



## Mr. Gary "Bigfoot" Nesbit Carter

November 15, 1946 - April 26, 2013

Gary "Bigfoot" Nesbit Carter, 66 of Salisbury passed away Friday, April 26, 2013 at Novant Rowan Medical Center.

Gary was born November 15, 1946 in Rowan County to the late Letha Bradshaw Carter Clontz, and Emanuel Nesbit Carter.

He was a graduate of A.L. Brown High School in 1965 and trained at Rowan Cabarrus Community College.

Gary worked for Cannon Mills in Kannapolis and Woods Auto. Most of his working career he worked for the Department of Corrections and retired as Sgt. from Piedmont Correctional Facility. He also worked with the Reserve Rowan Sherriff's Department and was a Salisbury City Reserve officer.

Mr. Carter was a member of Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church and enjoyed helping with Meals on Wheels. He had been a Spencer Jaycee in earlier years and he was active with the SEANC for many years. He enjoyed riding in his 1969 firebird in various parades.

Gary was preceded in death by a son Gary Brian Carter in 1990 and a half-brother Thomas Carl Bradshaw.

Those left to cherish his memory his wife of 44 years Brenda Sweezy Carter, a son Jason Robert Carter of Auburn, AL, numerous aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews. The family extends a special thanks to Thomas Carl Bradshaw Jr.

Funeral service will be held at 2 PM Monday (April 29) at Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church with the Rev. Kris Mares and Rev. Dr. Jim Gilland officiating. Burial will follow at Rowan Memorial Park with graveside rites by NC Department of Public Safety Honor Guard.

Visitation will be from 6-8 PM Sunday (April 28) at Summersett Funeral Home and also one hour prior to the service at Mt. Tabor.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church 4520 Old Mocksville Rd. Salisbury, NC 28144 and to American Heart Association 222S. Church St., Suite 303 Charlotte, NC 28202.

Summersett Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

APR **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church  
4520 Old Mocksville Rd.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall

RM

*“ I will truly miss Gary. He could light up a room with his cracker barrel humor. I learned a long time ago to never let him know of anything that you did not like. God bless him. He can now enjoy everlasting peace.*

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**Renee Moore** - October 12, 2013 at 11:27 AM

DC

*“ I will miss you and our talks at my recycling stop. You were a wonderful person to be related to and talk to. may God give your family peace to know you are in Heaven.*

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**David James Carter** - April 29, 2013 at 06:56 PM

DC

*“ David James Carter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary "Bigfoot" Nesbit Carter*



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**David James Carter** - April 29, 2013 at 06:53 PM

GH

*“ I am so sorry for your loss. Gary was a dear friend . We shared many good times working at Piedmont. I know he will be deeply missed, Grady Howard*

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**Grady Howard** - April 29, 2013 at 12:54 PM

GW

“ Gary was a good friend at AL Brown and I know he will be sorely missed. May God's Loving Hands Embrace his Family during this trying time and going ahead.

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**Gene Wilson** - April 28, 2013 at 10:27 PM

 Yuwie  
Hager

“ written by Josh Hager

*Hey Brenda and Jason,  
I'll truly miss seeing Gary whenever I come back to see my folks and go to church with them. Gary was one of the people I always made sure I gave a hug before leaving. He was one of my 'secondary' dads there in Salisbury growing up. I remember talking with him numerous times about cars, and having the chevy/ford rivalry between him and me & dad. He was one of the nicest people I ever knew, and helped me become the man I am today. I am unquestionably a better man for having known him and had the pleasure of growing up in his presence. My family and I are keeping you guys in our prayers, and even though we will be unable to make the funeral you will definitely be in our thoughts as well. May God bring you peace and strength, and always remember that we love you.*

*Josh, Yuwie, and Samantha Hager*

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**Yuwie Hager** - April 28, 2013 at 07:18 PM

JC

*He came to our barbershop and I had the pleasure of cutting his hair . I never knew a nicer guy. I am devastated Over his passing. My deepest sympathies to his family*

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**Joanie Cummingd** - May 17, 2020 at 07:03 PM

BF

“ To Brenda and family. Gary was such a nice guy. He would always speak and act as if he were truly glad to see you. He was such a sweet man. I will never forget when he sold me that BRIGHT yellow Gremlin. That was one of my favorite cars. I could always ask him for advice about cars and he would give me a straight answer. He had integrity.

*I will miss him. You and your family will be in my prayers. I wish you sweet memories and a peaceful heart.*

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**Brenda Z. Forbis** - April 28, 2013 at 04:28 PM

CH

“ To the family I am very sorry for your loss. Gary was a sweet, kind person and will be missed by all. May God give you the peace and comfort that you need during these difficult days without him.

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**Charlotte Baxter Hayes** - April 28, 2013 at 10:35 AM

NT

“ Nancy Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary "Bigfoot" Nesbit Carter



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**Nancy Thomas** - April 28, 2013 at 10:04 AM

JJ

“ Jeff Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary "Bigfoot" Nesbit Carter



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**Jeff Jackson** - April 28, 2013 at 08:39 AM

JJ

*Gary was a good man, and had a wonderful family. Thoughts are with his family. Not gonna be the same without the Blue bird riding around town. R.I.P.*

**Jeff Jackson** - April 28, 2013 at 08:40 AM

BE

“ *Gary will be very missed! I chose a blue candle in memory of all the jokes he had about Carolina whenever they played...especially if they lost!*



**Bernice** - April 28, 2013 at 07:15 AM

LK

“ *Lisa Kepley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary "Bigfoot" Nesbit Carter*



**Lisa Kepley** - April 27, 2013 at 10:57 PM

KF

“ *Kelli Pegram Fries lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary "Bigfoot" Nesbit Carter*



**Kelli Pegram Fries** - April 27, 2013 at 10:54 PM

LS

“ *Lisa Simmerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary "Bigfoot" Nesbit Carter*



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**Lisa Simmerson** - April 27, 2013 at 10:23 PM

LA

“ *Lauren Alexander lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary "Bigfoot" Nesbit Carter*



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**Lauren Alexander** - April 27, 2013 at 09:10 PM

JL

“ *Jamie Livengood lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary "Bigfoot" Nesbit Carter*



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**Jamie Livengood** - April 27, 2013 at 08:49 PM

JA

“ *Sorry for your loss /// we allways called Gary /// Crater / he was a great guy/// JIM ALLEY*

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**JIM ALLEY** - April 27, 2013 at 08:28 PM

Dena Kimball

“ Dena Kimball lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary "Bigfoot" Nesbit Carter



Dena Kimball - April 27, 2013 at 08:23 PM

WD

“ 1996 Gary and I are driving to Baltimore to pick-up a car. We left early in the morning from Salibury. we talked all day, while driving. Got to Baltimore, got the car, and headed home. those of you that really knew Gary, He loved his music. So we started singing to every song that came on the radio. At 9PM I finally lost my voice. he never let be forget that I only could talk sing for 18 hours. That was the kind of great human being he was. There are too many great stories that I have of Gary, This was just one. I call myself lucky to have know him and spent a lot of time with him. Gary we will all miss you every much. Sing me a song in heaven and I will join you some day. Wayne Dickey

Wayne Dickey - April 27, 2013 at 08:00 PM

KL

“ Kay Lopiano lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary "Bigfoot" Nesbit Carter



Kay Lopiano - April 27, 2013 at 07:59 PM

CT

“ *Bigfoot will be GREATLY missed by all. His humor and caring were immeasurable.*

Charlie & Barbara Thomas - April 27, 2013 at 07:48 PM

WH

“ *Wendy Harkey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary "Bigfoot" Nesbit Carter*



Wendy Harkey - April 27, 2013 at 06:10 PM

RC

“ *Roger Caudill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary "Bigfoot" Nesbit Carter*



Roger Caudill - April 27, 2013 at 02:55 PM

LM

“ *Lyndsay Beck Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary "Bigfoot" Nesbit Carter*



Lyndsay Beck Martin - April 27, 2013 at 02:22 PM



“ *Thomas Schneider lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Gary "Bigfoot" Nesbit Carter*



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**Thomas Schneider** - April 27, 2013 at 02:00 PM