



## Gary Harper Sr

April 30, 1947 - January 20, 2022

Gary Dale Harper, Sr., was born in Sissonville, West Virginia on April 30, 1947. Gary was born the eighth out of eleven children to Ocie and Clem Harper. Gary married his high school sweetheart, Ada Jean Laton. June 5, 2021, marked their 55th wedding anniversary.

Gary is survived by his wife, Ada, daughters, Jean Ann Sheaffer (Wayne), Tammy Lynn Hopson (Randy), Cheryl Sue Atkinson (Joe), son, Gary Dale Harper II (favorite daughter-in-law Susan) and seven grandchildren Racheal, Annemarie Derek, Christina, Jacob, Kayla, and Kyle, and two brothers, Hayward Harper (Rita) and Pastor John Harper (Phyllis).

Sergeant First Class, Gary Dale Harper, Sr., United States Army (retired), honorably served America from 1965-1986 for a total of twenty-one years and one month. During that time, he served as a Unit Supply Specialist and an Infantryman. His foreign service included two years in Vietnam. During his service, Sergeant First Class Harper earned the Meritorious Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with one silver star and two bronze stars, the Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Army Good Conduct Medal, fifth award. Additionally, he earned the Expert Infantry Badge.

The distinctive accomplishments of Sergeant First Class Harper reflect great

credit upon himself and the United States Army.

Gary and Ada moved to Northwest Indiana in September 1995, where they attended First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana.

After retiring from the military, Gary carried out the remainder of his career serving as an entrepreneur in the field of real estate.

Gary's most prized treasures were his wife and family, whom he loved and for whom he would do anything.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to First Baptist Church missions or 90.5 The Key radio station.

Visitation will be on Saturday, January 29, 2022 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church Jack Hyles Memorial Auditorium 523 Sibley St. Hammond, Indiana 46320. Funeral service will begin at 11:30 a.m. Interment to follow at Memory Lane Memorial Park.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Lane Memorial Park

6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30)  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 322-2050  
info.memorylanepark@gmail.com  
<https://memorylanepark.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 29. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
523 Sibley Street  
Hammond, IN 46320

## Service

JAN 29. 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM (CT)

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## Interment

JAN 29 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Memory Lane Memorial Park & Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Gary Harper Sr*



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**Memory Lane Memorial Park & Funeral Home** - March 04, 2025 at 07:28 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gary Harper Sr.*



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January 26, 2022 at 02:57 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gary Harper Sr.*



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January 25, 2022 at 10:07 PM



“ *Gary was a great man! My condolences to My dear friends Ada, his wife and his daughter Tammy. May God wrap his around you both and comfort you. Sorry for your loss❤️God Bless*

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**Eva Maugherman** - January 24, 2022 at 05:09 PM



“ Prayers for the Harper family! May God bless each of you! Al and Patty Woodhull

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**Patty Woodhull** - January 24, 2022 at 09:32 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Harper Sr.



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January 22, 2022 at 04:10 PM