



## Barry Lynn Garner

April 1, 1971 - July 29, 2022

Mr. Barry Lynn Garner, age 51, passed away July 29, 2022 at Maury Regional Medical Center in Columbia TN after a courageous 10 years, 4 months, and 2 weeks battle with cancer. Mr. Garner was born April 1, 1971 in Cookeville, Tennessee to Brenda Gail Howell Kennedy of Maury County, Tennessee. Funeral services for Mr. Garner will be held Sunday, August 7, 2022 at 2:00 pm at Bennett May & Pierce Funeral Home in Pulaski TN with Bro. Jeff Jenkins and Bro. Mark Johnson officiating. Visitation will be held from 12:00 pm until the time of the service. Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery in Pulaski, Tennessee.

Mr. Garner was the loving husband of Phyllis Kincaid Garner, and the father of his greatest pride and joy in life, his wonderful children; Phillip Kody Garner and wife, Katelynn, Karrie Lynn Garner, and Zachary Thomas Garner, all of Pulaski, Tennessee.

Mr. Garner was a 1990 graduate of Giles County High School where he played football. He was blessed to remain lifelong friends with so many of his classmates with them remembering and calling him by his football nickname "Truck". He spoke often of his classmates and how much he enjoyed being in their circle of friends. Barry was a 20-year employee of American Magotteaux in Pulaski, having retired due to his disability. Most of those 20 years he spent working as a crane operator, which he really enjoyed because he was working

with friends, not just co-workers. It was so easy for Bear (his mother nicknamed him this as an infant) to make friends and keep those friends for a lifetime. He loved people and could relate on any level to others pain, joy, happiness, and sorrow and would be able to bring a smile to those hurting and a laugh to those needing it. Barry had a wonderful sense of humor that never failed to bring "eye rolls" from his kids. You never knew what to expect from Bear....he was a constant source of unpredictability, he loved pulling something on his kids more than anything.....and hearing them say "D A D D Y!!!" in embarrassment or "really Daddy???" tone made him the happiest!! A day with Nascar, football, lots of laughter, ice cream, and accomplishing something, was a good day for Barry. Barry loved and lived his life with a zest and passion that was contagious to those who loved him. Barry was the "heart" of his mother, the love of her life, constant companion, best friend, confidante, and "calm in a storm" for his wife, and the role model who practiced working hard, playing often, the importance of laughter, the need to always tell the truth regardless of the consequences, the appreciation of good food, the value of a close, loving family, saving for a rainy day, and always telling those you love, that you love them, to his children and grandchildren. He loved his family with all his heart, and they knew it, because he told them often.

In addition to his mother, wife, and children, Mr. Gamer is survived by his loving "bonus kids" Emily Brown (Tony) Thompson and Adam Brown. Bear was quick to tell anyone that Emily was his oldest daughter because he never felt like she wasn't his oldest daughter. He was so proud of Emily and Tony, and so grateful that they gave him his grandchildren, Colton Dale Thompson, and "his little ray of sunshine" Colbie Jane Thompson. His stepsister, Deborah Ann Kennedy and his stepbrother, Eric Ray Kennedy also survive him. His beloved father-in-law and mother-in-law, Philip and Jane Kincaid and his uncle that loved him as a son, Larry Hazelwood, survive Barry. Other aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends also survive him.

His grandparents predecease Mr. Garner: Dewey Thomas Howell and Alma Ruth Hobbs Howell and Ostin Garner and Elsie Howell Garner. He is also predeceased by his stepfather, Billy Ray Kennedy; his aunt; Pat Howell Hazelwood; and his uncle, Ricky Lynn Howell. His 4-legged companion, Ozzy, also predeceased him.

Pallbearers for Mr. Gamer will be Adam Brown, Tony Thompson, Michael McDade, Darrick "Big D" Litaker, Wesley Perry, and Eddie Ball.

Honorary pallbearers will be Philip and Jane Kincaid, Larry Hazelwood, Luanne Ray, Keith Ballentine, Joe Howell, Amit Choksi, Dr. Charles Haney, Dr. Jordan Berlin, Dr. Karthik Jothi, Dr. Timothy Gordon, and Dr. Victor Beck, Jr.

Special friends who have been loving and supportive for these 10 years are: Jan Bass, Deanne Parker, Beverly Murrey, Melissa Roller, Ashley Dickey, Davida, Stephan and Kristen Jones, Alex Perry, Tammy Helton, Bro. Jeff Jenkins, Bro. Mark Johnson, Mary Bolger and Michael Rush. A grateful appreciation is sent to the EMT's of Pulaski, Maury Regional Medical Center ICU staff and 3rd floor nurses and tech's, MRMC ER staff, and Chaplains. Also thank you to Southern Tennessee Regional Health System ER Dr. Roberts, and staff. In addition, the staff of Bennett -May & Pierce Funeral Home for their attention to detail and ensuring Barry's last wishes are honored is greatly appreciated.

# Cemetery Details

## Maplewood Cemetery

500 Ballentine Street  
Pulaski, TN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (cst)

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory  
1910 Elkton Pike  
Pulaski, TN 38478  
(931) 363-0828  
bennettmay@energize.net

## Funeral Service

AUG 7. 2:00 PM (cst)

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# Tribute Wall

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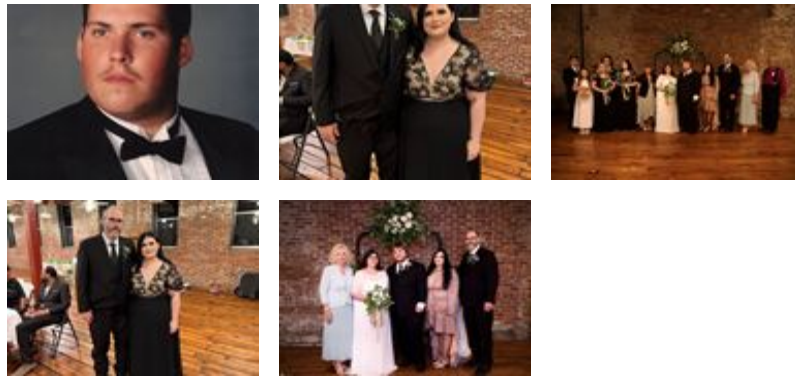
“ Praying for you Phyllis and the children. With deepest sympathy at this sad time. Sending prayers and hugs 🙏💕🙏



Laurie Nwosu - August 04, 2022 at 09:40 PM



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Bennett - May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory - August 04, 2022 at 03:40 PM

MN

“ Margaret Norwood lit a candle in memory of Barry Lynn Garner



Margaret Norwood - August 03, 2022 at 03:04 PM

CS

“ Christina Christian Steele lit a candle in memory of Barry Lynn Garner



Christina Christian Steele - August 03, 2022 at 10:33 AM

VC

“ Phyllis, I am so sorry. I know this is hard for you and your family! I will continue in prayer as we always talked about the power of prayer! Barry is at peace now, no more pain! May God be your strength now! I love you 🌹  
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VERONICA CABLE - August 03, 2022 at 03:52 AM

KT

“ Kelly & Tracy Torrence lit a candle in memory of Barry Lynn Garner



Kelly & Tracy Torrence - August 02, 2022 at 07:34 PM

PA

“ Patsy Adams lit a candle in memory of Barry Lynn Garner



Patsy Adams - August 02, 2022 at 06:11 PM

CS

“ *Caroline Scoggin lit a candle in memory of Barry Lynn Garner*



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**Caroline Scoggin** - August 02, 2022 at 01:21 PM

SG

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Geneva, Kristie and Shannon Garner*



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**shannon garner** - August 02, 2022 at 12:58 PM

FE

“ *Fagan Erwin lit a candle in memory of Barry Lynn Garner*



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**Fagan Erwin** - August 02, 2022 at 07:21 AM