



Gary R. Wagamon

January 10, 1942 - February 2, 2025

Gary Robert Wagamon, 83, of Macon, Missouri, and formerly of rural Hedrick, died Sunday, February 2, 2025, at the Boone County Hospital in Columbia, Missouri. He was born January 10, 1942, in South English, Iowa, the son of Doyle Wayne and Grace Marie Roberts Wagamon. He graduated from English Valley High School with the class of 1960. On May 28, 1961, he was united in marriage to Dixie Davis at Martinsburg, Iowa. Gary's working life revolved around tractor trailers. He started out as an over the road truck driver and grew to love the open road. For many years he enjoyed the open road until he and Dixie decided it would be nice to have him around the house more often. This did not deter his love for semis and the transportation profession. He owned several semis over the years that he dispatched all over the country. In addition to having his own trucks on the road he spent hours working on trucks to fix up to sell. He scoured the country looking for semis that just needed a little "TLC" to get them back on the road. Gary refurbished countless trucks over the years. He enjoyed sharing his passion with others, especially young people entering the profession. He loved all trucks, but he never drove a Freightliner he didn't like. In addition to his trucking business, he owned and operated a farm near the family home. In May of 2021, Gary and Dixie "retired" and moved to Macon, Missouri. They found the perfect place down there on a small acreage with a large shop so he could work on trucks. He had a wealth of knowledge about trucking and many other subjects and was the "phone a friend" for many people when they were stumped with a problem.

His family includes his wife of over 63 years, Dixie Wagamon of Macon, Missouri; daughter, Dana Schmitz of Lawrenceville, Georgia; daughter in law, Carla Wagamon of Ottumwa; three grandchildren, Maddy Schmitz, Whitney (Wade) Blaine, and Ashley Wagamon; six great grandchildren, Dylan Blaine, Tucker Blaine, Leah Blaine, Aliya Wagamon, Chloe Borrer, and Lewis Giles; his sister, Peggy (Fred) LeFever of Pella; brother in law, Jim Davis of Ottumwa; and many nieces and nephews.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Monty Wagamon; and a son in law, Darrin Schmitz.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fremont Funeral Chapel in Fremont, Iowa, with Reverend Sharon Bennell officiating. Burial will be in the Brooks Cemetery near Hedrick. The Fremont Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Visitation with the family present will be Thursday morning in the Fremont Funeral Chapel from 11:00 until service time at 1:00 p.m. Memorials may be made to the American Legion Post 83 Hedrick, Iowa.

Cemetery Details

Brooks Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Fremont Funeral Chapel
Walnut and Main Street
P.O. Box 276
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Tribute Wall

AA

“ It was always good to see Gary. We'd stop by to remove the rubbish. If we were lucky, Gary would be there. We'd swap the bull and be on our merry way. I also loved his parents. They were great neighbors in South English. Gary was an awesome human. So very sorry for your loss. The hwys in heaven are paved in gold, Gary, keep truckin'

Your friends from the Cox Army, Marcia, Angie, and Larry.

Angela Allison - February 09, 2025 at 05:00 PM

BY

“ Our prayers are with each of you. Dixie,Dana,and Peg each of your families. Memorial sent to American Legion Post 83 Hedrick in Gary's name

Becky and Mike York - February 06, 2025 at 12:57 PM

DS

“ It was always fun to see Gary! I looked forward to when he would stop at the store. He had a good story to tell! My husband Tobe Shipley painted many trucks for him. A good guy will be missed!

dixie L Shipley - February 06, 2025 at 11:32 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary R. Wagamon.

February 06, 2025 at 09:44 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gary R. Wagamon.



February 06, 2025 at 09:44 AM

CG

“ HAD ALOT OF GOOD TIMES WITH GARY WHEN HE WORKED IN NORTH ENGLISH.. GARAGE! RIP OLE FRIEND!

Charles M Garringer - February 06, 2025 at 08:21 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary R. Wagamon.

February 05, 2025 at 12:30 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary R. Wagamon.



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BL

“ Gary was a good friend of my brother, Dallas Eckley, as they were both lifelong truckers ❤️

Brenda Lamansky - February 05, 2025 at 12:27 PM

TN

“ Tim, Travis, Sylvia and Lilli Norris purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gary R. Wagamon.



Tim, Travis, Sylvia and Lilli Norris - February 05, 2025 at 11:05 AM

UT

“ US Auctioneers & United Truck purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary R. Wagamon.



US Auctioneers & United Truck - February 05, 2025 at 09:46 AM

JM

“ Jeff and Bridget Mellott purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Gary R. Wagamon.



Jeff and Bridget Mellott - February 05, 2025 at 09:09 AM

LL

“ Love, Ben & Lisa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary R. Wagamon.

Love, Ben & Lisa - February 04, 2025 at 11:37 PM

LL

“ Love, Ben & Lisa purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Gary R. Wagamon.



Love, Ben & Lisa - February 04, 2025 at 11:37 PM

LN

“ Linda N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary R. Wagamon.

Linda N. - February 04, 2025 at 08:44 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary R. Wagamon.



February 04, 2025 at 08:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary R. Wagamon.

February 04, 2025 at 08:20 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary R. Wagamon.



February 04, 2025 at 08:20 PM

TF

“ *The Fisher and Long families purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Gary R. Wagamon.*



The Fisher and Long families - February 04, 2025 at 08:20 PM