



# Gary L. McFadden

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**G**ary L. McFadden

Gary L. McFadden, 69, a former resident of Meadville, and Saegertown, PA., passed away at his home in Longview, Texas on October 31, 2014.

He was born in Meadville, Pa to James L. and Maxine A. (Burton) McFadden on September 18, 1945.

He graduated from Saegertown High School and attended Penn State University. He served his country in the United States Army and was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving two tours of duty and receiving a Purple Heart.

He is survived by his wife, Genevieve (Genee Guay), sons, Shawn McFadden and wife, Kristy; Gerad McFadden; daughters, Shae McFadden and Genna McFadden; grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Natalie, Gabrielle, Chloe, Victoria, Monica, Terrence, Ricky; mother, Maxine McFadden and sister, Suann Cronin and husband, Edward.

He was preceded in death by his father, James L. McFadden.

A private family service was held November 3, 2014.

Memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans Association.



## Tribute Wall

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FK

**Freda Kinard** lit a candle in honor of Gary.

April 12 at 5:37 PM



JD

**Joe Duvall** posted:

"Above the Best" Gary will be missed.

November 20 at 7:35 AM

TA

**Tom Aretz** lit a candle in honor of Gary.

November 12 at 5:28 AM



AH

**Alan Horton** posted:

There is a great band of brothers gathering in a land of peace and harmony. To have served as a member of that brotherhood will be the greatest honor I will ever experience on earth. My heart broke when I heard of Gary's passing. I lay in bed that night recalling the crash into the river Gary and I experienced together. I always enjoyed seeing Gary at the reunions and going out to eat with him and Geneen. Gary was a kind hearted person and a joy to be around. He will be greatly missed along with Joe Capan, Richard Harris, Johnny Holman, all whom we have lost this past year. May God bless each family. Alan and Nancy Horton

November 10 at 1:41 PM

LC

**Linda Clance** posted:

Gene, your husband will truly be missed by the brothers of his unit which he so dearly honored. I pray you have many surrounding you with love and support at this time. God be with you and your family and know that Gary was loved and respected by all the Hornets. Linda Wilsher-Clance, Lil Sis

November 10 at 4:23 AM



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**Mike Barlow** posted:

Gary was one of the finest men I ever met. I am honored to have met him. He was in my thoughts all weekend. Mike Barlow, 116th AHC

November 10 at 2:31 AM



**Artie Farar 116Th Ahc, Yellowjackets 70** lit a candle in honor of Gary.



November 9 at 4:47 AM



**Bob Hominick** lit a candle in honor of Gary.



November 9 at 3:50 AM



**Sarah Himes Smith** posted:

Genee and Family, Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this time of sorrow. I have many fond memories of Gary growing up. He never complained (at least where I could hear) when he had to entertain his little cousin. He taught me touch football, how to climb under an electric fence without getting shocked and that I could get wet at the old swimming hole even though my Grandpa Burton would say " don't get wet" as we were headed down the drive. The world has lost a wonderful person. Sarah Himes Smith

November 9 at 3:29 AM



**Santos Sal Garcia** posted:

My sincerest condolences for the loss of another 116th AHC brother. Gary will be missed... but never forgotten. RIP Gary Santos "Sal" Garcia Stingers "66 - "67.

November 9 at 2:18 AM



**Guido** April 23 at 4:22 AM

Is Gary the detective? I sorry



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WM

**Walter Morgan** posted:

May GOD keep him close . See you on the other side. Walter Morgan YELLOW JACKET

November 9 at 1:52 AM

JJ

**Jim Johnson** posted:

Although we both served in the 116th the first time I met Gary was in 2006 at the DC reunion. Turns out that we grew up just miles from each other in Western Pa. Never met a kinder person. My most sincere sympathies to his family. Jim Johnson

November 8 at 3:58 PM

TC

**Tom Callahan** posted:

My deepest condolences to the McFadden family. I will be looking up with a salute and a tear in my eye at the Veterans Day Parade in Phoenix this next Tuesday. I will be saluting Gary and all of my Stinger/Hornet Brothers. The tear will be for their loss! May God ease your pain of Gary's loss ! Tom Callahan Stinger 66/68.

November 8 at 3:22 PM

RP

**Roger Price** posted:

RIP My Brother. "Ya Done Good" Something we said in Vietnam. Gary and I were in the same unit (116th Assault Helicopter Company) at different times, however I was honor to meet him at Several Reunions and got to know him as a Kind Spirited Man who loved Life and his family. We stayed close in email and FB over the years and My Heart is with Him and family during this time.. See ya soon Bro,,, "Cut the cards" GB

November 8 at 3:08 PM

GC

**Greg Clinton** lit a candle in honor of Gary.

November 8 at 2:58 PM





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LC

**Lorraine.Capen** posted:

My name is Lorraine Capen Joe Capen was my husband. I am so sorry for your loss. I don't know if your husband and Joe new each other.but they are flying together now with all the otter stingers. My you stay strong

November 8 at 2:44 PM

GB

**Gary Brown** posted:

Although I did not personally know Gary, I am always sad to see the loss of a fellow unit member. May God Bless You and your family in this time of sorrow.Gary P BrownFront Royal, Virginia116th Assault Helicopter Company

November 8 at 2:32 PM

GC

**George Cathey** posted:

It was with great shock and sorrow that I just learned of Gary's death. I knew Gary in Viet Nam where we both flew as helicopter door gunners with the 116th Assault Helicopter Company. The last time I saw him was a few years ago at a 116th Company Reunion in Branson, MO. It is always tough to lose a friend and even tougher to lose a Brother in Arms. The 116th has always been a family and as such a family includes wives and children. It was only a few days prior to Gary's passing on that he and everyone had just lost another close friend of the company. I can assure you that friend is welcoming Gary to his new family as I speak and I'm sure they will be running things in short order. Genee, I was just in the Kansas City VA Chapel this morning and I included Gary, you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. It was my honor and pleasure to have known and flown with Gary L. McFadden. God Speed Gary!George CatheyPleasant Grove, Arkansas116th Assault Helicopter Company

November 8 at 2:14 PM

CP

**Cindy Passilla** posted:

Dear Suann and Ed, I was so sorry to read of the passing of your brother. I know what that feels like and the pain of telling your mother. May the lord bless and keep you in his loving care as you grieve. Peace and prayers for your family.

November 8 at 5:03 AM



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GT

**Gary Theuret** posted:

My condolences to Gary's family. Sorry to hear of Gary's passing. The last time I seen him was at the band reunion. We put a lot of shoe leather on the ground during those old years. I hope he blows his horn so we can find our way to the after life. So, from one ol' horn player to another, remember to start w/ your left foot and keep the line straight. Gary Theuret

November 7 at 3:38 AM

LD

**Larry Davern** posted:

I met Gary when we both worked at Abex, and later rode motorcycles together and were in the Vans of Time van club. We shared an apartment in the mid 1970's where the snow would come in the windows when the wind blew! He often stopped by my place when he was in Meadville, and I happened to see him this summer while he was here. I was so sorry to learn of his passing, and hope that the good memories help his family. With sympathy, Larry Davern

November 6 at 5:36 PM

GE

**Genevieve** lit a candle in honor of Gary.

Gary was a good person to work for at Snow Coil. I remember him as a kind and quiet man with a sense of humor. He has not and will not be forgotten. May your spirit be free Gary.

November 5 at 9:55 AM



DG

**Deanne Gibson** lit a candle in honor of Gary.

November 5 at 7:42 AM



MC

**Mandy And The Srs At Hilltop Country Clu** lit a candle in honor of Gary.

November 5 at 3:08 AM





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**Amber Rachal** lit a candle in honor of Gary.

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