



## Gary Warren

June 26, 1949 - April 10, 2014

Gary Benford Warren, 64, of Haleyville was called home to Heaven on Thursday, April 10, 2014. Visitation will be Saturday, April 12, from 6-9 p.m. at Pinkard Funeral Home in Haleyville. The funeral service will be held Sunday, April 13, at First Baptist Church of Haleyville with John McCullar, Jerry Boyles, and Dr. Jim Cooley officiating. Burial will follow at Macedonia Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Mickey Holdbrooks, Tommy Holdbrooks, Donny Hood, Dennis League, Doug Mayhall, Gary Dan Williams, Judd Williams & Bubba York. Honorary pallbearers are Lanier Defoor, Bobby League, Clinton League, Tony Meyers, Dan Nelson, Mike Stroisch and Reggie Weems.

Gary dedicated his life to the education and advancement of students in the state of Alabama. His service included 22 years as an Agriscience teacher, 14 ½ years as Director of the Haleyville Center of Technology, 20 years as a bus driver, and 4 years as District 7 representative on the Alabama State Board of Education. Over the years he received many accolades and awards, but his first and foremost priority was providing opportunities for students.

He received his undergraduate degree from Auburn University, his Master's degree from Mississippi State University, and his A.A. and certification in Administration from Alabama A&M University.

Always a servant at heart, Gary has remained active in his community,

currently serving as the Executive Director of the Haleyville Area Chamber of Commerce. His favorite activities included spending time with his family and working on his farm, complete with Belgian horses and mules.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Benford and Ruby Warren; sister, Barbara Ann Stroisch.

He is survived by his wife, Linda League Warren, daughters Candace Warren Williams (Judd) and Amy Warren; sisters, Bobbie Nell Myers and Merita Karpell and many other loving family members.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Alabama Chapter of Future Farmers of America.

The Haleyville Chamber of Commerce has set up a Gary Warren Memorial Scholarship Fund at Traders and Farmers. You can make the contribution at Traders and Farmers or call the Chamber of Commerce office at 205-486-4611.

# Cemetery Details

## Macedonia Cemetery

Haleyville, AL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 12. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Pinkard Funeral Home - Haleyville  
1308 21st Street Hwy. 195 P.O. 592  
Haleyville, AL 35565  
(205) 486-7662  
pinkardfh67@centurytel.net  
<http://www.pinkardfh.com>

## Lie in state

APR 13. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Haleyville  
1103 21st. Street  
Haleyville, AL

## Funeral Service

APR 13. 3:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Haleyville  
1103 21st. Street  
Haleyville, AL



# Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Brett and Susan Huddleston*

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**Susan Huddleston** - April 13, 2014 at 05:28 PM

RM

“ *Dear Linda and family, Though I haven't seen y'all in many years I have always admired and counted Gary and you my friends. I'm sad to learn of Gary's death. I know he will be missed by many. As you may remember, Gary and I was in the same graduating class at Haleyville High School where I remember him always being a good boy and student.*

*I had known of the success Gary had in is life and career which should be no surprise to those of us who knew him. You will always have the precious memories to help in your loss. May the Lord comfort and keep you and the family through this difficult time.*

*Our sincere sympathy,  
Ray & Elaine McKissack  
Hendersonville, Tennessee*

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**Ray McKissack** - April 13, 2014 at 03:24 PM

KT

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mr. Warren was a good person that will be missed by many. We prayer the Lord's strength be with you all today and always. Kevin Thompson and family*

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**kevin thompson** - April 13, 2014 at 10:38 AM

PH

“ My family & I are so sorry to hear about Mr Warren. He was a very good man. We loved him very much. Corey has often said if it was not for him he would not have graduated from high school. Your family is in our prayers.

Peggy Harlan - April 13, 2014 at 08:36 AM

SS

“ Steve And Sharon Spiller lit a candle in memory of Gary Warren



Steve and Sharon Spiller - April 12, 2014 at 01:38 PM



“ My most sincere condolences to Linda, Amy, and all of Gary's family. Gary was truly a pillar in our community. He was selfless in his desires to seek and acquire for our community every opportunity in the educational system. I am very hurt for the loss of him in my own life. He often thought of me when projects come to his attention. He and Linda entrusted me this past fall with the remodeling of their home. I come to know his and their kindness. I will miss him on the weekend breakfast meetings where we would get together and solve the world's trouble at the round table. I worried for him this winter over an injury he received from a ladder fall that led to an infection that became very serious. Linda and Amy grounded him to the recliner in which he was reluctantly obliged to learn the entire WWII history channel documentary. My love to all of his family for though your loss is great everyone he ever touched in any manner also feels a great loss.



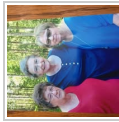
Jason Dooley - April 12, 2014 at 12:55 PM

BE

“ *Brenda Elliott lit a candle in memory of Gary Warren*



**Brenda Elliott** - April 12, 2014 at 08:55 AM



*Linda and family our prayers are with you May God wrap his comforting arms around each of you. Gary will be missed by so many. He was such a caring dedicated person Jimmy and I have so many special memories of Gary from school days and thru business relations. May God be with each of you*

**Brenda Elliott** - April 12, 2014 at 09:04 AM

RD

“ *I first met Gary Warren in the mid-1960's at Haleyville High School. Years later, I worked with Gary, first when he taught Building Construction at the Vocational School at Haleyville, and later worked with Gary when he was the Vocational Director of the Tech Program. He was an honest, straight-forward, down to earth person, who deeply cared about his students, his teachers, and the Haleyville community. His tireless efforts of going that extra mile should serve as a beacon of doing things the right way. Those of us that were fortunate enough to know Gary were lucky. He made us better people.*

*Linda and family, my sincere condolences during these trying times. "Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted. Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God." Matthew 5:4 and 5:8.*

*Rodger Davis*

**Rodger Davis** - April 12, 2014 at 08:22 AM

PA

*I met Gary Warren at Haleyville High School in 90-92 School year as he taught me in ffa class and also taught me in building construction and he was very good at his job and I learned a lot from him and when Candice was in the band I helped out and also participated in band and I liked him very much I will keep you in my prayers. Patrick*

Patrick - April 13, 2014 at 07:35 PM

SB

“ *Scotty Kent Burleson sent a virtual gift in memory of Gary Warren*



Scotty Kent Burleson - April 12, 2014 at 03:43 AM

SB

*May God's Loving Comfort Provide Your Family With Peace During This Time. Mr. Warren has left a legacy of work and influence on many Alabama citizens and students that will carry on into the future. His care for the individual was his trademark in his educational efforts for Haleyville and Alabama. He will be missed by all of us.*

Scotty Kent Burleson - April 12, 2014 at 03:55 AM

LW

“ *I love Gary and I miss him*

lauren grace weems - April 11, 2014 at 11:09 PM

AT

“ *Mrs warren and family so sorry to hear of mr warrens passing he was such a good man and will be missed dearly love all of you Amy Tucker and family*

Amy Tucker - April 11, 2014 at 09:58 PM

RC

“ Ray & Melba Cavender lit a candle in memory of Gary Warren



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**Ray & Melba Cavender** - April 11, 2014 at 06:17 PM

JG

“ Linda, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I know Gary will be missed by family, many friends as well as the State Board of Education.  
My deepest sympathy.  
Jean Grissom

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**Jean Grissom** - April 11, 2014 at 04:49 PM

CE

“ As one of Gary's colleagues on the Alabama State Board of Education, I always admired his humility, and his care and concern for Alabama's boys and girls and their teachers. There is no telling the countless number of students across this state that Gary has helped, and will help for many years to come, because of his efforts in Career Tech Education.  
I miss my friend, the old "mule farmer."  
Linda, may our God and Father richly bless you, and care for you and your family in the days ahead.  
I am so sorry.  
Charles E. Elliott, M.D.

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**Charles Elliott** - April 11, 2014 at 03:51 PM

MS

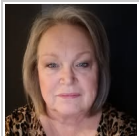
“ Linda & family Our thoughts & prayers are with u all at this time Mr. Warren was my bus driver many years ago never saw him that he didn't speak & call me by name , he will be missed by sooo many people .

Myra Steele - April 11, 2014 at 02:49 PM

JK

“ Linda, Candice and Amy, I am so sorry for your loss. Gary was a wonderful man and was greatly respected by all who knew him. He will be greatly missed.

Jennifer Kelly King - April 11, 2014 at 02:02 PM



“ Linda & Family, I am so sorry to hear about Gary, My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

EuGenia Cottongin - April 11, 2014 at 11:37 AM

WH

“ Linda, and girls. I know where you are. I lost mine same way 28 yrs ago. You lost a friend, a dad, a sweetheart. I lost a friend. He was always supported of me at school and out. I did tell him and glad I did. He will be missed. Know you are cared for and loved by all of us . Be comforted he is HOME now and waiting for his family. lov u Wynell

Wynell Howell - April 11, 2014 at 11:27 AM

CB

“ LINDA AND FAMILY--SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT GARY. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

CHERYL BARNETT - April 11, 2014 at 07:33 AM

BJ

*So Very Sorry to Hear About Your Loss... I have Very Fond Memories Of Gary.. And Building His House, During the Building Construction periods of My High School Years.  
Great Man, Teacher And Loved By all... God Bless You all.*

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**Billy Jett** - April 13, 2014 at 01:38 PM