



Gary Gassen

February 6, 1952 - March 7, 2025

Gary Michael Gassen, 73 of Higginsville, Missouri died on Friday, March 7, 2025, at Centerpoint Medical Center in Independence, Missouri. He was born Wednesday, February 6, 1952 in Higginsville, and was the son of the late Harry Gassen and the late Marie (Griffel) Gassen.

He graduated high school in Higginsville and joined the Air Force serving his country proudly. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. After his military service he came back to Higginsville where he called home the rest of his life. He worked with the developmentally challenged and spent most of his working career as a Supervisor at Enterprise Shelter Work Shop.

In his free time Gary enjoyed hunting and fishing. He spent most of the summers at the Higginsville City Lake catfishing with his children. Gary was a quiet man and loved the peacefulness of nature and the forest. He enjoyed sitting in his deer stand observing nature almost more than actually deer hunting. He enjoyed bird watching and feeding the birds. He had bird books and liked identifying the different species. Gary enjoyed sports and loved the Chiefs. He watched most of their games. He even once thought he was having a heart attack during a Chief's game and refused to go to the hospital until the game was over. Since that day, the family joke has been that he truly is a "die-hard" Chiefs fan! The only thing more important than the Chiefs and nature were Gary's family and grandchildren. He loved them more than life. Gary's love of nature and quiet yet humble personality will be missed.

Surviving are one son, Beau (Alicia) Gassen of Lexington, MO; one daughter,

Casey (John) Davidson of Warrensburg, MO; one brother, Randell Gassen of El Dorado Springs, MO; and six grandchildren, John Davidson, Lacey Graham, Brook Davidson, Micah Graham, Noah Davidson, Luke Davidson. Military honors will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, March 13, 2025 in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home and online condolences may be made to the family at www.stewarthoeferfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery

20109 Business Highway 13
Higginsville, MO 64037
<http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov>

Previous Events

Military Honors

MAR 13. 2:00 PM - 2:20 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Mark Gash lit a candle in memory of Gary Gassen* ”



Mark Gash - March 10, 2025 at 05:04 PM