



## Gary Lee Lawson

March 29, 1946 - May 21, 2020

Gary Lee Lawson 74, of Weaverville, passed away on May 21, 2020. He was the son of Glenmore Kirtley Lawson and Lorena Agnes Jones and the husband of Dr. Ellen Lawson.

Gary graduated from Churchland High School in Portsmouth Virginia and attended Old Dominion University prior to his service in the US Army during the Vietnam War. After the war he took responsibility for his younger brother before completing his degree in Mass Communication and Journalism at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia. He became a Sportswriter for the Virginian Pilot, worked in retail and for the Postal Service. He was a devoted father to three sons, instilling in them a love for their Scotch Irish heritage, history, and storytelling. He was a loving husband supporting his wife in her role as mother, physician and with her international medical ministry. During his last year, he served two months in Haiti, alongside her, at the orphanage in Titanyen with 85 children who loved him dearly.

He was a member of St. Eugene Church in Asheville. Besides Ellen, Gary is survived by three sons: Gary Tuch Lawson of Greensboro, Christopher Kirtley Lawson (Amanda Lea) of Asheville and Glenmore Charles Lawson of Weaverville; two grandsons: Dylan John Lawson and Jaden Christopher Lawson both of Asheville; and four siblings: Glenmore Kirtley Lawson Jr (Vicky) of Scottsdale, Arizona, and Helene Lawson, Michael Berry Lawson (BethAnn), and Robert Dwight Lawson (Charlotte) all of Virginia Beach, Va. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated May 29, 2020, at 11 AM at St.

Eugene Church in Asheville, N.C. Inurnment will follow at the WNC Veterans' Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Sisters of Mercy, either for Sister Peggy, WNC Hispanic Ministry or for Haiti. Please designate which on the memo line of your check.

Morris Funeral and Cremation Care is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to them at [www.morrisfamilycare.com](http://www.morrisfamilycare.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Western Carolina State Veteran's Cemetery

Old US Hwy. 70  
Black Mountain, NC 28711

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Eugene Catholic Church  
72 Culvern Street  
Asheville, NC 28801  
<http://www.steugene.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ Gary Lee Lawson

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Lawson.



May 27, 2020 at 11:09 PM



“ Gary was a kind and gregarious individual, with a great sense of humor. I'm so sorry for your loss and will always remember him and the fun times especially at your pool and the warm hospitality of your family. With loving thoughts & prayers, The Stillman family

Michelle & Daniel Stillman - May 27, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ Football team mate from Churchland High School in Portsmouth , Virginia and friend for many years . One of the nicest and funniest guys I've ever known . So very sad to hear of his passing . I too was with the Post Office and when I heard he had started a job there , we shared a lot of stories . I will miss that big smile and all of his great stories . My sincere condolences to his entire family . RIP my friend , Robert Smith

Robert Smith - May 27, 2020 at 01:47 PM

EH

“ Please except our condolences we are deeply sorry for your loss.  
*The Hunters*  
*Ervin, Kim and Layla*

Ervin Hunter - May 27, 2020 at 09:40 AM

JB

“ I worked with Gary at the postal service plant in Asheville. He was always so sweet and kind to me. May God surround you with his comfort and peace during this time of sorrow

Jenny Bailey - May 26, 2020 at 02:31 PM

KE

“ Gary was my cousin. I knew him all of my life. He told the greatest stories ever! Many were hilarious! Some things he would say were real zingers and had to make you laugh! He had comical and philosophical sides, was smart, caring and giving. He will be missed.

*Karl ed Beisel*

Karl ed - May 26, 2020 at 11:14 AM

EL

*Thanks Karl Ed*

Ellen Lawson - May 27, 2020 at 02:25 PM

CB

“ Chris and Joanie Beisel purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Gary Lee Lawson.



Chris and Joanie Beisel - May 26, 2020 at 11:01 AM

KV

“ *Karl ed Beisel & Family; Chesapeake, VA purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Gary Lee Lawson.*



**Karl ed Beisel & Family; Chesapeake, VA** - May 26, 2020 at 09:55 AM

TL

“ *The Lovell's purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Gary Lee Lawson.*



**The Lovell's** - May 26, 2020 at 08:10 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Lawson.*



May 25, 2020 at 08:32 PM

JR

“ *Jill Ann Beisel Roskowski purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Gary Lee Lawson.*



**Jill Ann Beisel Roskowski** - May 25, 2020 at 07:12 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Lawson.*



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May 25, 2020 at 06:43 PM



“ *A very special man filled with goodness and kindness. He was interested in everything and could speak on many diverse topics. He was a great husband, father, grandfather and brother. He will live on in the memories of All of us who had the fortune to love Gary Lee Lawson. Lawson Strong!*

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**Beth Ann Lawson** - May 25, 2020 at 06:06 PM



*I have so many great memories of Gary . His cousin Mary and I were roommates together at VCU . We had a blast . Even though I had not seen him in recent years he will always be a major part of my life . Condolences to all of his family . I will always have a big smile on my face when I think of him  
Marsha Gordon Sheriff*

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**Marsha Sheriff** - May 25, 2020 at 06:30 PM



*Jeanne Callahan*

*Gary will live on in our hearts.  
He was so much fun to be around if there wasn't a football game on of course. We will miss him.*

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**Jeanne Callahan** - May 25, 2020 at 06:34 PM

JR

*Gary will forever be a cherished cousin that I was so fortunate to 846989 in my life. I can still hear his voice and see his beautiful smile. He will live on my heart forever. Love, Jill Ann Beisel Roskowski*

**Jill Riskowski** - May 25, 2020 at 06:52 PM



*My cousin Gary was so full of life. I have many happy memories of big family gatherings with all of our cousins, listening to him tell stories and horsing around with his brothers. He was fun and funny, caring and kind. We were lucky to have him in our lives.*

*Heidi Beisel Workman*

**Heidi Workman** - May 25, 2020 at 07:25 PM

AG

*Gary will be missed. I remember his big smile.*

*Ann Harrington Gordon*

**Ann Harrington Gordon** - May 25, 2020 at 07:47 PM

CH

*I remember Gary when he was young and playing around with his brothers at my sister's house. Energetic and happy.*

*Christine Harrington (Aunt)*

**Christine Harrington** - May 25, 2020 at 07:56 PM

MH

*Gary always had a lot of wit and humor when sharing his stories at family gatherings. I have great memories of spending time with him at Mike's famous July 4th parties. Life goes way too fast, Gary will be missed*

*Mike Harrington*

**Mike Harrington** - May 28, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Lawson.



May 25, 2020 at 05:51 PM



“ Me and Gary were hired the same day, and became very good friends, he will truly be missed!

Raymond Alberts - May 25, 2020 at 02:49 AM



“ I very much enjoyed working with Gary at the Post Office. He was fun to work with and a hard worker.

Mavis Braswell - May 25, 2020 at 12:41 AM



“ Gary will truly be missed, a great friend who would always help when he could. Our prayers go out to his family.

John Karutz - May 24, 2020 at 07:40 PM



“ I remember Gary as such a good guy working hard . A friendly man that made a friend of me very easy we will truly be missed my prayers for the family

charlie smith - May 24, 2020 at 07:02 PM



“ So sorry for loss to family. I really enjoyed working with Gary at US Postal Service in Asheville NC A truly great Guy.

J Arrington - May 24, 2020 at 06:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Lawson.



May 24, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ I worked with Gary at the mail processing facility on Brevard Road. He was a good worker and a good friend. My prayers are with the family.

Robert James - May 24, 2020 at 08:55 AM