



Gary Lee Fox Sr.

August 6, 1946 - October 19, 2024

Gary Lee Fox Sr., aged 78, passed away on October 19, 2024 at his home in Athens, Alabama surrounded by his family. Born on August 6, 1946, in Covington Kentucky, Gary dedicated much of his life to his family and serving his country and community.

A proud decorated veteran, Gary served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, notably at the battle of Khe Sahn where he earned his Purple Heart and several other notable medals. His military service was marked by bravery and commitment to his fellow Marines. After his military service, Gary continued his life of service as police officer in Richmond Kentucky, police officer in Athens Al, undercover narcotic agent, an Alabama State Trooper and later as an agent with the Alabama Bureau of Investigation, from which he retired.

Gary was an alumnus of Boone County High School in Boone County Kentucky and later attended Eastern Kentucky University where he obtained his bachelors degree in Criminal Justice, which helped pave the way for his distinguished careers. He was a faithful Christian who loved sharing his testimony with others in all areas of his life and was an active member of Berea Baptist Church in Athens, Al.

Gary had a variety of things he loved doing. From riding motorcycles, fishing,

hunting playing golf and keeping up with old friends and military buddies on Facebook. He was deeply loved by his family and friends and is survived by his wife of 58 years, Kathy Reilly Fox, sons Gary Lee Jr (Sheree), Jimmy (Penny), daughter Laura Spring (Mitch), and son Jason, his brother "Billy" Dale (Karen) along with 7 cherished grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, numerous brother and sister-laws, nieces, nephews and special cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents William A (Ozzie) and Elizabeth Ardelle (Tupman) Fox.

Visitation will be held at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home in Athens, Alabama, on Tuesday, October 22 from 6pm-9pm. The funeral service will take place at Berea Baptist Church on Wednesday, October 23rd at 11 am, followed by a graveside burial with military honors at Sardis Springs Baptist Church.

Limestone Chapel Funeral Home is assisting the family during this time.

Cemetery Details

Sardis Springs Baptist Church Cemetery

Athens, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Limestone Chapel Funeral Home

322 Hwy. 31 N.

Athens, AL 35611

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Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Berea Baptist Church

16779 Lucas Ferry, Rd

Athens, AL

Tribute Wall

DM

“ So sorry for the family. Gary worked all night on March 7th 1993 when my husband and I got run over by a drunk driver. The accident killed my husband and severely injured me. He literally saved my life and did not stop until he located the other vehicle. I would not be here if it was not for him
Dianne Norwood McMahan

Dianne Norwood McMahan - October 31, 2024 at 05:04 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Fox Sr..



October 22, 2024 at 08:27 PM

LA

“ Love Andrew, Cyndi, Megan, & Andrew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Lee Fox Sr..

Love Andrew, Cyndi, Megan, & Andrew - October 22, 2024 at 08:27 PM

EM

“ Mr. Gary Fox was such a sweet man. I remember going to church with him as a kid up unto my teenage years at First Union Baptist. You will be missed dearly. My thoughts, prayers and love sent to Mrs Kathy and the rest of the family.

Emily Schrimsher Mayfield - October 22, 2024 at 06:16 PM

LS

“ Lead Officer Stegall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Lee Fox Sr..

Lead Officer Stegall - October 22, 2024 at 02:02 PM

LS

“ Lead Officer Stegall purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gary Lee Fox Sr..



Lead Officer Stegall - October 22, 2024 at 02:02 PM

SG

“ Steve and Angie Grice planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Lee Fox Sr..

Steve and Angie Grice - October 22, 2024 at 12:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Fox Sr..



October 22, 2024 at 12:56 PM

GK

“ Gordy K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Lee Fox Sr..

Gordy K. - October 21, 2024 at 07:45 PM

FW

“ From Steve and Angie Whitman purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Gary Lee Fox Sr..



From Steve and Angie Whitman - October 21, 2024 at 05:17 PM

FC

“ From The All Needz Crew purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gary Lee Fox Sr..



From The All Needz Crew - October 21, 2024 at 05:09 PM

GF

“ Glenda Spring and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gary Lee Fox Sr..



Glenda Spring and family - October 21, 2024 at 03:38 PM

RB

“ Randy and Donna Baird purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Gary Lee Fox Sr..



Randy and Donna Baird - October 21, 2024 at 02:53 PM

RB

“ Randy and Donna Baird planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Lee Fox Sr..

Randy and Donna Baird - October 21, 2024 at 02:53 PM

YA

“ Your family at Great American planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Lee Fox Sr..

Your family at Great American - October 21, 2024 at 01:30 PM

YA

“ Your family at Great American purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Lee Fox Sr..



Your family at Great American - October 21, 2024 at 01:30 PM

TB

“ Tracey and Bri planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Lee Fox Sr..

Tracey and Bri - October 21, 2024 at 09:23 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Fox Sr..



October 21, 2024 at 09:23 AM

RW

“ Rolling Thunder TX2 - Gary & Wanda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Lee Fox Sr..

Rolling Thunder TX2 - Gary & Wanda - October 21, 2024 at 08:53 AM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Fox Sr..



October 21, 2024 at 08:53 AM

HG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for family and friends at this time.

Harriette Glover - October 21, 2024 at 08:20 AM

EB

“ Ethel and Barney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Lee Fox Sr..

Ethel and Barney - October 20, 2024 at 07:54 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Fox Sr..



October 20, 2024 at 07:54 PM

AO

“ American Legion Post #256 - Loveland, Oh purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Gary Lee Fox Sr..



American Legion Post #256 - Loveland, Oh - October 20, 2024
at 06:19 PM

JE

“ Jennifer Elliott planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Lee Fox Sr..

Jennifer Elliott - October 20, 2024 at 04:13 PM

JE

“ Jennifer Elliott purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Lee Fox Sr..



Jennifer Elliott - October 20, 2024 at 04:13 PM

DH

“ Darrell and Cheryl Hammons purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Gary Lee Fox Sr..



Darrell and Cheryl Hammons - October 20, 2024 at 03:24 PM

JH

“ Larry Smith is one person whose life was saved by Gary. Gary and I worked for several years on a legal case for Larry, who was in prison on death row for a murder he did not commit. Gary worked tirelessly to investigate the murder, figure out what really happened, and gather the evidence that Larry was innocent. I was lucky to spend time with him as he did that, traveling through Alabama, Georgia, and Florida to meet witnesses and chase down leads. The work we were doing was important, and Gary's efforts saved an innocent man's life. I also benefited from the time we spent together. Gary shared lots of jokes, but also insight, experience, and values. I was in my 20s at the time, and Gary's gentle guidance was important in my life. He wouldn't agree with this -- but he was a mentor for me. Not least among those lessons was Gary's pride in and commitment to his family. His marriage to Kathy is a wonderful example, as is his love for his children and grandchildren. I think of Gary often, and still use saying borrowed from him, like "Busier than a one-armed wallpaper hanger." Some people you meet make a difference in your life. Gary did that for me, and I am sure many others. Today Larry Smith is in a long-term relationship and living peacefully. He has a 10-year-old son. That boy would not be here if it were not for Gary. Farewell my friend, give 'em heck in heaven!
Jim Hanlon

Jim Hanlon - October 20, 2024 at 03:01 PM

JH

“ Jim Hanlon purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Gary Lee Fox Sr..



Jim Hanlon - October 20, 2024 at 02:52 PM

JH

“ Jim Hanlon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Lee Fox Sr..

Jim Hanlon - October 20, 2024 at 02:52 PM