



Gary Q. Lea "The General"

January 18, 1952 - March 17, 2016

"Do not be afraid..." Genesis 15:1

Gary, age 64, went to be with His Lord on Thursday, March 17, 2016, at his Albany residence surrounded by his loving family and friends. He was a dedicated member of Old Zion Hill Baptist Church, was the owner of Lea's Grocery for 40 years and loved to serve his community. He was the Safety Officer in the Albany Volunteer Fire Department as well as an active member of District 11 Fire Department north of Albany. Gary and Tracker, his beloved canine, were members of the LaSAR Search and Rescue Team since 2007. He earned his EMT Certificate through Northshore Technical Community College. Gary loved to hunt, but was most famous for his boiled crawfish and fried turkeys. He was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, and friend who will be missed dearly by all who knew him.

Gary is survived by his beloved wife of 44 years, Betty Jo Lea; mother, Bea and stepfather James Lott; daughter, Krystal Lea Pauli and husband Lyman; son, Matthew Luke Lea and wife Wendy; brother, Art Lea and wife Maria; step-brother, Mike Lott and wife Vickey; step-sister, Kathy Lott; grandchildren, Dylan Glascock, Aaron and Adam Lea, Amanda Pauli and fiancée, Daniel Tallia, Samantha Pauli; great-grandson, Daniel Tallia; his Search and Rescue Companion, Tracker; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, Luke Lea; grandparents, William and

Alma Lea, and Arthur and Lula Hoover; son-in-law, Delvin Glascock; mother and father-in-law, Deloris and Arthur Bernard; sisters-in-law, Brenda Lea and Debra Yawn; and brother-in-law, Ellis Bernard.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Hammond, on Saturday, March 19, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. until the Funeral Service at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow in Old Zion Hill Baptist Church Cemetery. Brother Gary Dennis will officiate the services.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Albany Volunteer Fire Department or Old Zion Hill Baptist Church.

The Lea family would like to extend a special thanks to everyone at AmeraCare Hospice.

“General Lea does it better”

Condolences and other information are available at www.thompsoncares.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Old Zion Hill Baptist Church Cemetery

25890 Hwy 442
Independence, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA
12012 Highway 190 W
Hammond, LA 70401
(225) 567-1884

Visitation

MAR 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life Service

MAR **20**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

VO

“ So very sorry to hear this ,but no more pain and hurting but remember he is always with you through your children and the love he had for y'all .Victoria Jane Overland

victoria jane Overland - March 20, 2016 at 10:40 AM

CA

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Catherine - March 20, 2016 at 09:50 AM

EG

Worked with The General years ago, he was an amazing man and a good friend

Eddie Guillory - March 23, 2016 at 07:24 AM

DC

“ My deepest sympathy go out to you and your family during this time of grief. May you have comfort and peace knowing that “The Bible calls Jehovah God “the source of life.” (Psalm 36:9; Acts 17:24, 25) The One who gave life to all living creatures is certainly capable of restoring life to someone who has died.” Please accept my condolence, and know we are here for you. If you have any questions please contact me at the email listed.

Debra Collins - March 19, 2016 at 10:55 AM

RC

“ sorry for your loss. I went to school with Gary and Art, he was a good man. he will be missed. Rita carroll



Rita Carroll - March 18, 2016 at 09:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Q. Lea "The General".



March 18, 2016 at 08:48 PM

TA

“ Tim And Wanda Anthony lit a candle in memory of Gary Q. Lea "The General"



Tim and Wanda Anthony - March 18, 2016 at 08:17 PM

JA

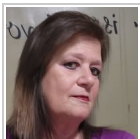
“ After spending 12years of school with Gary, I feel like a family member has passed. Truly breaks my heart. What a huge loss for everyone.

Jeannie Bendily Ammon - March 18, 2016 at 07:53 PM

GA

“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.

Gordon Anderson - March 18, 2016 at 07:37 PM



“ Jeannine Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Gary Q. Lea "The General"



Jeannine Cunningham - March 18, 2016 at 06:03 PM

WK

“ Wyvette Kinchen lit a candle in memory of Gary Q. Lea "The General"

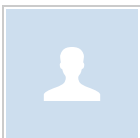


Wyvette Kinchen - March 18, 2016 at 04:51 PM

LK

“ Condolences to Mrs Betty Jo and the rest of the family. Mr Gary will be sadly missed! Prayers for the family.

Larry & Teresa Kropog - March 18, 2016 at 03:46 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary Q. Lea "The General".



March 18, 2016 at 01:18 PM

DF

“ Dale (Butch) Shows & Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Gary Q. Lea "The General".



Dale (Butch) Shows & Family - March 18, 2016 at 09:58 AM

BM

“ My condolences go out too Betty Jo and the generals entire family as they go thru this tough time. Gary Lea will be deeply missed by everyone.

Barbara Murphy - March 18, 2016 at 09:15 AM

CQ

“ So sorry for your loss!!! I have been praying for peace for your family Wendy Lea. Mr. Gary was such a wonderful person and has done so much in his life for the community of Albany. He will be missed by all...



Cheryl Quamme - March 18, 2016 at 05:29 AM

PS

“ The Lea family is close to my heart as I share your loss. My thoughts are with you.



Patrice Staton - March 18, 2016 at 03:28 AM

SY

“ Today we sent some flowers to Kandyce just to show some Love and light up her day a little as her & her family go through such a tough season of their lives. May God give each family member and friend the strength needed to push through the days ahead of them. Love The Yelverton Family 🥰🙏



shauntele yelverton - March 17, 2016 at 09:48 PM

VJ

“ Sending our love and condolences to Mr Gary Lea's family from the Johnson family. He will be greatly missed. Love you all!

Vanessa Johnson - March 17, 2016 at 09:09 PM

BH

“ Our deepest condolences and prayers of comfort out to Betty Joe and family.

Bobby Hicks - March 17, 2016 at 09:00 PM



“ i saw the look of love between Gary and Tracker. It was a genuine bond. Gary will be missed by all of those he loved and helped through the years.

Tony and Mary Mocsary Button

Mary Mocsary - March 17, 2016 at 08:00 PM

