



Gary Willets Vail

August 30, 1960 - August 25, 2024

Crowley -

Gary Willets Vail, age 63, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 25, 2024, in Lafayette.

Gary Willets Vail was born on August 30, 1960, in Crowley to Milton Vail, Jr. and Bernice Bennett. During his adolescent years, he had the privilege of traveling with his father, who served in the Army. While stationed in Germany, Gary played on the 1975 soccer team for Bad Kreuznach American High School Germany. Upon returning to the states, he attended Crowley High prior to graduating New Iberia Senior High in 1977. After graduating, Gary enlisted with the Louisiana National Guard, then went on to serve many years with the Crowley Police Department. Ahead of retiring, he worked multiple years in the petroleum trucking industry, known to many as 'Coyote'. Several lasting friendships and memories were forged throughout his careers. Gary enjoyed baking home-made bread and boudin, canvas painting, computer gaming, caring for his beloved dogs - Lil Bit and Ringo, spending time and talking with family. He will be dearly missed.

Gary is survived by his children, Colleen Abshire (Todd), Daphne Marie Vail, Jenna Leger (Keenon), and Aaron Dean Vail; his grandchildren, Cade (Kitana) Abshire, Kajen, Kasen and Kanon Leger; his great-grandchild, Mileena

Abshire; his half-sisters, Pamela Harvey, Alice (Billy) Breaux, and Sara (James) Guillebeau; his half-brother, Steve Harvey; his step-sister, Kathleen Guidry; as well as a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Milton Vail, Jr. and Bernice Bennett Swarthout; his step-parents, William Swarthout and Earline Simon Vail; his half-brother, Milton Vail, III; as well as his half-sister, Vicky Vail Ohlenforst.

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to Ochsner Lafayette General Medical Center's ICU staff for their kindness, support, and compassionate care.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

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

Tribute Wall

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JENNA LEGER - September 16, 2024 at 11:43 AM

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Jenna Leger - September 03, 2024 at 08:16 PM

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Jenna Leger - September 03, 2024 at 07:53 PM

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Jenna - August 29, 2024 at 11:09 AM

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Jenna,
I'm so sorry for your loss. Your family has been in my thoughts and prayers.

Aaron Morgan - August 30, 2024 at 01:58 AM

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I'm so sorry for your family's lost

Anna - August 31, 2024 at 10:02 AM