



Gary C. Howell Sr.

November 10, 1946 - July 4, 2025

Abbeville -

Gary C. Howell Sr., age 78, born in New Orleans, LA, and a longtime resident of Abbeville, LA, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family. A proud Marine veteran, Gary served a tour of duty in Vietnam, after which he returned home to Louisiana. After exploring various paths, he found his calling in the oilfield, dedicating 32 years to Dowell Schlumberger.

Gary's heart belonged to the water, where he spent countless hours at his camps on 4-Mile Bayou and Boston Canal. An avid outdoorsman, he loved hunting, fishing, and trawling on his boat, On a Mission. When not shrimping, he tended to several crawfish ponds. Known for his warm, larger-than-life personality, Gary was quick to make friends, living life with a hard-working, hard-laughing, and hard-playing spirit-and a famously hard-headed streak that endeared him to many. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Mildred Cowley Howell; his first wife, Flora "Dolly" Howell; his son, Karl Cadwell; and his grandson, Billy Robertson.

He is survived by his wife, Wendy Gautreau Howell; his son, Gary Cowley Howell Jr. (Shannon Howell); his daughters, Karline Cadwell Kelley, Bonnie

Lee Howell, Teri Howell Powell (Willie Daigle), and Rebecca Howell Bourke (Christopher Bourke); as well as 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to the staff of Southern Grace Hospice—Hannah, Wonnie, Faralynn, Tiffany, and Gretchen—as well as Chaplain Bryan, for their exceptional care and compassion shown to Gary and the entire family during this difficult time.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

P.S. He said his daughter Teri was his favorite!

P.S.S. Keep dreaming, Teri! - Love, Becky

P.S.S. Y'all both dreaming! - Gary Jr.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 W. Lafayette St., Maurice, LA 70555.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending our condolences. Mr. Gary will be greatly missed.* ”



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Gary was a dream to work with. For several years he was the Supervisor on the Big Orange 24. He was the Supervisor on the first Offshore Frac for Union Oil. He was instrumental in the design, construction, and operation of the Maurice District. He was an important part of the construction project coming in on time and on budget. And that was not done often. I was always proud to work with Gary.

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