



Gary Don Egger

March 28, 1958 - February 25, 2020

Gary Don Egger was born to Don and Delphia Egger in Magnolia, Arkansas on March 28, 1958. He loved his mom and Pop above all else.

Gary left his earthly home to be reunited with his dad and other family members and His Lord and Savior in his heavenly home on February 25, 2020. He left us all much better people by the example of his life.

Gary was born with Down Syndrome and was a kind and loving young man with a heart of gold and a great sense of humor. Through his 61 years he suffered more than his share of health issues, amazing us all with his ability to power through those obstacles time and time again. He continued to keep his big smile and his quick laugh and jokester attitude. Family was of utmost importance to Gary, but he also made friends everywhere he went. To walk with him around Arkadelphia was to hear a constant chorus of "Hey Gary." People recognized him and greeted him all over Arkansas.

Gary enjoyed movies, dancing, watching wrestling, bowling, Special Olympics, and music, especially Elvis Presley. He had an "Elvis room" at his home where he kept his huge collection of Elvis cd's, video tapes and DVD's and all kinds of collectible items. He loved vacationing with his parents and seeing entertainers on stage performing their musical acts.

When Gary participated in Special Olympics his sport was the long jump. If you watch the video tribute, look closely and you will see a picture of Gary on the silver medal platform with his arms raised high in the air with none other than Arnold Schwarzenegger. He also loved the Dallas Cowboys. Every now and then he would get mad at them and put his Cowboy jacket in the "give away" box, but it was always retrieved later. He loved the Arkansas Razorbacks when Houston Nutt was the coach, he wasn't too crazy about the Hogs when coach Nutt left for a different team.

Gary was very patriotic and never missed an opportunity to stand and salute the flag when he heard "The National Anthem" or saw a group of military men and women. He loved God and loved to say the blessing at family dinners.

Gary was preceded in death by his dad, Don Egger of Arkadelphia; his paternal grandparents Ted and Willie Egger of Mena; and his maternal grandparents John Matt and Edna Foster of Emerson.

He is survived by his mom, Delphia Egger of Arkadelphia; aunts, Sherma McWilliams, Jeannie Egger, Mary Lou (Artie) Byford, and Karen (Jerry) Walters. Gary is also survived by several cousins, many friends, and a special girlfriend, Kathy Smith. Gary also leaves behind some great DSP's who sat and worked with him over the last several years.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 27 at Lewis Funeral Home, Inc. in Magnolia, AR. A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Hephzibah Missionary Baptist Cemetery in Emerson, AR with Bro. Eric Goble officiating. Pallbearers will be Gary's cousins: Stacy, Stuart, David, Johnny, Mike, Jimmy Dale, and Shane.

Memorial donations for Gary may be sent to Hephzibah Cemetery Fund, 4110 Columbia Rd 5, Magnolia, AR 71753 or Arkansas Special Olympics, 2115 Main Street, North Little Rock, AR 72114.

Cemetery

Events

Hephzibah Cemetery

Highway 98

Emerson, AR,

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Visitation

10:00AM - 12:00PM

Lewis Funeral Home Inc. - Magnolia

420 North Jackson P.O Box 38, Magnolia, AR, US, 71753

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Graveside Service 02:00PM

Hephzibah Cemetery

Highway 98, Emerson, AR, US

Comments



“ Gary Don was an inspiration to many and will be greatly missed.

Joey Wallace - May 06 at 12:26 AM



“ My buddy Gary that infectious smile is permanently implanted in my heart His love for life and his momma and of course Elvis. He always wanted to give us sugars

Ms Delphia many thoughts and prayers for you always



Melina Jenkins - March 01 at 09:43 AM



“ Gary's smile made you want to smile too.
Prayers for his family and friends.

Glenetta Turner - February 29 at 03:51 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Archie & Relda Pittman - February 29 at 07:45 AM



“ Gary Egger was a beautiful soul who inspired me each time I saw him.His mom Delphia took such loving care and was ready 24 seven to help.I am blessed to have had Gary in my life and blessed to have Delphia.God bless you all





“ Our love and prayers are with you, Delphia, How blessed our family was when we moved next door to you in 1961 and were introduced to Gary and his family! Precious memories, and continued admiration for you and Don and your expansion of our understanding and love for Gary! We are grateful for the difference you have made in so many lives, and we look forward to all the Reunions we will enjoy for eternity in Heaven!
J.N. and Gail Williams

Gail williams - February 27 at 10:02 AM



“ I have only been blessed to meet and know Gary in these last few years. What I know of him is mostly through the love and dedication that his parents had for him. I believe God places angels among us to walk this earth demonstrating a pureness of Spirit. They often times remind us that at the deep core of our being is love, joy, forgiveness, kindness, and laughter. It is the simple things we let the world distract of from day in and day out. Then, there was the light of Gary that was given for all to see and be touched by.

May we all be aware of the message he brought and to be mindful to find this place in ourselves and share it as Gary did.

Love to my friend Delphia, you are an amazing woman that I am truly blessed to know.

Paige Dixon

Paige Dixon - February 26 at 11:14 PM



“ I first met Gary in the early 1960s. His parents were so helpful to my parents as we learned to help our sister Jane and brother Stan grow up with similar challenges.

About 1967 or 68 I went to near Searcy to be a camp counselor for one of the very first AARC summer camps for client children. Gary was a resident at the Children's Colony in Arkadelphia with Stan at time.

Arriving at the camp among Gary grabbed my hand and started to introduce me to all of his friends. He almost never met a stranger. If he did, it was that person's fault and loss.

(Note I might have the year and camp session wrong. My memory was never great)

Gary and his parents taught me and so many others that everyone the Lord brings into our life has something special to offer us. We just need to open our minds and hearts to receive that gift.

I'm a much better person, father, grandfather, brother and friend today from having met and got to know special people like Gary and his parents.

Gary was one of the most wonderful that I was blessed to share some time with.

Reggie Fields - February 26 at 05:04 PM



“ Our family send out condolences to you all. May God's peace envelope his extended family and friends. Johnnie, Margie and Del

Margie Green - February 26 at 02:57 PM



“ So sorry to hear about sweet Gary! He was a precious guy. Prayers for you Ms. Delphia! Love you, Renita Atkinson



Renita Atkinson - February 26 at 02:29 PM



“ Love to you all... prayers sherly Hanson Koske
sherly Hanson Koske - February 27 at 12:00 PM



“ Miss Egger, hope you remember little Eddy up the street from ya'll in the 60's. Sorry to hear your loss, he was a special person to me.....
Eddy Cook - February 27 at 07:16 PM



“ Ms Delphia, we are so saddened to hear of the passing of Gary. You and Don did a wonderful job of raising him into the man that he was. May God continue to shine his light on you and help you through this. Love you, David & Judith Hipp
David N. Hipp - February 28 at 01:10 PM



“ We met the Egger family through Special Olympics many years ago. We have so many fond memories. Prayers and thoughts to Delphia and the rest of Gary's family and friends. He will be missed so much!
With love,
Tom and Ann Hudson

