



Gary L. McElmurray, Sr.

March 8, 1953 - June 15, 2022

Beech Island, SC – Funeral Services for Mr. Gary L. McElmurray, Sr., 69, who entered into rest June 15, 2022, will be conducted Friday morning at 11 o'clock in the Posey Funeral Chapel with Dr. John Bryan officiating. Interment will follow in the Historic First Baptist Church of Beech Island Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

Mr. McElmurray was born March 8, 1953, to the late John E. McElmurray, Sr. and Martha H. McElmurray. He was a lifelong resident of Beech Island, SC and a member of Historic First Baptist Church of Beech Island. Mr. McElmurray was a devout man of faith and was known for his strong work ethic. He was a founding member of Sage Valley Golf Club, the founder and owner of Gary L. McElmurray Construction Company Inc. and had a passion for farming and the outdoors. Mr. McElmurray enjoyed hunting, cutting and bailing hay, tending to his cows and had a collection of tractors that would make most farmers envious. His greatest joy in life was his family and he always took great pride in each of their accomplishments. He will be fondly remembered by his family, especially his children and grandchildren, who referred to him affectionately as “Law Dog.” In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister Linda Lucille McElmurray.

Survivors include his wife, Christine McElmurray; his children, Dawn McElmurray, Renee Shackelford (Jonathan), Leslie Kiefer (Ivan), Gary

McElmurray, Jr. (Megan), and John Winton McElmurray (Maggie Greene); his siblings, John McElmurray, Jr. (Claire), Furman McElmurray (Linda), Kathryn Menger (David), Paul McElmurray (Dana), and Lisa McElmurray; eighteen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Mr. McElmurray's grandsons.

The McElmurray family would like to express sincere gratitude to the staff and physicians at Piedmont Augusta, Focus on You Private Care, and Augusta Oncology, especially Dr. Brent Limbaugh and Nurse Heather Evans for their compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Historic First Baptist Church of Beech Island, 170 Church Road, Beech Island, SC 29842 or to the Gary L. McElmurray Nursing Education Fund, c/o Piedmont Augusta Foundation, 2260 Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, GA 30904, www.universityhealth.org/charitable-giving

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta is in charge of arrangements (803)278-1181. Services will be streamed live at www.POSEYCARES.com

Cemetery Details

Historic First Baptist Church of Beech Island Church Cemetery

170 Church Road
Beech Island, SC 29842

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC

Service

JUN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Posey Funeral Chapel
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC 29841

Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Gary L. McElmurray, Sr.



Posey Funeral Directors - June 17, 2022 at 08:05 AM

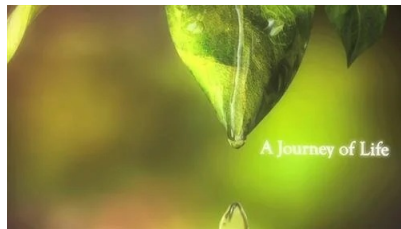
SJ

Hi, Chris. I was so sorry to hear of Gary's death. The video was wonderful...seeing your family at all ages. I would love to get together. Are you still exercising at The Village? Call me : 803-215-3414. Sending my condolences, Sheila Jackson-Krist

Sheila Jackson-Krist - August 04, 2022 at 07:32 PM



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary L. McElmurray, Sr.



Posey Funeral Directors - June 16, 2022 at 01:35 PM



“ Gary L. McElmurray, Sr.

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Gary L. McElmurray, Sr.

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ My father, Frank Whatley Atkinson, Jr., grew up with Martha McElmurray and of course, owned the farm off of Pine Log Road. Through the years I have heard many wonderful stories of your family. When my mother, Evelyn Eakin Atkinson, first came to Beech Island, SC as a young bride - "Miss Martha" used to drive her around as my Mom did not know how to drive at that time. My sister, Emily, was one of the people that "Miss Martha" helped carry around with all of the older McElmurray children. By the time that I was born, my mother was driving and so I remember swimming in the pool at Mr. Johnny and Mrs. Martha's house in Beech Island, SC and attending the wedding of Cathy at the 1st Baptist Church as well as the reception held at the family home. I attended the 1st Baptist Church in Beech Island, SC as well but my family left there to go to Curtis Baptist Church when I was very small and then formed the Heights Baptist Church in Beech Island, SC which is now an AME church, I believe. Through the years we have attended the 1st Baptist Church as well as held the reception for my mom's 75th birthday there. Your family has meant so much to me and my family. Please accept my sincere condolences on your loss. I was unaware of some of the history but so enjoyed listening and looking at the videos provided by Posey's.
Fran Atkinson DeGregoria

Fran DeGregoria - July 09, 2022 at 10:06 AM

SH

“ We're thinking of you all at this difficult time and keeping our prayers uplifted for GOD to continue to comfort and give you peace. May all the warm and special memories you shared with Gary stay with you in your hearts. With our deepest sympathy and caring.



Steve and Gloria Huff - June 17, 2022 at 10:05 PM

BD

“ So, so sorry to see this today. Gary was always such a great guy and a North Augusta icon!! I always enjoyed running into him, always a fun, kind and uplifting to see him! My deepest condolences to all the family!! North Augusta lost another really good one! Bren Verdery DeVaney(James)

Brenda DeVaney - June 17, 2022 at 05:44 PM

CW

“ May the Lord comfort you with sweet memories and His perfect peace. Hugs and prayers.

*Mrs. Betty Prestridge
Michael, Chrissy and David Witt*

Chris Witt - June 17, 2022 at 05:17 PM

RD

“ What can I say?I have known this man most of my life which would amount to 63 years!!! the McElmurray's were a big part of my growing up and have remained dear to my heart ever since Gary was a shining, strong example of what it means to be a McElmurray no tribute I could say would be enough!.... just let me say that Gary was enough and more to his family his friends...his community...his business and the big circle of everything he made himself a part of ...his light will shine on through the beautiful family that he and our precious Chris made together...Johnny & Martha's legacy lived on through him and his legacy will live on through everything and everyone he touched along the way for us to learn from and enjoy... his touch in this life was immense and will always be remembered as one of the best GOD planted a seed in the heart of Gary McElmurray and it grew into a beautiful life! Now he wears his crown in glory and walks the streets of gold with those who have gone on before him My prayer is that all of you, whom I love soooooo much, will find peace and solace in the wonderful memories he left you and know that he left his stamp as a great, loyal, loving, strong and faithful man. this scripture came to me this morning and I could not help but smile because it is so compatible with Gary L. McElmurray, Sr.

><> " I have fought the good fight ... I have finished the race.... I have kept the faith now there is in store for me the Crown of Righteousness which GOD ...our Righteous JUDGE ... will award me " 2 TIMOTHY 4:7 & 8 <><

PEACE LOVE & BLESSINGS Rhonda (Coward) Davis

Rhonda Davis - June 17, 2022 at 10:36 AM

CF

“ *McElmurray family: We remember Gary as such a good guy.
Praying comfort for you all!
Paul & Cyndy Freeman*

Cyndy Freeman - June 17, 2022 at 10:00 AM

SO

“ *Shirley Olson lit a candle in memory of Gary
L. McElmurray, Sr.*



Shirley Olson - June 17, 2022 at 09:03 AM

KK

“ *Chris, and family,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Gary.
My twin Kim and I played softball at Downer field with Chris and
Gary was on the men's team, i really enjoyed the years and thought
alot of Chris. May the Lord comfort and strengthen each one of you
at this time and in times to come. My thoughts and prayers are with
you.*

Karen Copeland Kight - June 17, 2022 at 08:08 AM

AL

“ *Love & prayers!
April Greene Lowry*

April Lowry - June 16, 2022 at 11:16 PM

BD

“ I have so many fond memories of Johnny, Martha & their young family when we moved to Beech Island in the early 60s. I was so sorry to hear of Gary’s passing. Sending prayers and my heartfelt condolences to his family.

Becky Beard Day - June 16, 2022 at 10:44 PM

RA

“ When I think of Gary the first thing that comes to my mind was his hearty laugh! His laugh always brought a smile to my face. May God comfort you all as your mourn.

Russ(ell) Adams

Russ Adams - June 16, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary L. McElmurray, Sr..



June 16, 2022 at 05:40 PM

AC

“ Anthony Fail/ Augusta Superior Concrete purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gary L. McElmurray, Sr..



Anthony Fail/ Augusta Superior Concrete - June 16, 2022 at 03:00 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Gary L. McElmurray, Sr..*



June 16, 2022 at 02:38 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gary L. McElmurray, Sr..*



June 16, 2022 at 02:30 PM



“ 🙏 *I remember Gary when we were all so young. Such a Handsome Man and Beautiful Family. God Bless you all* ❤️ ✨

Sue Holland (Leah) - June 16, 2022 at 02:26 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary L. McElmurray, Sr..*



June 16, 2022 at 01:57 PM

IF

“ *In Love, Goodsprings Plantation Families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gary L. McMurray, Sr..*



In Love, Goodsprings Plantation Families - June 16, 2022 at 01:43 PM

LF

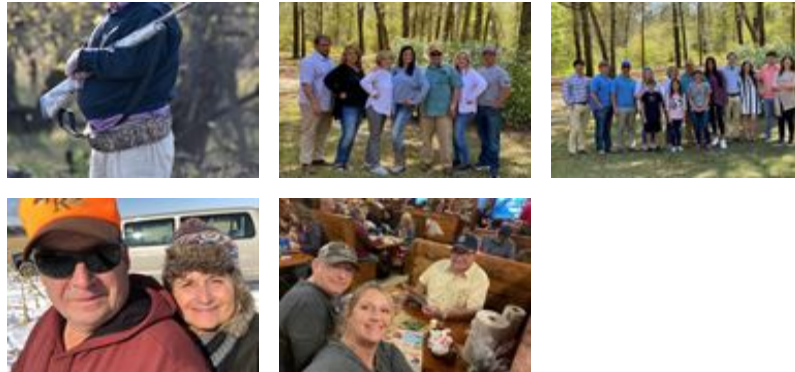
“ *Larry and Sheila Mines and Family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Gary L. McMurray, Sr..*



Larry and Sheila Mines and Family - June 16, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ *86 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Posey Funeral Directors - June 16, 2022 at 01:30 PM

DF

“ Our deepest condolences to all the family!! Praying for all at this difficult time. Hugs to all.

The Fishers

Donna Fisher - June 16, 2022 at 01:22 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary L. McElmurray, Sr..*



June 16, 2022 at 01:04 PM

LM

“ *We are very sad to hear of Gary's passing. He has been a great part of the Mines's with hunting in South Dakota. We have enjoyed seeing him, his family and friends for almost 40 years. Shared lots of great memories. and Oh the stories everyone can tell about the pheasant hunting, he will be gratefully missed. To all his family you are in our thoughts and prayers. Sending lots of Love in this very difficult time.*

Larry and Sheila Mines and Family

Larry and Sheila Mines - June 16, 2022 at 12:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary L. McElmurray, Sr..*



June 16, 2022 at 12:33 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Gary L. McElmurray, Sr..*



June 16, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gary L. McElmurray, Sr..*



June 16, 2022 at 11:20 AM



“ *ATC Site Construction & PJR Asphalt purchased the Tropical Tribute Spray for the family of Gary L. McElmurray, Sr..*



ATC Site Construction & PJR Asphalt - June 16, 2022 at 10:41 AM



“ *It is with great sadness to hear of Gary's passing from Mac. We know there was a great homecoming with Aunt Martha and Uncle Johnny. Please know you all are in our prayers and in our thoughts in the difficult times ahead. Much love to all of you. ~Grae and Lauren Holston and family~*

Grae and Lauren Holston - June 16, 2022 at 10:40 AM



“ *Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Gary L. McElmurray, Sr..*



June 16, 2022 at 10:39 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary L. McElmurray, Sr..*



June 16, 2022 at 10:27 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Gary L. McElmurray, Sr..*



June 16, 2022 at 09:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary L. McElmurray, Sr..*



June 16, 2022 at 08:47 AM

RW

“ *May God bless this family in this time of sorrow.*

Robert Whatley - June 16, 2022 at 04:30 AM

JS

“ *John and Linda Stewart purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Gary L. McElmurray, Sr..*



John and Linda Stewart - June 15, 2022 at 08:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary L. McElmurray, Sr..*



June 15, 2022 at 07:36 PM

RH

“ *Mr. Gary, this news messed me up old man (our little joke). You were there for me during some of my hardest deaths to deal with!! You will be greatly missed!! I love you old man!! Praying for the family!! Rest in Paradise*



Renee Harris - June 15, 2022 at 06:09 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gary L. McElmurray, Sr..*



June 15, 2022 at 05:47 PM



“ *My friend for 67 years , we went through a lot over time . Gary was my best Man in mine and Teresa's wedding, old friend you will be missed . Chris Waters*

Chris Waters - June 15, 2022 at 05:46 PM



“ *Richie&Shannon Siler & Lynn/Brian Olson purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gary L. McElmurray, Sr..*



Richie&Shannon Siler & Lynn/Brian Olson - June 15, 2022 at 05:29 PM