



Gary William Sallee

July 11, 1947 - March 6, 2025

Gary William Sallee passed away Thursday, March 6, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was born July 11, 1947, in Lamar, Colorado to the late Thomas and Mary Ellen (Killion) Sallee. Gary attended Ponca City High School in Ponca City, OK.

After graduation Gary enlisted and proudly served his country in the United States Navy. He was severely injured during his first tour of duty to the Mediterranean. After recovering he was assigned to the USS Tanner and subsequently deployed to Vietnam. During his time in Vietnam, Gary served as a Senior Petty Officer aboard a survey/gunboat working in conjunction with Task Force E115 and Task Force E116. He was awarded the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation Award, and the Purple Heart Medal. Gary received an Honorable Discharge from the Navy in 1969. He continued his military service in the Naval Reserve.

Gary later attended Oklahoma State University, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife Biology and a Master of Science Degree. He worked as a Realty Specialist for the US Army Corps of Engineers and retired in 2003 with 34 years of civilian federal service.

Gary enjoyed competing in field trials with his hunting dogs, duck hunting, and collecting arrowheads. His love of all things nature was unrivaled. He spent

his later years conducting genealogy research and was able to trace his ancestry to the early 1800s. Of all his life's accomplishments and achievements, his daughters and grandchildren were his pride and joy. His legacy will live on through them.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Elizabeth Rettberg.

Survivors include his two beloved daughters, Hailey Lane Baker and husband Nick of Jones, OK and Julia Paige Pinkston and husband Lee of Beggs, OK, his five precious grandchildren Rylan, Tenley, and Barrett Baker and Brynlee and Morgan Pinkston, and sister Yvonne Sallee of Lamar, CO, as well as a host of extended family and friends.

Serving as pall bearers are Lee Pinkston, Nick Baker, Justin Satterfield, Wade Mathis, Zachary Satterfield, Michael Love, and Justin Jackson.

Friends may visit the funeral home on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, from 2:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. and the family will be present to receive friends beginning at 5:00 P.M.

A funeral service will be held 10:00 A.M., Thursday, March 13, 2025, at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Kevin Jones officiating. A committal service will follow at 2:30 P.M. in the Quinton Cemetery, Quinton, Oklahoma.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project in memory of Gary Sallee. <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/>

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be

shared with the family on Gary's Tribute Page of our website. www.mcclendon-winters.com

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 12. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home
303 E. 7th Street
Okmulgee, OK 74447

Visitation

MAR 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Okmulgee
303 E. 7th Street
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 756-1677
info@mcclendon-winters.com
<https://www.mcclendon-winters.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel
303 E. 7th Street
Okmulgee, OK

Committal Service

MAR 13. 2:30 PM (CT)

Quinton Cemetery
W HWY 31
Kinta , OK 74552

Tribute Wall



“ McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary William Sallee



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - March 11, 2025 at 05:37 PM

EG

Friends for 30+ years. Great American!!

Earl Groves - March 11, 2025 at 06:05 PM

RK

“ We will miss Gary down at our barber shop.

Ralph Kovarik - March 12, 2025 at 10:48 AM

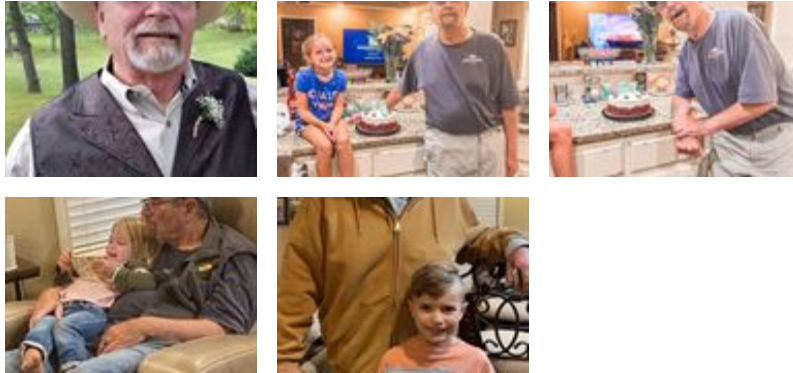
JS

“ Gary was a good friend and a great boss. I know you and Hailey will miss him dearly. Love and prayers to you both.

Jan Salter - March 12, 2025 at 12:18 AM



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McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - March 11, 2025 at 05:34 PM

JO

“ Gary was a great guy with a good sense of humor. Family meant everything to him and he was a proud father and grandparent. I had the privilege of serving with him in the Navy aboard the USS Tanner in Vietnam and the South Pacific.

44 years later a reunion of shipmates in Georgia, as well as a visit with him in Okmulgee Oklahoma. So happy to have received a call from this past December.

"Rest in Peace my friend and my sincere condolences to your family and friends".

Jim O'Hern
Puyallup, Washington

Jim O'Hern - March 10, 2025 at 06:56 PM

GB

I went thru Navy Basic Training in San Diego, California with Gary, July-October 1964. We met prior to our first haircuts when Gary had long blonde hair. He was laid back and gave his best effort throughout Boot Camp. We were in Company 406.

Condolences to family.
RIP Gary

George Bush - April 19, 2025 at 11:52 AM

BR

“ Prayers for the family. He loved his grandkids and was a fun guy. He will be missed.



Brenda - March 10, 2025 at 03:16 PM



“ Love you Dad.



Hailey Baker - March 10, 2025 at 10:01 AM

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