



## Gary Wayne Markley

July 20, 1947 - January 25, 2021

Gary Wayne Markley, 73, of Edinburg passed away on Monday, January 25, 2021 at the Winchester Medical Center surrounded by his loving wife and children. A private service will be held at Wakeman's Grove Church of the Brethren, Edinburg at 2:00 pm Saturday, January 30. Family only at the church (masks required) with a virtual service being held starting at 1:40 pm with a slide presentation on YouTube; <https://youtu.be/H4u0Czuo3X0>. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Pastors Mark Bowyer and P.G. Coverstone will officiate. Friends may view and sign the guest book on Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 at the funeral home. Pallbearers will be Tucker Markley, Jeremiah Hollar, Joshua Hollar, Justin Hollar, Will Thompson and Darrell Cook. Honorary pallbearers will be Fred Garber, Cecil Holler, Gamaliel Cook and Loraine Polk.

He was born July 20, 1947 the son of the late Elmer Winfield and Hilda Barb Markley. Gary was a 1965 graduate of Central High School and a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in the Vietnam War in 1967.

Gary is survived by his wife, of almost 53 years, Gloria Cook Markley who were united in marriage on March 16, 1968. Their children are Darrin "Toby" Markley and wife Holly and Melissa "Missy" Hollar and husband Jimmy all of Edinburg. Also surviving are grandchildren: Whitney and Tucker Markley, Morgan Hollar, Jillian Hollar, Jeremiah (Cathy), Joshua (Katie) and Justin

(Megan); great-grandchildren: Anika Perry, Taylor, Lauren, Jacob, and Jackson Hollar. Also surviving are a brother Jackie D. Markley (Luella) of Woodstock; nephews, Billy Markley (Sue), Patrick Markley (Delane) and niece, Susan Mason.

Gary was also survived by special sisters-in-law Peggy Cook and Eleanor Cook; and proud to be Uncle Gary to special nieces and nephews from the Cook family: Catherine Looman (Rick), Sherwood Stephens (Becky), Charlene Miller (Donald), Celeste Crowder (Todd), Simpson Stephens, Kelly Pence, Darrell Cook, Kim George (Dennis), Donald Cook, Jr.

He was predeceased by his wife's parents, Homer and Rebecca Cook; brothers-in-law Dwight H. Cook and Donald A. Cook, sister-in-law Geneva Stephens, and nephews Samuel, Sheldon and Sterling Stephens.

Gary was a member of Wakemans Grove Church of the Brethren, Edinburg where he and Gloria served as a deacon couple for almost 40 years. He served on the Church Board, youth advisors and many other capacities. Gary loved his Lord and his church family and served as door greeter for many years, sharing a hug and/or a mint with the younger ones and not so younger ones each Sunday. He was a good hugger!! He and his son Toby have operated Markley's Auto Service in Edinburg since 1996. He was dedicated to his customers and treated each person fairly with respect and dignity. However, his highest priority, next to his Lord, was his family and friends. Gary loved family gatherings and especially making ice cream for the grandkids when they asked! He was "Uncle Gary" to so many children/adults and loved them all as his own ready to offer advice and his words of wisdom and encouragement when needed. He will be so greatly missed. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!

Memorial contributions may be made to Wakemans Grove Church Building

Fund, 668 Wakemans Grove Road, Edinburg, VA 22824 or Brethren Woods,  
4896 Armentrout Path, Keezletown, VA 22832.

Online condolences can be left at [www.valleyfs.com](http://www.valleyfs.com)

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service  
Branch, Edinburg.

# Cemetery Details

## **Wakemans Grove Church of the Brethren Cemetery**

668 Wakemans Grove Road  
Edinburg, VA 22824

# Tribute Wall



“ Gary Wayne Markley

January 30, 2023 at 03:03 AM



“ Gary Wayne Markley

January 30, 2023 at 12:44 AM



“ We are so sad and stunned to hear of Gary's passing. We've been customers of Markley's Auto since January 2014 when we moved to Wakemans Grove Rd. Gary was always quick with a smile, a funny story, welcome and honest advice, and made everyone feel like a friend. May your memories bring you peace. Be well. Jaz & Lee Draper

Jaz Draper - March 02, 2021 at 09:43 AM



“ So sorry for the loss of a wonderful man. Knew Gary back in the 70's and he was so good to me.

Lance Fierro - February 25, 2021 at 12:42 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Such a kind and sweet gentleman! He will be greatly missed by all! Prayers to all the family! Dale & Julie Bean

julie bean - February 01, 2021 at 09:19 AM

BH

“ *Sending prayers to the Markley family. Such a terrible loss of a truly wonderful man and friend who we will never forget. Butch & Michelle Hisey*

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**Butch Hisey** - January 31, 2021 at 10:59 AM

EW

“ *My condolences to the Markley family. I was shocked to hear of Gary's passing. I have known Gary Gloria and Toby for many many years through the church. Fleta and I considered Gary Gloria and Toby very good friends. They visited our home as deacons and helped give us communion when Fleta fell ill in our home. Gary was a very friendly and caring person. He will be greatly missed my everyone who loved and knew him.  
Gary RIP.*

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**Edward L. Wood** - January 30, 2021 at 04:34 PM



“ Dear Gloria, Toby, Melissa, and extended family,



*It deeply saddened my heart when I saw that Gary had died. Toby has lost part of himself, I am sure, as a working partner along side his Dad for all these years. I will miss his presence at the garage as will many of his clients, church fellowship, and family. Gary's work was excellent and his mechanical knowledge has been much appreciated over the years. Gary has been faithful to his labor, wife, his church, and his family. God will reward him accordingly to his faith and works. May the Spirit of God's grace ever be with you as you all travel the rest of your journey without Gary's presence and his good sense of humor. His departure reminds us all that life here at its longest is so very short compared to all of eternity. May we all be prepared to meet our God by living each day in the will of God and growing on in the perfection of a pure heart that is totally submissive to the commandments of our Holy God through the power that enables us to be a true Christian. My thoughts and prayers will be engaged for the renewing of your body, soul, and spirits as we all face the uncertainties in this world.*

*In the love and grace of God,  
Gordon Allen*

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**Gordon Allen** - January 30, 2021 at 04:25 PM

GA

“ Dear Gloria, Toby, Melissa, and extended family,



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**Gordon Allen** - January 30, 2021 at 04:24 PM

SW

“ Toby, our thoughts are with you and your family, and all that knew your dad.

*Tommy, Sue and TJ*

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**Sue Williams** - January 30, 2021 at 03:33 PM

GT

“ You were in my thoughts and prayers as always. You’ve always treated me with open arms every time I come to visit. You are family. My love goes out to the family with hugs and smiles of the memories of past.

*Perhaps one day I’ll I should learn how to double talk as you tried many times to show me.*

*Love George A*

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**George Taylor** - January 30, 2021 at 01:35 PM

JL

“ Gary was a great person! He always welcomed you with a smile and hug. Prayers for his lovely family during this difficult time. May special memories bring each of you peace and comfort in the days ahead.

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**John, Tessie, Will and Thomas Lam** - January 30, 2021 at 10:34 AM

SJ

“ I’m so sorry for the passing of your loved one. Lifting up prayers for comfort and strength. Love and prayers.

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**Shirley Jett** - January 29, 2021 at 12:46 PM

TB

“ We're so sorry to hear of your loss. We only got to meet Gary a couple times, but have grown to know Toby's family quite well over the last couple years. Gary seemed like a wonderful man and was highly talked about by everyone that knew him. The family is in our thoughts and prayers! May God give you peace and comfort in the knowledge that Gary is now with HIM.

*Sending love,  
Scott, Tabitha and Colton Buchanan*

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**Tabitha Buchanan** - January 29, 2021 at 09:48 AM

EA

“ He was a very dedicated Christian and lived a great life modeled after his Savior. The world needs many more people who lived like him.. Will miss him... A great person...

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**Ed Aumiller** - January 29, 2021 at 01:16 AM

LK

“ Dear Family,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and we pray for God to grant you peace and comfort. May the memories you created with Gary carry you through the difficult days ahead.*

*Scott & Lisa Kiracofe  
Bridgewater, VA*



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**Lisa Kiracofe** - January 28, 2021 at 07:29 PM

AH

“ My love and prayers for Gary's family. I feel your sorrow and grief.

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**Annabelle Hamman** - January 28, 2021 at 05:09 PM

RL

“ We got to know Gary and the Markley family while pastoring at Wakeman’s Grove.  
In fact, Gloria was the church secretary during that time. Gary and Gloria were faithful to Jesus, the church, family, friends, and strangers. They have always been an encouragement to us. They were not content to be observers of God’s Kingdom, They were active participants in the life and spiritual growth of the Kingdom of Heaven. We will greatly miss Gary. Our lives were blessed by knowing Gary. Our Deepest Sympathy to his family and friends  
Blessed be His Name, Chip and Rachel

RACHEL LEATHERMAN - January 28, 2021 at 02:39 PM

SB

Only met Gary in recent years, when having car service. He was very friendly and very helpful. My husband was in his high school class and said he was a good guy. He will be missed in this community.  
Condolences to all the family.

susan Beazley - January 28, 2021 at 04:26 PM

GB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Gerald and Brigitte Hawkins

Gerald and Brigitte - January 28, 2021 at 01:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Wayne Markley.



January 28, 2021 at 12:25 PM

JB

“ With our deepest condolences, our thoughts and prayers go out to Gary's family. Gary was a good friend and a pleasure to work with over the years. Gary will be missed.

Sincerely,

John Brubaker and  
NAPA of Woodstock

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John Brubaker - January 28, 2021 at 11:16 AM

NA

“ My thoughts and prayers, Gloria, are with you and your family. I was one of Gary's classmates at Central High (class of 1965).



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Nancy (Bowman) Armstrong - January 28, 2021 at 02:03 AM

DF

“ Just wanted to say how sorry all the Robinson's are to hear of Gary's passing. He was such a special man and gave us so many wonderful memories during our time at Wakemans Grove (1967-1977). We loved Gary and Gloria so much. Please know you all are in our prayers. ❤️❤️ Love, Jim & Tippy Robinson, and Debbie Robinson Frye

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Debbie R. Frye - January 27, 2021 at 08:43 PM

DW

“ In my time in Shenco, I came to know Gary as a kind and decent man.

To his family and friends, I am so sorry for your loss.

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david warfield - January 27, 2021 at 08:06 PM

WW

“ Sending sincere sympathy to Gloria and children.

Wilma Windle - January 27, 2021 at 07:51 PM

NH

“ I went to Columbia Furnace School with Gary.



Nancy Head - January 27, 2021 at 06:14 PM

DT

“ Prayers of comfort to the family. Gary "Oleo" was my CHS '65 classmate ... he always had a kind word and smile every time I saw him. R.I.P. my friend.

Dee Tisinger - January 27, 2021 at 06:13 PM

AB

“ Gary was such a wonderful, kind man that always had time for a chat with a warm, gentle smile & calm guidance that his kind heart & gentle spirit always shined through, a hug was always available & a mint as needed whenever a throat tickle would happen. His love for his family was something to be admired & he will be missed by many. Our thoughts & prayers go out to you all,  
With our deepest sympathy,  
Phil, April, Cole & Brady Baker

April Baker - January 27, 2021 at 06:04 PM

WS

“ In our relative short term here in the valley we've become close friends to the Markley family with Gary quickly becoming someone I looked up to. He treated Kathy and I like family and made us feel so welcome at Wakemans Grove Church of the Brethren. His friendship meant so much to me and his passing has been like a horrible dream. But Gary's love for Gloria and all of his family is something we should all strive to emulate in our personal lives as it was so genuine. His love for God was very evident and his love for Wakemans Grove was as well. He will be missed so much by so many that he's touched over the years.

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**Wayne Stewart** - January 27, 2021 at 04:33 PM

CH

*True fiends, that is what Gary was and Gloria is. Gary will be greatly missed by Cecil and I. We had so much laughter over the years and times we shared. Rest In Peace our dear friend.*

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**Cecil & Barbara Holler** - January 27, 2021 at 05:27 PM

GK

*He was a special friend, and a wonderful church worker. He will be greatly missed. It is hard to believe he is gone. Our sympathy and prayers go out to all the family. So glad we can view the service may God be your comfort and strength in the days ahead*

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**Gene and Anna Knicely** - January 27, 2021 at 07:26 PM

PM

*So sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Sympathy and Prayers to the family.  
Pauline Minton*

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**Pauline Minton** - January 28, 2021 at 12:09 PM