



## Gary Aquila Burnett

August 25, 1939 - May 4, 2019

Gary Aquila Burnett was born on August 25, 1939 in Ada, Oklahoma to Kenneth Aquila Burnett and Thelma Mildred (Winters) Burnett. He entered into his eternal rest on May 4, 2019 in Austin, Texas at the age of 79.

Gary graduated from Lindsay High School and joined the United States Airforce in 1957. He was assigned to the Strategic Air Command (SAC). While in service, he married the love of his life, Kristin Elke Feldman, on May 16, 1959 at Vandenberg Airforce Base in Lompoc, California. After leaving the Air Force in 1962, he began working at G.E. in the Aerospace Department within the private sector assisting in the development of commercial planes. After moving on from GE and working for other companies, he started his own successful business, AVTESA (Aviation Technical Sales).

Gary and Kristin eventually found themselves living in Arizona, where they adopted their two children, Tammy and Christopher. In 1978, the family moved to San Antonio, Texas where they spent the next 25 years. After retirement in 2003, he and his wife settled in Rockport, Texas. During those years, he became a skilled salt water fisherman and was interested in genealogy.

A devoted partner, he enjoyed fifty-four years with his love until her passing in September of 2013.

He was a loving husband, caring father and astute businessman. Gary was a good friend to many and never met a stranger. He loved his wife, children and grandchildren with his whole heart and will truly be missed by all who knew him.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Tammy and her husband Brandon of Austin, Texas, his son, Christopher Burnett and wife Rebecca of Georgetown, Texas, his brother Jim Burnett and wife Janice Ruth of Norman, Oklahoma, his sister Janice Kay Shanahan and husband Ed of Falcon, Colorado, and his grandchildren Jake Thompson, Cooper Thompson, Nina Burnett, and Ashley Burnett.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Thelma Burnett and his loving wife Kristin (Feldman) Burnett.

A graveside service to honor the life of Gary is set to begin at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, May 10, 2019 at the Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma with Randy Allen officiating. He will be laid to rest next to the love of his life, Kristin. Services are under the direction of Scott and Angel Wilbourn of Boydston-Wilbourn Funeral Home in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.boydstonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boydstonfuneralhome.com).

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Gary was a great neighbor and friend to everyone in our neighborhood. He moved in and had us setting outside in no time! Kay, Debbie, Gary and I would getting some real good bs sections going ! Then, if it was dark, he would walk Kay home across the street from his house. A real gentleman! One night he was sitting in his back yard having a little Jack and he reminded me of Jeff Bridges the way he talked! Another time, he asked me if I wanted to go to Costco and we get there, he's against his truck and says” We're going in there and I'm going to get you a bottle of Crown and some beer and I don't want to hear any horseshit” !! The next day, I cut his yard and afterwards I tell him “ I going to get me a beer then we'll get our bs section going and I don't want no horseshit about you owe me for the yard “!! One thing he never told me was how much he missed the love of his live and didn't have to !! He told me a lot about her life in Germany during the war and after the wall was removed. He lived part time next to us when he wasn't in Lamar until about 2 or 3 months ago when he started staying here full time. I have never had a neighbor I grew to love and respect in such a short time ! I really think if we had known each other in our younger days, we would have spent some nights in jail !! Real home grown and down to earth!! Say it like it is ! We love you Gary and we'll miss you ! I'm so very happy for you knowing you're right next to the love of your life !! God bless you and your family ! Viva con Dios my friend!!

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**Ruben Deborah Salinas** - May 09, 2019 at 04:55 PM

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“ Go rest high on that mountain, brother. Your work on this earth is done.

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**Janice Burnett Shanahan** - May 07, 2019 at 08:11 PM



“ *Gary Aquila Burnett*

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**William and Betty Robinson** - May 07, 2019 at 10:00 AM