



## Gary Warden

April 23, 1949 - May 11, 2012

Gary Kenneth Warden of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma entered this life born to William Brice (Jim) and June (Stanford) Warden on April 23, 1949 in Liberal Kansas. Gary entered eternal life on Friday, May 11, 2012 at the age of 63 years. Gary's death was a very sudden death. He had mailed his mother her Mother's Day card on his last day this side of eternity. This would be typical of the choices Gary would make even if it were not his last day; he cared deeply about all the folks God had placed in his life and always made sure others knew of his concern.

He attended school in Laverne, Oklahoma and graduated from High School at Star Spencer, Oklahoma. He was a graduate of Central State University, Edmond, Oklahoma. Gary spent his working years in Hotel Restaurant Management and was employed by the Department of Human Services for 15 years.

Gary married Zetta Newton July 12, 1983 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Hobbies which filled his spare time were bowling and golfing. Being able to go to the Masters Golf Tournament brought him great joy. Gary was an avid OU fan. His family and his children were the highlights of his life. The only thing more important might have been his grandchildren and great-grandchild. His actions demonstrated his deep convictions of respect for others and never complaining. Gary is preceded in death by his father, Jim Warden, brother, Danny Lee and sister, Sharon Marie Warden.

Surviving family includes:

Wife: Zetta Warden of the home.

Son: James Willingham (Wyleigh) of Pauls Valley, OK

Daughters: Melissa Warden of OKC, OK, Christina Cheffy (Gary) of Arcadia, OK, Shawne Whitaker of OKC, OK.

Mother: June Warden of Austin, TX

Brothers: Larry Brice Warden (Harolene) of Edmond, OK and Tony Lynn Warden (Julie) of Austin, TX.

Sister: Rhonda Jean Roller of OKC, OK

Grandchildren: Heather Mitchell, Ashley Taylor, Courtney Coy, Jonathan Cheffy, James Pimentel, Magen Fields, Payton Marris, Taylor Bryant, Nathan Whitaker, Chase Whitaker, Jasmine Eubanks, Austin Willingham and Mason Willingham. Great-Grandchildren: Mariauna Denny and also numerous nieces and nephews.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 13. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Pauls Valley)  
1601 South Chickasaw  
Pauls Valley, OK

## Visitation

MAY 14. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Pauls Valley)  
1601 South Chickasaw  
Pauls Valley, OK

## Visitation

MAY 15. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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1601 South Chickasaw  
Pauls Valley, OK

## Service

MAY 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home Chapel  
1601 S. Chickasaw  
Pauls Valley, Ok

# Tribute Wall



“ Gary Warden

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ Just missing you dad, wishing I could hear you say "hey kid" one more time, we're all doing fine as I'm sure you all ready know.c yea when I c yea dad

Shawne pimentel whitaker - March 28, 2018 at 01:15 AM



“ just showing you off to my friends daddy, i miss you everyday more and more. your the best All be seeing you ok dad.

shawne whitaker - June 12, 2016 at 04:13 PM



“ I miss you everyday daddy and i know if you were still here i wouldnt feel so alone, I know that only you could make sense of things right now but im lucky because even now as i type this to you i can feel you so tightly holding my hand and saying itll be ok kid. I love and miss you everyday daddy. please help grandma get settled im sure shes happy to see you.

shawne whitaker - December 22, 2014 at 05:25 PM



“ Zetta,  
*I'm sorry that I could not be there for Gary's service. He was always an avid supporter of me while we were in Pauls Valley and I will always treasure that. He's gone too soon, so from this day on we will have to rely on memories, of which we all have many. I will always remember the Birthday, I believe it was his 50th, when the girls sang "My Fathers Hands" for him and he loved all the attention. He truly was One of a Kind and he will be missed. Helen & Wes*##imported-begin##Helen Turner##imported-end##

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May 16, 2012 at 01:48 PM



“ Remembering Gary as part of our class at Laverne School. We are planning our 45th class reunion and Judith was in the process of looking everyone up. We will add Gary to the list of "special" angels in the class of '67. Wish we could have been with him at this reunion but will see him in the "big" reunion someday. Prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Carol Bockelman Laverty##imported-end##

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May 16, 2012 at 10:18 AM



“ To the family of Gary Warden,  
*I just want to say my prayers are with you and I am sorry for your loss. He was just a very nice man. Like many jobs I am sure his could be over whelming but he was always so very nice and I always appreciated that.*##imported-begin##Cindy porter##imported-end##

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May 16, 2012 at 02:03 AM



“ So sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Leslie Earnst--Class of 1966--Laverne, OK##imported-end##

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May 16, 2012 at 12:59 AM



“ So shocking. Rex was unable to get in touch with me.##imported-begin##Ricky Warden##imported-end##

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May 15, 2012 at 07:42 PM



“ I had the privilege of working with Gary. He had a wonder sense of humor and a very kind and gracious heart. I would bump into him and Zetta regularly (normally getting BBQ. :-)) when I lived in Pauls Valley.

*I'm very sorry for his passing and his families great loss. My thoughts and concerns are with all of you during this time of grief.##imported-begin##Amy Bouziden##imported-end##*

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May 15, 2012 at 11:10 AM



“ Dear Zetta and family,  
I extend my deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers to you all. Gary will be missed by many, many people. He didn't know a stranger. No matter what, he would always greet me with the biggest smile picking up the boys from day care. "You girls are great! I don't know how you do it", he would say. I would smile back and answer "lots of patience". We will miss him!##imported-begin##Jenny L. Campbell##imported-end##

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May 14, 2012 at 09:58 PM



“ Zetta, There are no words. I am so sorry about your loss. Prayers for you and your family.##imported-begin##Phyllis Myers##imported-end##

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May 14, 2012 at 09:05 PM



“ James, I am sorry for your loss. If there is anything we can do for you, please let us know.##imported-begin##Cody Hefley##imported-end##

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May 14, 2012 at 06:34 PM



“ Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Robin Newton##imported-end##

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May 14, 2012 at 01:18 PM



“ Zetta,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Gary will be greatly missed. The office will never be the same. He could always make us laugh no matter what was going on at the time. God bless you and may happy memories help you through the difficult times.

Carey##imported-begin##Carey Arias##imported-end##

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May 13, 2012 at 08:00 PM



“ Zetta & Family...our prayers are with you all. I pray that God brings you all strength and comfort. I have worked with Gary for 5 years. I will miss his morning greetings and his jokes. He had a joke for everything and I swear I never heard the same one twice. My son Spencer said he will miss his best friend & buddy. Gary will be deeply missed by all that knew him.

*Julie, Chad, Spencer & Drew Daugherty##imported-begin##Julie Daugherty##imported-end##*

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May 13, 2012 at 05:01 PM



*Just missing you dad!! As I go threw out my day today as most everyday I will carry you and what you taught me, I couldn't of bad a better father and role model and I pray that today I can make you proud. Thanks dad I love and miss you so much!!!❤️*

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**Shawne schantyclaire Whitaker** - June 30, 2021 at 07:16 AM