



Gary Wayne Bankston

June 17, 1945 - October 17, 2024

Gary, age 79, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 17, 2024. He was a resident of Ponchatoula, LA. Gary was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ponchatoula and a United States Navy veteran. He was a hard worker and dedicated many years to Bellsouth as well as Grady Crawford before retiring. Gary enjoyed watching LSU football and baseball. He even played baseball in his younger years and enjoyed sharing the stories about his time on the field. He loved going hunting with his boys and grandchildren and he liked working in his garden. Gary was a true family man and was happiest having everyone over for a cookout and a game of holeyboard. He adored all his grandbabies and took the title of Paw Paw very seriously. Gary was always wearing a smile and had a heart of gold. He left his family with a lifetime of beautiful memories and will be forever missed.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Roxanna Sandifer Bankston; sons, Bradley Bankston (Megan), Jason Bankston (Brianna); brothers, John Bankston and Russell Bankston; grandchildren, Jake, Luke, Finley, Jacob, Kamryn, Gia, Kinion, Madeline; and his favorite little dog, Bo.

Gary is preceded in death by his son, Norman Bernard Bankston; parents, Lola and Philip Bankston; and brother, Philip "Bo" Bankston.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation at the

First Baptist Church of Ponchatoula on Monday, October 21, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. until the funeral service at 11:30 a.m. Dr. David Cranford will officiate with interment to follow in Blackwell Family Cemetery in Folsom.

Cemetery Details

Blackwell Cemetery

Folsom, LA 70437

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Ponchatoula
325 E Pine St.
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Funeral Service

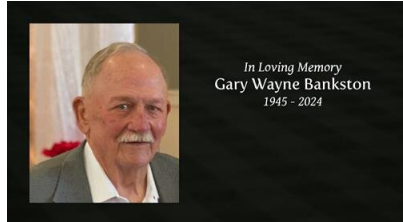
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Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Wayne Bankston*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - October 20, 2024 at 09:40 AM

LF

So sorry for your loss!!

Lori Fresina - October 24, 2024 at 05:49 PM

DH

Great outdoorsman and friend. Kind, decent, honest man. We met ist hammond high, he a senior and me a sophomore. I would help him with cleaners deliveries. Though our worlds went in different directions whenever we daw each other there would always be his smile. All are blessed who had an opportunity to share with Gary.

Rest in prace brother. Love ❤️ you.

Dave Harvey

Dave Harvey - October 25, 2024 at 07:13 PM

LB

Miss you pawpaw

Luke Bankston - March 25, 2025 at 09:22 PM

GD

“ *Roxanne, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family through these most difficult times.*

Glenda and Bill Dufreche - October 20, 2024 at 05:59 PM

MM

I am praying for you and your family as well.

Melissa Maurer - October 21, 2024 at 08:04 AM

BD

“ *Bj D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Wayne Bankston.*

Bj D. - October 19, 2024 at 04:22 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Wayne Bankston.*



October 19, 2024 at 03:58 PM

FF

“ *From your Turnaround Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Wayne Bankston.*

From your Turnaround Family - October 19, 2024 at 03:58 PM

SN

“ *So sorry to hear about Gary passing. We graduated from Hammond High together, and my husband worked with at phone co. Sue Smith Navarre & Travis Navarre*

sue smith navarre - October 19, 2024 at 02:53 PM

RM

I worked with Gary at Southeastern years ago and knew him as Bo's brother. He was a really great guy that I enjoyed knowing. This was a shocker to me to see he passed away. I will be praying for his family in this horrible time of grief.

Rosalyn Chauvin McDaniel - October 19, 2024 at 03:54 PM