



Gary Lee Fairbank Sr.

May 24, 1936 - April 23, 2017

Gary Lee Fairbank, Sr., 80, of Tilghman, MD, died on Sunday, April 23, 2017, at the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Easton, MD.

He was born on May 24, 1936, in Tilghman, MD, the son of the late Harry Fairbank and Olivia Sophie Wilson Fairbank.

Gary graduated in 1954 from St. Michaels High School, where he was president of his student council. He attended Salisbury University and the University of Maryland prior to becoming owner/manager of Fairbank Tackle on Tilghman Island. Gary served eight years in the National Guard. He married Joyce Allen in 1956.

He served on the Board of Directors of Talbot Bank, Board of Directors of the Waterman's Museum of Tilghman, a member of Tilghman Island United Methodist Church, member of St. Michaels AF & AM # 177, Granite Lodge and Boumi Temple and a member of the Martingham Country Club. He was an avid golfer, boater, fisherman, and in his younger days, a great baseball and soccer player. Gary also enjoyed collecting decoys.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Joyce Allen Fairbank; his son, Gary Lee Fairbank, Jr. (Sue) and his children Corrine and Dylan Fairbank and their mother Debbe Fairbank; his daughter, Kimberly Taylor (Daniel) and their sons,

Christopher and Peter Taylor; a great-grandson, Weston Hickman; an uncle, Clifford Wilson and his children, Gail, Robbie and Lisa; all his in-laws from the Allen family; his employees from Fairbank Tackle; and all his dear friends. He was predeceased by a nephew, Greg Wilson.

A funeral service will be held at 1 PM on Sunday, April 30, 2017, at Tilghman United Methodist Church.

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n lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Tilghman Volunteer Fire Department, 5996 Tilghman Island Rd, Tilghman, MD 21671 or Tilghman United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 192, Tilghman, MD 21671 or Tilghman Watermen's Museum, 6031 Tilghman Island Rd, Tilghman, MD 21671.

Previous Events

Service

APR **30**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Tilghman United Methodist Church
5731 Tilghman Island Rd
Tilghman, MD 21671

Tribute Wall



“ Gary Lee Fairbank Sr.

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Gary Lee Fairbank Sr.

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Gary Lee Fairbank Sr.

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Amy Cummins Todd lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Fairbank Sr.



amy cummins todd - April 27, 2017 at 09:55 PM



“ Russell Colbourne purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Lee Fairbank Sr..



Russell Colbourne - April 27, 2017 at 08:26 AM

CH

“ *Connie (Gottlieb) Harris lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Fairbank Sr.*



Connie (Gottlieb) Harris - April 27, 2017 at 07:34 AM

RH

“ *have only been back to Tilghman a few times. Will Always remember Mr. Gary and his family. you will be in my prayers. God bless.*

Robert Harrison - April 26, 2017 at 08:53 PM

EB

“ *Such a loss to the Tilghman community. Mr.Gary will be missed by many. It was always pleasant to be in his company. A kind soul, that I will truly miss.*

Edna Barry - April 26, 2017 at 06:50 PM

PM

“ *Sorry too hear of your passing. When I lived in Sherwood I would always go to tilghman to Fairbanks and get gas. You were such a friendly person and the service was always great. May you R.I.P*

Patricia McNamara - April 26, 2017 at 04:58 PM

PF

“ Gary and I met in 1974 when we served together on the state central committee and have remained friends ever since. The business he operated was a key part of both the commercial and social life on Tilghman Island. He was conscientious about his responsibilities to the community at large and to his fellow man on an individual basis. As well as being a good businessman he was a great judge of people - but to me he was simply a good friend. My thoughts and prayers are with Joyce and the family.



Phil Foster - April 26, 2017 at 12:47 PM

CR

“ Chuck Reeser lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Fairbank Sr.



Chuck Reeser - April 25, 2017 at 11:21 PM

LS

“ Lisa Raughley Smith lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Fairbank Sr.



Lisa Raughley Smith - April 25, 2017 at 08:09 PM

MC

“ *Mishelle Cummings lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Fairbank Sr.*



Mishelle Cummings - April 25, 2017 at 06:23 PM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Fairbank Sr.*



Doug Pierson - April 25, 2017 at 01:22 PM

RV

“ *We will not be able to cross over the bridge without thinking of him. He will be sorely missed, having contributed so much to his community.*

Bob and Carol Voyles

Robert and Carol Voyles - April 25, 2017 at 09:22 AM

BC

“ *Brandi Cummings lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Fairbank Sr.*



Brandi Cummings - April 25, 2017 at 09:09 AM

BC

My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mr Gary was one of a kind. Ill always remember hanging out in the store when I was younger with my childhood friend Kelly Hayden. Mr Gary would scold us for hanging out in the back room where the pool tables were. I can laugh about it now. Rest easy

Brandi Cummings - April 25, 2017 at 09:13 AM

SA

sending our thoughts and prayers to the family. we have many great memories of Gary through our travels over the years with him and Joyce. May he rest in peace. with love, sharon and bobby.

sharon andrew - April 25, 2017 at 06:36 PM

CL

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to the family. He was always a wonderful friend to everyone and would help them in any way he could. He will be greatly missed. Love, Cheryl & Michael*



Cheryl Lawrence - April 24, 2017 at 06:36 PM