



Larry "Ray" Gant Jr.

February 18, 1970 - June 29, 2020

Larry Ray Gant Jr. was born on February 18, 1970, in Columbia, Missouri to Larry and Earlene (Light) Gant Sr. and passed away June 29, 2020, in Salem, Missouri at the age of fifty years.

Ray was a hard worker his whole life, always with a smile to share. He was a self-employed handyman, who helped everyone in any way that he could. Ray enjoyed spending time outdoors fishing off the bank, watching sci-fi-horror films, and getting a good book in his hands to read. He loved his gadgets and wasn't afraid of new technology. Most important to him was his family and he deeply cherished his time spent with them.

Ray is survived by his parents: Larry & Earlene Gant Sr. of Salem, MO; sister: Lisa Blaylock and husband Jim of Salem, MO; aunts and uncles: Hershel Light and wife Judy of Steelville, MO, Junior Light and wife Diane of Salem, MO; Wendell Light of Salem, MO; Ron Light and wife Beth of Salem, MO; Ricky Gant of Oregon, Valerie Gant of Oregon, Patty Mcholland and husband Bob of Licking, MO, and Chester "Allen" Gant and wife Cindy of Licking, MO; nieces: Amber Blaylock of Springfield, MO and Emily Roach and husband Chris of Salem, MO; great-nephew: Remington; as well as several cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents: Everett and Louis Light, Jewel

Gant, and Virgie Provorse; aunts and uncles: Roger and Helen Light Sr., Verl Light, and Lorna Light.

Ray will be remembered for his generosity and caring heart that he showed for his family and friends. He will be missed but fondly remembered by all who knew and loved him.

Funeral Services for Larry Ray Gant Jr. were held Friday, July 3, 2020 in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Wendell Light and Junior Light officiating. Serving as Pallbearers were Scott Brakefield, Ron Light, Josh Oakley, Chris Roach, Roger Light Jr., and Jim Adamick. Honorary Pallbearer was Cody Light. Burial was in the Cedar Grove Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Larry "Ray" Gant Jr. and left at Wilson Mortuary.

Online condolences may be entered at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.
Post Office Box 45
Salem, MO 65560
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Service

JUL 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GF

“ *Garman Family lit a candle in memory of Larry "Ray" Gant Jr.*



Garman Family - July 02, 2020 at 08:40 PM

JA

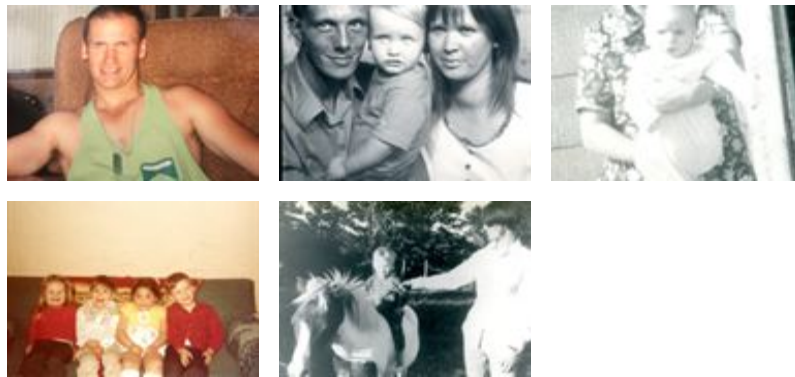
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Jim Adamick - July 02, 2020 at 04:51 PM



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Wilson Mortuary - July 02, 2020 at 11:58 AM

JR

I had talk to you in s long time life gets too busy you'll be missed I remember you in high school who is the smile on your face I'm always flexing LOL smartest guys I've ever met you will be missed prayers to your family and comfort may God be with you

Jimmy Ragsdale - July 03, 2020 at 04:50 AM

LA

“ Oh man, this hit hard. I have so many memories of Ray. Answering the door and telling Jim, "We've got company, No we don't, Ray's here and he's not company!" and watching Ray grin from ear to ear. Being in the kitchen and listening to Ray and Jim laughing so loud in the living room they made me laugh. Giving Ray a bag of peppermint bark a week before Christmas because he'd ask me when I was gonna make it the day after Thanksgiving. Getting a phone call whenever Jim was out of town from Ray, asking if I was doing alright and if I needed anything. Ray was one of a kind and he made life a lot more enjoyable. To the very end, tried and true, Goodbye old friend, I'll be missing you.

Lucy Adamick - July 02, 2020 at 01:46 AM

RL

“ Ricky & Deborah Land lit a candle in memory of Larry "Ray" Gant Jr.



Ricky & Deborah Land - July 01, 2020 at 09:47 AM

RL

“ Ray you may be gone, but you will never be forgotten. Your memory will live on forever in our hearts.
Love, Ron and Beth


Ronald Light - July 01, 2020 at 02:26 AM

JA

“ I met Ray close to 20 years ago and the friendship started. For the last 15 anytime It was more than a one man job Ray was with me to get it done. Years ago when I lost sight in my right eye with no income it was Ray that made it possible for me to get there and have a motel to stay in so I could be checked the next day after surgery.

For me Ray was the definition of a "brother from a different mother". I don't think there is enough space left on the internet to tell all the good times we had together. When we worked we worked hard, and when we were younger and played, we played hard. He will always be thought of with great respect and honor in my home, and I will miss him until I am no more.

Jim Adamick - July 01, 2020 at 02:14 AM

 Lisa Blaylock

“ I'm glad we were able to get together for Mom & Dad's anniversary in December.



Lisa Blaylock - June 30, 2020 at 08:11 PM

JA

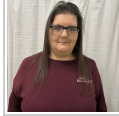
That was a good time, I really enjoyed that day. The boy was sure proud of ole mom and dad if ya couldn't tell by the picture.....lol

Jim Adamick - July 01, 2020 at 02:37 AM

WL

Going miss ya, buddy, we worked hard and tough jobs, your were both a nephew, and like one of my brothers:: Guess my brother Jr. and saw you last on this earth, was a blessing being, family..

wendell light - July 01, 2020 at 03:25 PM



Ray,

It has been years since I had seen you. Wish I had gotten to see you again before this. I remember the pranks Lisa and I use to pull on you when I'd spend the night, how I would make rice krispy treats for you and send them to you. Boy, I never expected this, I will be there to pay my respects.

Lynette Murry - July 01, 2020 at 08:08 PM



Love the people that God gives you for one day he will want them back, lots of tears have been shed the short time youve been gone. Love and miss you being here .Gone way to soon.

Junior L Light - July 02, 2020 at 11:01 AM