



Gary Wayne Basinger

September 1, 1951 - September 15, 2010

Gary Wayne Basinger, of Salisbury, age 59, passed away Wed. Sept 15, 2010, surrounded by his family at his home.

Born Sept. 1, 1951 in Stanly County, he was the son of the late Edward Sherrill and Katherine Dorn Basinger of Spencer. He graduated from North Rowan High School in 1969 and attended Western Carolina University.

He was the founder and owner of Spencer Plumbing Company since 1978 and was devoted to his farm where he enjoyed riding horses, hunting and target shooting. He was a highly respected Karate instructor, where he taught Kyokushinkai Karate to countless students through the years. He began learning Karate at the age of 12 and achieved the rank of 5th degree Black Belt. He won multiple Karate tournaments on the east coast and was grand champion of the Battle of Atlanta and the Atlanta Pro-Am. He was ranked by Kung Fu magazine as one of the top 10 fighters on the east coast and was recently inducted into the Living Legends hall of fame for his lifetime accomplishments in sport karate.

He was a dedicated member of Calvary Baptist Church, where he taught Sunday School and discipleship training, was chairman of the building committee, and was a spiritual leader in his church and community helping lead many to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, his Lord and Savior.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie Barnhardt Basinger; sons, Brandon Basinger and wife Hannah, of Salisbury; Joshua Barnhardt and wife Kelly, of Chapel Hill, NC; daughter Candice Basinger of Charlotte, NC; brothers Ed Basinger and wife Macon of Sneads Ferry, NC; Sherman Basinger and wife Peggy of Dumfries, VA; sister Kathy Basinger Chambers and husband Jerry of Knightdale, NC.

Visitation will be held Friday Sept. 17, from 7pm-9pm at Summersett Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held Saturday Sept. 18th at 11am at Calvary Baptist Church in Salisbury with the Rev. Dr. Rick Cockerham presiding.

Memorials can be made to the Calvary Baptist Church New Building Fund, 2255 E. Ridge Rd, Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Debbie, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Bob and Trish Smith##imported-begin##Bob Smith##imported-end##*

September 22, 2010 at 07:53 AM



“ *Debbie and Family: I am so sorry for your great loss. Gary is so much better off than we are now. You and your family are in my prayers and in my thoughts. I will come and see you soon.*

Love,

Mitzi##imported-begin##Mitzi Smoot##imported-end##

September 19, 2010 at 05:37 PM



“ *Gary was a good friend and a great plumber. Gary will be missed, but I know he is with our heavenly father. Gary had done some plumbing work for me and other family members and I enjoyed talking to him and Brandon. I also worked with him some at work. We will keep family members in our prayers.##imported-begin##Jamie Hoffner##imported-end##*

September 18, 2010 at 11:25 AM



“ *Ms Basinger & Family*

It was a blessing to get to know Mr Basinger. When you both would visit the former Myers market. You could always see the salt & light of christ on you both. I would always enjoy discussing with Mr Basinger the good news of the Gospel ! We are praying the Lord's comfort on each of you . (WE KNOW WERE HE IS AND THE JOY OF THE LORD HE IS EXPERIENCING RIGHT NOW GLORY TO THE LAMB) !!

Lord Bless

Pastor Joey Spry##imported-begin##Joey Spry##imported-end##

September 18, 2010 at 02:18 AM



“ Gary will be missed by his family and many friends but we must all rejoice knowing he is with his Lord and Savior. We must keep the faith and know that we will see him again some day.##imported-begin##Linda Miller##imported-end##

September 17, 2010 at 09:44 PM



“ We were sad to hear of Gary's passing but know that he is with his Lord and Savior and would not want anyone to feel sad about that. He was a good man and will be missed by many friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Sue & Lisa Little##imported-end##

September 17, 2010 at 09:40 PM



“ Debbie, I was terrible sorry to hear of Gary's translating to Glory. However, he is not suffering any longer and even though I know that my loss is great I also know that JESUS needed him there with HIM in heaven. I know that the days and weeks ahead are going to be very difficult. You are in my prayers and I am here if I can do anything to help. Know that you are Loved, first, by the LORD JESUS and then by me. Love and Prayers Mary Fillinger##imported-begin##Mary Fillinger##imported-end##

September 17, 2010 at 08:41 PM



“ Dear Debbie, Brandon and Hannah, I am so sorrow of the untimely passing of Gary, one of the greatest people I have ever known. Gary was certainly an inspiration to all who knew him and ever more so to his fellow plumbers. Gary was a leader in our field to us and the best anyone could be as a representative to his customers. I know your family will miss Gary greatly and we in the plumbing field will also. Thank you GOD for allowing us to know and share the life Gary, we know he is home with you now.##imported-begin##bud moose##imported-end##

September 17, 2010 at 08:36 PM



“ Debbie, We are so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort knowing that Gary is with our Lord Jesus. With our sympathy,
Mark & Cheryl Woodburn & family##imported-begin##Cheryl Woodburn##imported-end##

September 17, 2010 at 05:04 PM



“ so sorry for your loss-a great guy-you're all in my thoughts and prayers##imported-begin##don shoaf##imported-end##

September 17, 2010 at 02:33 PM



“ I am deeply saddened by Gary's passing. I wanted to share my admiration, love, and respect for him and also send my condolences and my love to all of your family. Stay strong and best wishes to all of you going forward from this difficult time.##imported-begin##Damon Nichols##imported-end##

September 17, 2010 at 12:20 PM



“ Dear Debbie:
I was so sorry to read of your husband's death. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God be with you in this time of loss.
Sincerey
Pat Nelson##imported-begin##Patricia Nelson##imported-end##

September 17, 2010 at 10:42 AM



“ Gary was a wonderful man and a good friend to many people. I am so glad I had the chance to know him and share some fun memories.##imported-begin##Julia Rex##imported-end##

September 17, 2010 at 10:02 AM



“ We depended on Gary as our plumber. We remember him as our friend.

We will miss you but we know you will make a great angel.##imported-begin##Lee and Cynthia Russell##imported-end##

September 17, 2010 at 08:35 AM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the family and many friends that were touched by this great man. Gary was my closest friend and we shared many moments in life that I will always cherish and remember daily. With love and honor, we should always remember Gary for the great influence he had on others.

Darrell Wilson##imported-begin##Darrell Wilson##imported-end##

September 17, 2010 at 08:28 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. May God give you comfort and peace in the coming days. Gary was a wonderful man of God and will be greatly missed. We love you and we are praying for you.

Chuck, Barbara, Nate and Drew Cassada##imported-begin##Chuck and Barbara Cassada##imported-end##

September 16, 2010 at 08:36 PM



“ Gary will be greatly missed by many, what an awesome example of Christ love he lived out through his everyday life. My heart and prayers go out to the family during this difficult time. Our loss truly is Heaven's gain and I know that I will see Gary again in Heaven. Debbie I love you very much.##imported-begin##Jennifer Osborne##imported-end##

September 16, 2010 at 04:47 PM