love

Yolanda Niemann - October 05, 2019 at 09:36 AM

TF

“ The Lawrence Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Gary Wayne Stewart.



The Lawrence Family - October 05, 2019 at 08:27 AM

AJ

“ Aunt Jeanne and Tony and Jan purchased the Sunny Memories for the family of Gary Wayne Stewart.



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**Aunt Jeanne and Tony and Jan** - October 04, 2019 at 05:13 PM

RG

“ Gary was a joy to know and have as a golf partner. All of us in the SaddleBrooke community will miss him dearly. Love and prayers to the family and friends. We rejoice that he was a man of faith in the Lord.  
Ron Gannett

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**Ron Gannett** - October 03, 2019 at 03:02 PM

KL

“ Kelly Lange lit a candle in memory of Gary Wayne Stewart



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**Kelly Lange** - October 03, 2019 at 11:11 AM

DK

“ We were saddened to learn of Gary's passing. For 15 years, Gary was a good friend here in SaddleBrooke, and we have many wonderful memories, notwithstanding those with Gary and Sally at our "tops down" trips in our convertibles. As Sally is always in our thoughts, Gary too will be in our fond memories. We were lucky to have been friends with Gary and Sally. And we will have never heard of Boliver it is wasn't for our stopover there on our way to SaddleBrooke. I have passed the word about Gary here in SaddleBrooke and they are as sad to hear of Gary's passing, and wishing we could be in Boliver, but know we are there in spirit.

*Dave and Jan Kettwig, SaddleBrooke*

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David Kettwig - October 03, 2019 at 10:53 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Wayne Stewart.



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October 03, 2019 at 10:07 AM

DP

“ Desiree Perkins lit a candle in memory of Gary Wayne Stewart



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Desiree Perkins - October 02, 2019 at 05:38 PM

SJ

“ Not enough room or time to share the many, many memories of this beloved friend...like a brother to me and Godfather to my daughter...beloved husband to my long time friend, Sally...father to three outstanding young women... grandfather and friend to many. So many memories of days at the lake and years of skiing in Colorado. RIP, dear friend.

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**Sandy Jones** - October 02, 2019 at 11:10 AM

HK

"Gary sat next to me during Vocal Seniority rehearsals at Vista United Methodist Church. Now every Tuesday morning there is the feeling that someone that is missing should be there. Blessings to you, Gary."

Howard Kaste - October 12

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**Howard Kaste** - October 12, 2019 at 03:27 PM

LP

I just happened to find this website- so though it's been years since Gary went to heaven I still have him in my thoughts & heart. Gary was my next door neighbor- a wonderful neighbor- turned friend. I was honored when he told me I was like a 4th daughter! I have been blessed to know Gary's- Girls; Christy, Kelly & Stacy- all of whom I have loved getting to know & who have shared new info about their fun, upbeat, outgoing & very smart Dad. I wish I knew you longer... Cheers to the years- until we meet again. Love you Gary

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**Lexi Phillips** - September 04, 2023 at 07:58 PM