



## GARY DALE BENEFIELD

June 30, 1946 - December 27, 2015

Gary D. Benefield

Gary Dale Benefield, 69, passed away Sunday, December 27, 2015 at Russellville Hospital.

Gary was born in Lawrenceburg, TN and was raised in the Oak Grove Community in Alabama. He attended Union Jr. High School and graduated from Phil Campbell High School in 1964. After graduation, Gary moved to Lockport, IL and worked as a heavy equipment operator. He was a 45 year member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150 and a proud supporter of the United Engineers Party. He served the membership as a Business Representative for over 20 years. He pulled extra duty by spending his off time organizing unrepresented workers. His career was devoted to helping others, whether it be a union member with a grievance or a non-union worker exploited by his employer. Gary spent his retirement attempting to help many who needed a second chance, even if they had already been given a 2nd and 3rd chance by their own friends and family. Gary lived his life on the level and treated everyone as a brother. He was a past Master of Spruce Pine Lodge No. 608, the Cahaba Shrine, and the Operating Engineers Square Club.

The family will receive friends at Pinkard Funeral Home, Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016 from 10 am to 1 pm. Funeral services will be in the chapel at 1 pm. Burial will be in East Franklin Cemetery.

Survivors include the mother of his children, Norma Benefield; children Sherry Isbell (Jeff), Steven Benefield (Melissa), and Tammy Hellman (Robert); and sister, Carolyn Grissom. Other survivors are grandchildren, Lauren, Garrett, and Hannah Isbell, Emily and Caitlin Gunty, Abby Hellman, Audrey, Rebecca, and Andrea Benefield, Jenna Sohacki, Samantha and Nathan Albers.

Gary was preceded in death by his wife, Sandra Benefield; father Dolphus Doyle Benefield, mother Evelyn Hardy, step father Oker Hardy; brothers, Jimmy and Jerry Benefield; and sister, Alice Jean Benefield.

# Previous Events

## Family Receiving Friends

JAN 2. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Pinkard Funeral Home - Russellville  
27305 Hwy 24 East  
P.O. Box 502  
Russellville, AL 35653  
(256) 332-7772  
info@pinkardfh.com  
<https://www.pinkardfh.com>

## Shady Grove Cemetery - Phil Campbell

JAN 2 (CT)

East Franklin Cemetery  
Phil Campbell, AL

# Tribute Wall

SO

“ *Stephanie Osborn lit a candle in memory of GARY DALE BENEFIELD*

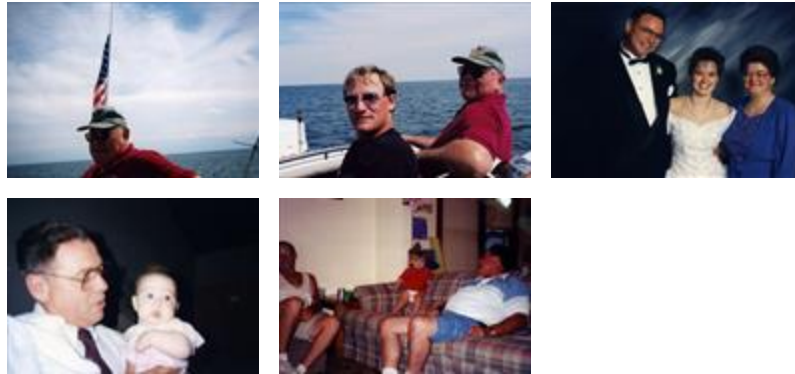


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**Stephanie Osborn** - January 13, 2016 at 11:19 PM

 Eric Gunty

“ *23 files added to the album More Photo's of Gary Benefield*



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**Eric Gunty** - January 01, 2016 at 04:33 PM

BI

“ *I had the honor and pleasure of working with Gary. He was a great man and an asset to the Labor movement, always willing to help! He will be greatly missed.*

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**bill martin (laborers 75 joliet il)** - January 01, 2016 at 11:35 AM

Eric  
Gunty

“ 19 files added to the album Photo's of Gary



Eric Gunty - December 31, 2015 at 09:35 PM

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“ I worked with Gary on different job sites , he was a man of his word, first to step up and help out in time of need , and stanch supporter of local 150, always talking about the benefit of beening in IUOE Local 150. Was very proud of His daughter (Tammy ) and son Steve being members of local 150 Also on the lighter side he was a prankster, any thing for a good laugh but never getting caught. Sending our sympathy out to the family,

Monty Horne. Retired Local 150 - December 30, 2015 at 08:30 PM

RM

“ Roger & Mary Malham lit a candle in memory of GARY DALE BENEFIELD



Roger & Mary Malham - December 30, 2015 at 08:39 AM

MB

“ Gary, you were always a great guy. First to arrive, and last to leave when ever you were needed. I shall remember you always. Fair winds, Pleasant journey, my old friend, Mike Breslan

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**Mike Breslan** - December 29, 2015 at 06:00 PM

TG

Gary was my business colleague, great friend and hunting partner. Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palms of His hands. Our deepest sympathies to the family. Tim and Donna Gorman

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**Tim Gorman** - January 03, 2016 at 09:18 AM

LP

“ My best friend will be greatly missed.



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**Leo Pinkard** - December 29, 2015 at 01:42 PM