



## Cpt. Gary A. Bird

January 3, 1943 - January 29, 2023

Gary went home to the Lord on Sunday, January 29, 2023 surrounded by his loving family. He just recently celebrated his 80th birthday on January 3, 2023. He was born in Mount Enterprise, TX to the late Howell and Margaret Bird and currently resided in Walker, LA. Gary entered the service in 1960 after attending school in Liberty, TX. He spent 36 years total serving our country (4 in the US Navy and 32 in the US Coast Guard). Captain Bird served on 7 ships (Commander of two Red Cedar and Buttonwood). He received several personal decorations and Achievement Medals throughout his service. Gary's most proud accomplishment was his family.

He is survived by his loving wife, Linda Jean Bird; daughter, Patty Jean Shearin and husband Darrell; grandchildren, Misty Jean Millbern and husband Michael, Kalil Hasney, Luke Shearin; great-grandchildren, Cayden and Gabe Millbern; and many nieces and nephews.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents, Howell and Margaret Bird; and 12 siblings.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home at 7738 Florida Blvd. Denham Springs, LA 70726 on Friday, February 3, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. until the memorial service at 2:00 p.m.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Denham Springs, LA  
7738 Florida Blvd.  
Denham Springs, LA 70726  
(225) 380-3500

## Memorial Service

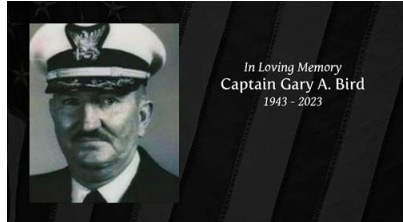
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Cpt. Gary A. Bird*



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**Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home** - February 01, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Gary and I first met in Officer Candidate School in Yorktown, VA. We were both prior enlisted. We were both born in 1943. We were both Quartermasters. Our careers paralleled each other. Both had command of a buoy tender. The only difference was that I retired in 1886. He was a good man and sailor. God rest his soul.*

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**CDR Theodore C. Scheeser, USCG (ret)** - May 15, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ *I served Capt Bird, while on the CGC Buttonwood in 1983, as a non rate. My name is Tony Garanzuay, BMC, retired (2003). I greatly respected Capt Bird. We had a great crew. We replaced the CGC Blackthorn, after it's sinking, so we were super vigilant. Mr. Vanderplas, CWO Mike Rhodes, BMC Langhorn, BM1 Butch Garrett, SK1 Ruben Aguirre, to name a few, were all great crew members. My deepest and sincere condolences to the family. P.s. saw his name on the CG magazine, "Long Blue Line" Taps my friend. "Fair Winds".*

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**Tony Garanzuay** - April 27, 2023 at 01:09 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Cpt. Gary A. Bird.*



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February 01, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Cpt. Gary A. Bird.*



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February 01, 2023 at 01:35 PM



“ *We are sad to learn that CAPT Bird has crossed the bar... your family is in our thoughts and prayers. I worked for him in two assignments - he was always a patient and professional teacher, genuinely interested in his crews. Please know we are thinking about you all in this sad time. Inta and Erik Funk, Kerrville, TX.*

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**erik n funk** - January 30, 2023 at 10:22 PM



“ *American Darters Associations Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Cpt. Gary A. Bird.*



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**American Darters Associations Family** - January 30, 2023 at 08:52 PM