



## Garry Wayne Maddox

December 23, 1948 - August 29, 2018

Garry Wayne Maddox was born December 23, 1948 to Lewis and Peggy Maddox at the home of Peggy's parents in Winston, Missouri. He was the elder brother to Bill and Terry Maddox. He attended school in Parkville where he and his brothers learned to love the game of baseball. He graduated from Park Hill High School in 1966. He would say that later, he taught himself to read. Dick and Jane were just not quite up his alley. After high school, Garry attended the US Trade School where he studied auto mechanics. In 1969, he enlisted in the United States Army. He completed basic training in Fort Leonard Wood and was able to provide hurricane relief and develop a love for Cajun food all at the same time. Later in life, his love for all things Cajun would grow when he met Pastor Mike and Ms. Stephanie. After his completion of basic training, he served in Vietnam from May of 1970 to March of 1971. He was always proud to wear his Vietnam Vet "discount" hat, especially on family trips to Branson.

Garry's oldest son, Andy, was born in December 1973 during his first marriage. In 1978, Garry married his wife of 40 years, Elisa Mae Moreland. In November 1980, they moved to Kearney, Missouri where they would meet lifelong Christian friends, like Kenny and Carol Stock, and Jeff and Royce Keller, find a renewed love for and acceptance of Jesus as their Lord and Savior, build the home in which they would raise their babies and live happily on the green side for over 30 years. Luke was born in October 1984. That's

when Garry began turning gray.

Garry was either a hard worker or hardly working from a very young age. One summer, when he was 14, he went to work for his mother's brother, Uncle Don, in Pattonsburg. With the money he earned that summer, he bought the family's first wooden boat. This led to many family camping trips to the Lake of the Ozarks where Lewis and Peggy would later retire. He stayed with Don and his family and often talked about the good times he had during his time with them. Also just after high school, he went to Colorado for about a year to work for his Uncle Vance (Peggy's brother-in-law) doing heating and air conditioning work. At one point, he worked with his dad as a machinist and later worked with his brother Terry at Jefferson Bus Lines as a mechanic. For 15 years, he worked at Ryder Truck Rental. After that he opened Garry's Mobile Truck Repair, where he enjoyed being his own boss despite the 24 hour on-call life. He shut down the business and retired after 15 years.

Most of us know Garry as someone who always tended to see the silver lining in all things and who had a slew of favorite one-liners. He would take in and accept just about anyone and offer a hug or a swift kick or maybe both, whatever you needed at the time. He enjoyed fishing and hunting with the guys and taking scenic rides on his motorcycle. One of the things he enjoyed the most was acting like a kid with his three grandchildren, Austin, Gage and Cameron.

Garry also loved serving his church and God's people even in other places around the world. He served as a deacon at both Full Gospel Fellowship and at Crescent Lake. He enjoyed his Sunday's to greet. In 1997 Garry, Lisa and Luke went on a mission trip to Jamaica, and in 2012 he joined a missions team in Guatemala. Later on, in 2015, he went on another trip to Vietnam. He wasn't afraid to make sure that everyone knew about God and His promises.

On August 29, 2018, Jesus' arms opened wide and after two bouts with lung cancer and a hard fought battle, Garry was called home. He was surrounded by his family and friends.

Garry was preceded death in death by his father, Lewis Maddox.

He is survived by his mother, Peggy, wife Lisa, brothers Bill and Terry and their wives Sherri and Joy, sons Andy and Luke, daughter-in-law Leslie, grandchildren Austin, Gage, and Cameron, and many others including in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews as well as great nieces and nephews. He loved all his family dearly.

A memorial service for Garry will be held on September 8, 2018 at Crescent Lake Christian Center in Excelsior Springs, Missouri at 2:00pm. In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Crescent Lake Christian Center and will go toward missions through the church.


Crescent Lake Christian Center  
1250 St. Louis Ave  
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry for your loss. I went to school with Garry and grew up in the same neighborhood. One day Garry asked me to go to St Joe, Mo. and see his grandmother so we did and that's how I met Bonnie Brown and Connie Clark . So that led us to Pattonsburg and the Wagon Wheel to a square dance and I met Della Shipers, the love of my life for 48 years. So thank you Garry. We had a lot of fun together. Sorry we lost touch in life. You will be missed.

Wayne E Rowell - September 06, 2018 at 11:13 AM

 Donna Brown-Magness

“ What a beautiful tribute to Garry Wayne! Spot on. I will share a memory..... because I was traumatized! LOL I think Bonnie was with us..... not sure, but Garry had a convertible..... Camero? And we all wanted him to take us for a ride and that HE DID! I remember him saying the "radar doesn't go past 100 mph"..... LOL We were flying! The Brown Reunions will never be the same..... but I bet we talk about you!! :-) Garry was always fun to be around and always smiling. I bet he's really smiling now!

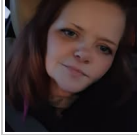


Donna Brown-Magness - September 04, 2018 at 05:58 PM

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“ Bless all the family, Lord. Lift their hearts, lessen the time of mourning and warm their memories with love. Karen McKahan

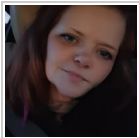
Karen Mckahan - September 01, 2018 at 08:57 PM



“ Lisa I am so sorry for the loss of your sweet husband. While I spent more time usually talking to you I did get to chat with Garry once in awhile over my 8yrs at CLCC and I remember him talking about chemo one day during the first battle and how his hair was not really falling out and that he was actually not worried about it because he didn't have a whole lot to begin with. My understanding of the conversation was it was like a side effect that he had anticipation for and then he was surprised it didn't happen because he could deal with that side effect. He made light of the darkness of cancer and chemo. Cancer didn't win just because he is gone because his kindness will still be remembered in the hearts he touched, hearts like mine. I am far away now but my love is far reaching and so are my prayers. God surround you with his loving presence always!  
Love, Brandi

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**James Brandi Reed** - August 31, 2018 at 10:54 PM



“ James Brandi Reed lit a candle in memory of Garry Wayne Maddox



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**James Brandi Reed** - August 31, 2018 at 10:43 PM

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“ It’s been my privilege to know Gary for many years now. Two words come to mind when thinking of him. Genuine and faithful. I have always had an admiration for real people , and I loved this quality in him. Faithfulness in a man these days, can seem to be a rare commodity, and so my appreciation for Gary’s faithfulness to his family and To God is equally shared. The other thing that I liked about him, was his sense of humor. As he would sometimes say , he liked to get up at the crack of noon ! The memory I’d like to share is one from a mission trip to Guatemala with Gary and some others. One morning the group was heading out on the bus to a village 3or4 hours away to work for the day. It was 5:00 AM or so, still dark out, no one was talking on the bus just riding and trying to wake up. Thru the dead silence from the back of the bus came this gravely voice offering a prayer, that simply said; Oh Lord, forgive us for wasting this Precious Darkness !  
Of course the timing was perfect, the silence was broken and I believe everyone had a great start to their day, with a good laugh ! That’s a memory of and with Gary on The Green Side that I will always remember, and smile. I’m looking forward to many more memories with my brother on the a Great Side.  
Love and prayers to you Lisa and all your family.  
Rodney

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**Rodney Ishmael** - August 31, 2018 at 10:42 PM



“ Loved doing Greeter at church with Gary and enjoyed his help when the flood got into the lower floor of the classrooms. Did a lot of sheet rock work and painting. He would always ask to come aboard. So funny. I will miss him greatly.

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**Edward Emery** - August 31, 2018 at 09:50 PM

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“ *Stephony lit a candle in memory of Garry  
Wayne Maddox*



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**Stephony** - August 31, 2018 at 08:59 PM

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“ *We know Garry is in Jesus arms now . Beautiful story on his life. We  
are praying for all of you for strength and comfort . Love Always  
Patty and Ralph Edwards*

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**Ralph and Patty Edwards** - August 31, 2018 at 08:34 PM