



## Gary Ray Young

July 20, 1934 - November 1, 2013

Gary Ray Young, 79, of Hurricane went home to be with the Lord on Friday, November 1, 2013.

Born July 20, 1934, Gary was the son of the late Ray Young and Helen Mees Young. He was a devout, born again Christian and life-long resident of Putnam County.

He is survived by his loving wife, Doris; his children Gary Douglas Young and wife Penny of Winfield, Rita Marion of Gallipolis, OH, Jeff Petersen and wife Judy of Eleanor and Michelle Culp and husband Scott of Milton; brothers and sisters Geraldine Chapman and husband Kledith of Hurricane, Jack Young and wife Barbara of Milton, Lovetta Burnette and husband Henry of Bluffton, SC and a number of brothers and sisters-in-law; aunts Narnie Nile Young Grant of Hurricane, Eva Young Fisher of Hurricane; grandchildren Amanda Young Cintron of Naples, FL, Amber Young Stevens of Scott Depot, Gary Douglas Young, II of Seoul, Korea, Heidi Clark of Winfield, Aaron and Hannah Culp of Milton, Ashley Morris of Hurricane, Nikki Marion of Greenville, SC and Chad Petersen of Hurricane; great-grandchildren Lincoln Haynes, Asher, Jude and Evelyn Stevens, Ezekiel Cintron and Ari Zane Clark, Dawson Petersen and Bella Petersen Morris.

Gary was a member of Teays Valley Missionary Baptist Church for 22 years,

where he was a devoted member of the choir. He loved to sing Gospel music and earlier in his life was a member of the Sun Valley Quartet. He loved the hills and mountains of West Virginia where he hiked, hunted and fished. Gary began his construction career working for Southeastern Construction where he achieved the distinction of Master Carpenter and foreman. He was project superintendent for Bowers and Chilton Construction and was with Beco, Inc. for many years. Gary and his son co-founded G&G builders in 1976 and worked on many major construction projects.

The funeral service to honor Gary's life will be 6:00 p.m., Sunday, November 3, 2013 at Teays Valley Missionary Baptist Church, 3926 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV with Dr. John Smith officiating. Private graveside service will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, November 4 at Valley View Memorial Park Mausoleum Chapel, Hurricane, WV.

Visitation will be 3-5 p.m. Sunday at Teays Valley Missionary Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested in Gary R. Young's honor to Teays Valley Baptist Church Missions Fund or Teays Valley Baptist Church Choir Fund, 3926 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV 25526.

# Cemetery Details

## Valley View Memorial Park

2466 Main Street  
Hurricane, WV 25526

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 3. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Teays Valley Missionary Baptist Church  
3926 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526  
<http://www.teaysvalleybaptist.com/>

## Funeral Service

NOV 3. 6:00 PM (ET)

Teays Valley Missionary Baptist Church  
3926 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Gary Ray Young*

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“ Gary and I became acquainted many years ago and over time he became a second father to me. That good fortune for me began when G&G Builders grew their business toward bigger projects and started to construct some of the buildings that I was associated with. In those days "Big" Gary was on the project site and served as the project manager, superintendent, foreman, and errand runner, son Gary (Doug to many) ran the business aspects. After our first project together I knew that when G&G Builders was on our project I had nothing to be concerned about. Gary made sure his projects were constructed in a way that protect everyone involved but especially the owner. Rarely did I ever see Gary mad on the job site, but when he was it was best to find a nice shade tree somewhere to set under.

Over time his son Gary and I became best friends and still are to this day. If you had a relationship with the son you also had one with the dad - the two were inseparable. Like all families, especially those in business together, they had their moments - but through it all they continued to love each other as only a father and son can, I know because I was "part of the family." Gary loved construction, loved G&G Builders, loved his family, and most importantly loved the Lord. All of this was packed in a man that I personally respected, cared about deeply, and always had a smile for me.

There was a time when the Young's (dad and boy) and I hunted and fished together. The Young's (dad and boy) were the proud owners of prime hunting property in Putnam County and a little hunting cabin tucked away in mountains near Greenbank, WV. They generously allowed me and my young fammily the opportunity to also enjoy their part of God's creation. Once on a deer hunting excursion in the wild's of Pocahontas County I tested some Tabasco sauce on a wonderful cut of elk meat. While the sauce added to the flavor of the elk, it had been left in their frig for a very long time. If you know anything about the Young's (dad and boy) you know that neither said about how long the Tabasco sauce had been habitating in the firg. As expected I became very ill as a result, and as fortune

*would have it, the illness didn't hit until I was up a tree on the top of a mountain in a freezing rain.*

*God did look kindly upon me and I was able to make it back to the cabin to spend the rest of the hunting trip on the couch, very weak and with a green cast to my skin color. When "Big Gary" came in that evening and saw my condition he said, in as serious a voice as you can imagine: "Boy, I topped the hill to check on you but you weren't there. I started looking for you and thought I was in 2 feet of snow - but it turned out to be toilet paper." Such was the love we all shared with each other.*

*Having moved away from Gary and Gary some 11 years ago I haven't been able to keep our close relationship going like I would have desired, especially with the dad. I was deeply saddened at his passing and I hurt for the family, all of them. But his passing is not the end, but the beginning of something much better than we can comprehend. I'm confident that Big Gary is standing at the Pearly Gate, admiring its beauty, singing songs of praise to the Lord, and thinking of some way to shore up the Gate so it won't fall over. Once a contractor, always a contractor!*

*For many years the Bevins family and the Young family shared each other's joy and sorrows. We are grateful for that time and share in the sorrow of the passing of one of our family members.*

*Bill, Bonita, Corey, Aaron and Jeremy Bevins*

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