



## Gary Mark Luna

January 23, 1948 - January 1, 2024

Gary Mark Luna passed away at NHC Maury Regional Transitional Care Center on January 1, 2024. Gary was born in Pulaski, TN on January 23, 1948, and was 75 years of age.

Gary grew up in Lynnville, TN where he attended Jones High School. Soon after high school he married his high school sweetheart, Jan Luna. Gary and Jan had two children. He loved and cared for them both, they were always his top priority. Gary was an amazing dad who always ensured the family was taken care of. There was never going to be a life event that he did not have the family prepared for.

During the first few years of marriage, Gary balanced a full-time job, attended college at night and started his family. Soon after his daughter was born, he was drafted by the Army and served in Vietnam. He experienced front-line fighting in the war. Lucky for him and the family, he survived the war to return home and have his second child, his son.

After living in the Atlanta area for several years, he returned home to Giles County working for Jack's Cookie Company. He would quickly be promoted to a production supervisor of the moon pie production line. During this time Jack's Cookie Company was purchased by Frito Lay. Soon after this transition the moon pie production line was sold to a business entrepreneur from Rome,

GA. The business entrepreneur saw Gary's knowledge of the process and offered him the job of Plant Manager of the new bakery named Mondo Baking Co.

While in Rome, GA dad grew a passion for gardening and landscaping. In, 1990, he decided to leave Mondo Baking and start his own landscaping business named Rock Water Gardens. While running the business, he touched many people with his knowledge for gardening. His customers were drawn to his passion and knew he could be trusted with his wealth of knowledge of trees, shrubs and flowers.

In 2004, Gary and Jan returned home once again to Giles County to plan for retirement. Gary could not sit still for very long, so he turned to helping people with their landscaping needs while developing great relationships. He used labor from New Cannon Ranch. New Cannon Ranch helps people with substance abuse issues. Gary took an interest in trying to help people turn their lives around. He would take them under his wing and provide invaluable guidance they desperately needed.

For those who knew Gary, you know he has never met a stranger. He was a loving and caring man that wanted to know who you were and how he could help you. His fun-loving smile and free spirit were infectious. His fingerprints are all over the people he touched in his life, especially his son. He will be dearly missed by many.

Gary was preceded in death by his wife Jan Luna, his daughter Mimi Jan Luna, his parents Mark & Margeret Luna, his sister Gypsy Nell Luna and his brother Johnny Luna.

Gary was survived by his son Andrew Bryan Luna of Brentwood, TN. Gary shaped his son for any life event that presented itself. His son is forever grateful for this and will truly miss their life discussions.

A memorial service will be held for Gary on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at 3:00pm at Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home in Pulaski, TN. The family will be accepting visitors 2 hours prior to the service at 1:00pm. Friends and family will be providing words of celebration.

To appropriately honor Gary, the family requests that no ties be worn to the service. If you know Gary, this would make him smile as ties made no common sense to him.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations in memory of Gary to be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association (LBDA). Information can be found at <https://www.lbda.org/donate/>.

Romans 8:38-39

38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, [a] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Bennett- May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory  
1910 Elkton Pike  
Pulaski, TN 38478

## Memorial Service

JAN 6. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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1910 Elkton Pike  
Pulaski, TN 38478

# Tribute Wall

RY

“ Gary was so special to us here at New Canaan Ranch. He shared his love of nature, amazing work ethics, commitment to family and community, and fun loving sarcastic humor with us and many of the men here in the program. He was always there to lend a helping hand and after my own Father passed, Gary would call and say Renee if you need something, just ask and if you don't I'll be mad. I always appreciated him looking out for us. We all grew to love him as a friend and mentor over the years. Words can not express what a special person he was and how much we will truly miss him. Thank you to the family for sharing Gary with us. We will see you in Heaven Friend❤️

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**Renee Yates-Schrengost** - January 05, 2024 at 11:20 PM

RM

*My heart is saden by the passing of Gary. He was my plant manager at Mondo Bakery for several years an amazing guy and I will truly miss him. Thanks Gary u taught me alot*

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**Rob Monford** - June 16, 2024 at 02:19 AM

RD

“ Sending our deepest condolences from Alabama. I met Gary through work at Lake Lickskilllet,in Dogtown. Mr Grizzard Sr needed some professional gardening and wanted me to learn as well. So I was given his number,called him,he showed up with Noel & his famous worn shovel & we went to work.

After that,he talked about how much he missed the lake and i accommodated him. I prepared a cabin for him,Jan and a nice couple for a weekend in the fall.

The kindness he had for many people was like no other. After calling him for his gardening advice after our home burned in 2014,he kept in touch and showed up one day with Noel and his wife with a truck load of plants and we all went to work on my 'new' yard after months of destruction & reconstruction from scratch. My home continues to shine with Gary all over the place. (even with the 'blue snowballs' I requested that I wasn't a fan of). He said 'Regena,you will love those here,they will be beautiful and reward you'. I called him every spring to thank him and I definitely let him know he was absolutely correct. Sadly those calls got hard for me to call over time.

Over the years we stayed in touch as well as Jan and I stayed in touch best we could,sadly I missed her passing. She was just as wonderful.

I'm so thankful to have been a small part of Gary & Jane's life,all I know and learned will be treasured for many years and I'll continue to share all the knowledge that he taught me. He and Jan both leave a huge impact on my life as well as my family.

Tim & Regena Dooley  
Dogtown,Al

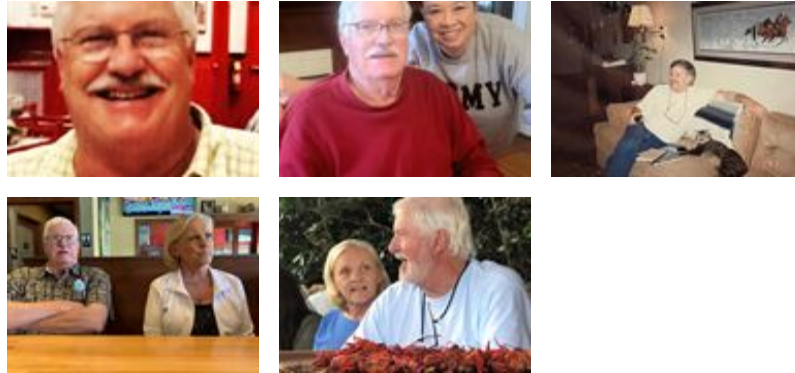


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Regena Dooley - January 05, 2024 at 04:41 PM



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**Bennett - May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory** - January 05, 2024 at 03:11 PM

DS

“ *I never met Gary but after reading this I feel like I truly missed out on a blessing.*

*Andy, I'm praying the peace, comfort and love of Jesus envelops and ministers to your heart and spirit in this time of sorrow. I am so sorry for your loss.*

*Charles, Joy, Amy and Venita, may you find comfort and peace as well with the loss of Gary and all he means to you. You all are in my prayers.*

*Donna S.*

**Donna Schmidt** - January 04, 2024 at 10:11 PM

CW

“ *Carl (Woody) Woodard lit a candle in memory of Gary Mark Luna*



**Carl (Woody) Woodard** - January 04, 2024 at 10:39 AM

DS

“ I WORKED WITH GARY IN ROME. HE WAS A GREAT GUY TO WORK FOR AND HIS FAMILY WAS SPECIAL. HE WILL BE MISSED. PRAYERS FOR ANDY. DALE SMITH

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**dale smith** - January 04, 2024 at 09:23 AM

CJ

“ My parents loved Gary and Jan. Daddy (Edward Johnson) worked with Gary at Jack's Cookie before it became Frito Lay. When the Lunas moved to Georgia, my parents went to visit. Daddy was so glad when they moved back and was always happy to run into him in Lynnville and have him drop Daddy's shop. Gary was a wonderful person, and I am sure that Andy's heart is broken at the loss of his incomparable father.



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**Claudia K Johnson** - January 04, 2024 at 07:07 AM

BJ

“ Gary was a very good friend, he never met a stranger and he would give you the shirt off his back. Thanks for being my friend, you will truly be missed!!!  
God Bless !!

*Bill Jones*

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**Bill F. Jones** - January 04, 2024 at 06:54 AM

SB

“ *Sheryl And Ron Brown lit a candle in memory of Gary Mark Luna*



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**Sheryl and Ron Brown** - January 03, 2024 at 05:10 PM

KM

“ *Kim Harwell Minatra lit a candle in memory of Gary Mark Luna*



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**Kim Harwell Minatra** - January 03, 2024 at 12:01 PM

KM

“ *Gary and his family were neighbors in Frankewing for years, I grew up with Mimi and Andy, always thought the world of all the family. Prayers for you and your family Andy!*

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**Kim Harwell Minatra** - January 03, 2024 at 12:01 PM