



Gary Pritchard

December 16, 1954 - August 23, 2020

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Gary Pritchard, 65, passed away peacefully and surrounded by family members on Sunday, August 23, 2020. A visitation will be held Tuesday, August 25, 2020, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. with the service to follow at 2:00 p.m. Both the visitation and the service will be held at Coleman Funeral Home (601 Commerce Parkway, Oxford, MS). Interment will be at Abbeville Cemetery in Abbeville, MS. Bro. Randy Hope will officiate. Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is in charge of arrangements.

Gary was born to Johnny Lee and June Sangster Pritchard. He was married to Linda Bennett Pritchard, and he was a true family man who will be intensely missed by all his family. Gary was a member of First Baptist Church of Abbeville, MS.

His family will always remember this warm, loving, tenderhearted man as their protector who loved them unconditionally. Linda remembers how he literally took over keeping things going at home once he retired. He cooked; he cleaned; and, he took care of the yard. His son, James, remembers having braces on his legs as a child, and as soon as his Dad got home from work, he removed them and had a payday and a coke for him. His daughter in law, Misty, remembers many occasions when he jumped in to help her out when James was away fighting fires. James said his dad was the “grumpiest” “sweetest” man you could ever know who would do literally anything for anybody. He loved everybody.

Gary was a loving, hardworking, loyal, and supportive man. He was funny and loved playing jokes on people. He loved travelling with Linda and Pam and Robert. He especially loved Heber Springs, trout fishing, and antique shops.

One of the greatest joys of his life was his grandchildren. He loved helping Lynlee learn to ride horses, he loved teaching the boys how to build things, he loved watching television with them, and he loved taking them to Sardis just to play on the playground. Known to

them as Papaw, he always had a funny story to tell or a joke to play on them.

Gary worked at Emerson Electric until the plant closed. He, then, worked at Baptist Memorial Hospital until he retired in 2018.

Gary leaves his family the legacy of love for all people; being happy in all circumstances; and all things are possible with the right attitude.

Gary is survived by his wife, Linda; his son James (Misty); three granddaughters, Lynlee Pritchard and Mary Hamilton and Harper Bennett; two grandsons, Bennett Pritchard and D.B. Bennett; three sisters, Jackie (Terry) Montgomery, Debbie (Bill) Kincade, Vickie (Tommy) Henry; and three brothers, Duke (Jonnie) Manning, Richard Pritchard, and Michael Pritchard.

Mr. Pritchard is preceded in death by his parents, Johnny and June Pritchard; and one bother Lee Sangster Pritchard.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to the Children's fund at First Baptist Church, Abbeville, MS (15 E. Long Street, Abbeville, MS 38601).

Please leave online condolences on the Tribute Wall at <http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com>.

Cemetery

Abbeville Cemetery

CR 201

Abbeville, MS, 38601

Events

AUG **Visitation** 12:00PM - 02:00PM

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Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford
601 Commerce Parkway, Oxford, MS, US, 38655

AUG **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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AUG **Committal**

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Abbeville Cemetery
CR 201, Abbeville, MS, US, 38601

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Paquita - August 26, 2020 at 11:11 AM



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“ I have found in life that there are four types of people you will encounter:

Those that you may meet and for whatever reason, you have no desire to have a conversation with.

Those that you can carry on a general conversation and be satisfied with meeting them.

Those that you can be a little more comfortable about the discussion.

Finally, the one (maybe two) that you can tell anything, anytime about any subject knowing that it is truly between you and that person.

For me, Gary was that person. He was/is my best friend. I have other friends but Gary is the best. I have other close friends but none are quite like Gary. I will miss our earthly time together whether hunting, fishing or just hanging out passing the time.

Today I rest in the comfort that Gary is with the absolute best friend he will ever have a conversation with....Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. More than likely talking about Linda, James and Misty, the grand kids and the rest of the family and friends in his life. He is no longer hurting in that tired old body that he and I joked about the last time we spoke but in his new body praising the name of Jesus.

Gary... remember the last time we talked, a couple of weeks ago....Save me a seat Brother!!!! In Gods time, I'm coming and we'll Praise together and talk again.

I miss you brother,

"Fast" Eddie

Eddie Riggs - August 24, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ What a beautiful testament to who my brother was. Thank you.

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