



Mr. Garry Duran Puckett

October 4, 1954 - April 9, 2016

Garry Duran Puckett, 61, born October 4, 1954 in Mecklenburg County to Mr. and Mrs. Derwood and Mary Puckett, passed away on April 9, 2016.

Garry graduated from UNCC in 1976 with a degree in Chemistry. Garry worked for PPG Industries for 36 years in Lexington, NC and later in Shelby, NC. During his career, Garry was granted seven U.S. patents for his inventions in the textiles field.

Garry also served the community through his involvement in BSA Troop 448. As a young adult he was a part of Troop 333 where he earned the Eagle Scout Award and Order of the Arrow. Once he joined Troop 448 as an adult he earned the Woodbadge Award and served as Woodbadge Staff. He served as Scoutmaster from 1992 until 1998. During that time he performed 39 Eagle Scout awards with well over forty active members. He led his troop on 1368 cumulative backpacking, biking and canoeing miles with 338 camping nights, and 417 service hours.

Garry and his family attend First Baptist Salisbury for two decades where he served as a Trustee and Sunday School teacher. After moving to Shelby, Garry also served as a Sunday School teacher at First Baptist of Shelby for nearly ten years.

Garry had many hobbies as well such as photography, chip carving, knife making, fly fishing and fly-tying. Garry and his wife enjoyed going on hikes throughout the mountains of North Carolina having already completed several sections hiking on the Appalachian Trail.

Garry is survived by his wife of 37 years Diane Shelton Puckett; his three children Joseph and wife, Paige of Raleigh, NC, James and wife Xingyi of Gettysburg, PA, and Sarah Coombs and husband Gavin of Raleigh, NC; parents Derwood and Mary Puckett; his sisters Karen Garrison and Wendy Vandevere. Garry was the proud grandfather of four grandsons and expecting his first granddaughter.

Memorial Services will be held, Thursday April 14, 2016 at 11:00am at First Baptist Church of Salisbury. Visitation will be Wednesday April 13, 2016 from 5-7pm at Summersett Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to First Baptist Church 223 N. Fulton Salisbury, NC, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy 799 Washington St. PO Box 807 Harpers Ferry, WV. 25425-0807 or donor's choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **13**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 633-2111
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

APR **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church Salisbury
223 N. Fulton St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

YN

“ I remember Garry as a kind and caring classmate at East Rowan. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Yvonne Ellenburg Rockwell, NC - April 24, 2016 at 09:15 PM

GC

“ Sue and I are truly blessed to have been able to spend time and create so many beautiful memories with Garry and Diane. The loss of him on this earth hurts to our core. We know that the Lord called home one of His tireless workers! The Lord bless and keep his dear wife and family! Gene & Sue Clary

Gene & Sue Clary - April 13, 2016 at 08:24 AM

TM

“ Diane and family. My heartfelt condolences with your loss. I will always remember Garry's vibrant laugh and humor. I pray for you all. My love to each of you and all the family.

Tim McGhee - April 13, 2016 at 06:49 AM

JW

“ Jim and Jill Watson purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Garry Duran Puckett.



Jim and Jill Watson - April 12, 2016 at 07:40 PM

KS

“ KIMBERLY SISK purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. Garry Duran Puckett.



KIMBERLY SISK - April 12, 2016 at 02:45 PM

SP

“ Diane,
I was stunned to hear of the loss of Garry. He was a great person and I enjoyed working with him at S&T. You, your children and grandchildren will be in my thoughts and prayers for the coming months. May God grant you the comfort and peace you need to overcome your loss now and in the future.

*Sandy Piercey
Shelby, NC*

Sandy Piercey - April 12, 2016 at 02:28 PM

KS

“ KIMBERLY SISK purchased the *A New Sunrise S* pray for the family of Mr. Garry Duran Puckett.



KIMBERLY SISK - April 12, 2016 at 02:05 PM

JS

“ Diane, I am so sad to read this news. I first knew Garry when he was one of my 8th graders at Erwin Jr. High and what a delight he was! Next I knew you and your family at St. Lukes for several years. He was a very special young man and I hope that you and your family will find some comfort in the thoughts and prayers of your friends. I am sorry that we cannot be there for you but we've lived in Greenville, SC for the past 23 years. Thinking of you all though.....

Joyce R. Seabrook - April 12, 2016 at 01:17 PM

TL

“ Diane I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your children.

Tammie Lee

Tammie Lee - April 12, 2016 at 11:13 AM

TF

“ Terry Fry purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Garry Duran Puckett.



Terry Fry - April 12, 2016 at 10:10 AM

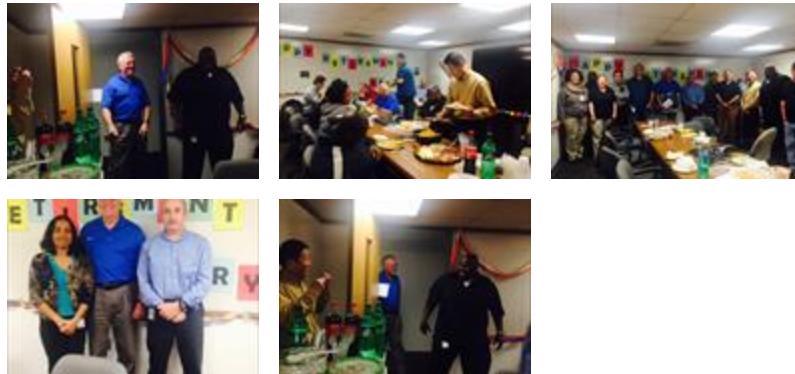
LN

“ Our prayers and sympathies are with Gary's family. He had a Godly influence on our sons. Under Gary's guidance and leadership all three of our sons earned their Eagle award when they were apart of Troupe 444. We were privileged to meet Gary and Diane and his father, Derwood, and mother, Mary, at First Baptist in Salisbury and enjoyed their friendship. This is a great and unexpected loss. We are comforted knowing that Gary is walking with the Lord now. We are thankful for Gary's faithful walk here on earth serving his Lord, Jesus Christ. May the Lord comfort his family as only He can.
Lloyd and Linda Nickerson

Lloyd and Linda Nickerson - April 12, 2016 at 08:46 AM

NA

“ I am deeply saddened by the sudden death of Garry. I am still in disbelief. Garry was a great friend, collaborator and a colleague who would go above and beyond to help anyone out. He gave me the first tour at PPG and was an excellent mentor whose door was always open to answer a question. I'm proud and feel privileged to have known such a kind, decent and a brilliant person and he will be dearly missed. My prayers and thoughts are with him, Diane and with his family he left behind.



Nilmini Abayasinghe - April 12, 2016 at 08:44 AM

RD

“ Our prayers go out to the family. Gary was loved by his neighbors in Shelby. He went out of his way to help them. I was privileged to have worked with Gary throughout most of my career. He was a true professional, thorough, and was always thinking of ways to solve problems. He will be greatly missed! - Roy and Connie Daman

Roy Danan - April 12, 2016 at 08:43 AM

JM

“ Very sad to hear the news. Sympathies to Garry's family.
John Meng, PPG

John Meng - April 12, 2016 at 07:26 AM

FC

“ I had the distinct pleasure to work with Garry his last 7.5 years at PPG in Shelby, NC. He was always a cheerful and pleasant person to work with in the morning. We spoke almost every day discussing everything from fly-tying to politics and shared many common interests and opinions. Brandon Cash and I had the pleasure of having a Chinese lunch with him about 2 weeks ago and we enjoyed it immensely. We also had a secret going away party for him when he retired in the conference room in the plant and he was so shocked.



I will really miss his humor and cheerful way to always make jokes and keep everyone upbeat.

To the family, thank you for sharing him with us while he was working. I hope you can take comfort in the fact that he touched and inspired many people.

F. Michael Cretella

F. Michael Cretella - April 12, 2016 at 06:40 AM

JO

“ Garry was a good neighbor. He and Diane were fixtures on the road, walking almost daily in all kinds of weather. When the rest of us were sitting on our couches, planning to walk, there would go Garry and Diane! He always had a smile and hollered or if out of earshot would wave. We will miss him in the neighborhood! Joyce and Jerry Gardner

Joyce - April 11, 2016 at 08:15 PM

WD

“ Wayne And Anganetta Dover lit a candle in
memory of Mr. Garry Duran Puckett



Wayne and Anganetta Dover - April 11, 2016 at 03:19 PM