

## Gary Dean Dillingham

December 11, 1939 - November 24, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Gary Dean Dillingham announce his passing from this earth, but we rejoice in the knowledge he is now whole again in heaven.

Gary Dean, age 84, was born December 11th, 1939, in Durant, Oklahoma. He married his high school sweetheart Mary Lou Hughes in Madill, Oklahoma on November 1st, 1958. He attended high school in Calera, OK and college at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Gary Dean was the Plant Manager for the Durant Peanut Company for 20 years, and then became a peanut inspector for the Peanut Administrative Corporation for over 20 years. He was a member of the NRA and NWTF. He was a member and enjoyed attending services at Bushnell Baptist church.

An artist, a tough boss, a loyal husband, a great friend, a loving father and beloved Papaw, solemn and steady, a lover of guns and hunting, tinker and fixer of things, and his personal favorite: baby whisperer. He loved being with his kids, grandkids and great grandkids more than anything else.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Hickman and Hellen Dillingham; brother, Nick Dillingham; granddaughter, Catherine Leann Dillingham; father and mother in-law, Wayne and Lou Hughes.

Gary is survived by; wife Mary Dillingham; brother, Lynn Dillingham (Sandra); son, Gary Wayne (Cheryle) Dillingham; daughter, Angi (Craig) Young; daughter, Krystal (Rick) Bittner.

Seven grandchildren; Coby (Tara) Young, Dusty (Krista) Young, Rachel (Trey) Daniel), Stormi (Cody) Paden, Chessie (JoDan) Davis, Eli (Emily) Young, and Evan Dillingham; 19 great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and numerous other extended family members.

A memorial service to honor the life of Gary Dean Dillingham will be held on Wednesday, November 27, 2024 at 10:00 AM at Brown's Funeral Service chapel.

Services are under the direction of Brown's Funeral Service.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/TXSJXFJQ8T4JXPD7>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

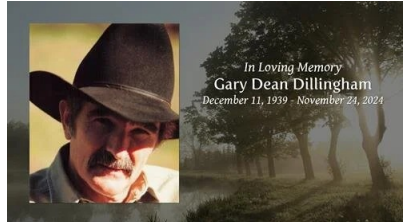
NOV 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Chapel  
4900 West US Hwy 70  
Durant, OK 74701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Dean Dillingham*



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**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - November 26, 2024 at 11:13 AM

PF

“ *My heart was so shocked and hurt to see the obituary for Gary. He was such a nice man and I admired him so much to see him in church almost every Sunday, most of the time bringing some of his grandkids with him, while Mary Lou was home preparing the Sunday meal for that big family they were so faithful to take care of and loved them so dearly. This brings back the memories of how much he loved Brother Kim and Brother Kim loved him. May the whole Hughes clan feel God's love for them in the days ahead. And, know I love you all so much!*

*Pat Fraze*

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**Pat Fraze** - November 29, 2024 at 11:09 PM

KM

“ *He was a such a nice guy. I remember him from my childhood and always liked being around him. Prayers for all of the family. Much love to you all.*

*Kerrey Thomas Matlock*

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**Kerry Matlock** - November 27, 2024 at 09:56 AM



“ Rip Gary this city kid always loved coming to the farm. I got to hunt and fish and even drove your stock car once. The one with the rail road ties welded in. You got tired of them taking you out. lol

Mark Mars - November 26, 2024 at 01:43 PM



“ Myron & Elva Albert purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Dean Dillingham.



Myron & Elva Albert - November 26, 2024 at 01:15 PM



“ Myron & Elva Albert planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Dean Dillingham.

Myron & Elva Albert - November 26, 2024 at 01:15 PM



“ Becky and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gary Dean Dillingham.



Becky and family - November 26, 2024 at 12:21 PM



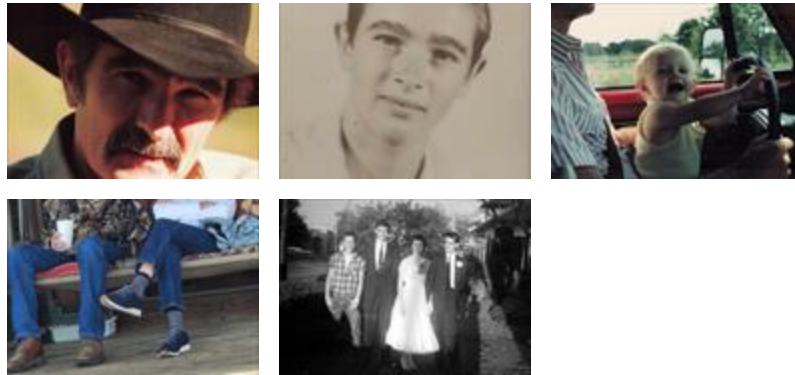
“ Roston and Shirley Green purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gary Dean Dillingham.



Roston and Shirley Green - November 26, 2024 at 12:12 PM



“ 94 files added to the album Gallery of Pictures



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - November 26, 2024 at 11:17 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gary Dean Dillingham.



November 26, 2024 at 10:06 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Dean Dillingham.

November 26, 2024 at 10:06 AM

RA

“ Rose Ledford, Amanda, & Adyn purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gary Dean Dillingham.



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**Rose Ledford, Amanda, & Adyn** - November 26, 2024 at 10:03 AM

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“ Rose Ledford, Amanda, & Adyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Dean Dillingham.

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**Rose Ledford, Amanda, & Adyn** - November 26, 2024 at 10:03 AM

BT

“ I have known Gary since before he and Mary Lou married. I loved him like a brother he was the greatest guy you would ever want to know. So sorry for his family, he will be greatly missed. But he doesn't have to suffer the pain anymore. Mary Lou I am so sorry. I only have good memories of him.  
Betty Thomas Taylor

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**Betty Thomas Taylor** - November 25, 2024 at 08:53 PM

SA

So sorry praying for you and your family and friends

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**Sally Ashley** - November 26, 2024 at 09:55 AM



*We lived a few blocks from the Dillingham clan growing up in Calera, Oklahoma. My brother Jim and I would often go the Dillingham's house because there seemd to always be something fun going on there. The brother, Gary, Lynn and Nicky, were all good people and we enjoyed playing there. They had a zip line, and the most fun thing to do was to hide behind a big tree while they shot marbles into the trunk with a home made cannon made from water pips (I think Mr. Dillingham was a plumber). If mom and dad had found out what we were doing, they would have fainted. Anyway, great family, not a mean one in the bunch. I know Gary will be missed forever.*

**Tommie Young** - November 26, 2024 at 06:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Dean Dillingham.*



November 25, 2024 at 07:17 PM



“ *Sue, Jana, Jay & family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gary Dean Dillingham.*



**Sue, Jana, Jay & family** - November 25, 2024 at 03:53 PM



“ *Some of my favorite childhood memories include 'cousin Gary'. My heart is sad, but I know there is a huge 'welcome home party' going on in Heaven right now!*

**Crystal Sarakas** - November 25, 2024 at 03:48 PM

LH

“ *He built my first home in Blue Oklahoma! There wasn't a better built home in Blue!! He was an amazing man!! Went to school with his children!*

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**Lesla Spoon Hughes** - November 25, 2024 at 03:05 PM