



Gary Hurst

May 5, 1954 - June 21, 2025

Gary Rae Hurst, 71, of Cary entered the gates of Heaven on June 21, 2025. He was born May 5, 1954 to Norman Rae Hurst and Sybil Hurst, née Yeargan. Upon graduating from Apex High School, Gary obtained a degree in Business Management from King's Business College. He worked in accounting for Kaiser Permanente, Accent Urgent Care, Wake Med, and for many years as the part-time Financial Secretary of Good Hope Baptist Church

Gary was a lifelong member of Good Hope Baptist Church where he served faithfully as a deacon, and as church treasurer. He also assisted with the "We Care" ministry to Good Hope shut-ins and sang in the worship choir for many years.

Gary volunteered with the Miss North Carolina pageant. He was on the Miss Greater Raleigh pageant committee and judged preliminary pageants across the state. He enjoyed helping others succeed and provided support to many promising pageant participants.

Gary lived his life as a Christ-like example as a faithful friend to many and extended generosity to others at every opportunity.

Gary is survived by his uncle Felton Yeargan (Bonnie), aunts Eva Lloyd (Mike) and Lela McCarson, uncle John Goodwin (Wyonne), several Hurst and

Yeargan cousins, and will live on in the hearts and memories of his many friends made over the years.

The family gives special thanks to cousin Jerry Hurst, aunt Eva Lloyd, and close friend Stephanie Yates for their dedication and loving support of Gary during the end of his life.

There will be a celebration of life service honoring Gary on Saturday, July 12, 2025 at Good Hope Baptist Church, 6628 Good Hope Church Road, Cary, NC 27519 in the Family Life Center. Rev. Hugh Allen McClure, Senior Pastor, officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 am to 11:00 am prior to the service, which will begin at 11:00 am. Burial will follow immediately after the service in the Good Hope Baptist Church cemetery

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Good Hope Baptist Church, 6628 Good Hope Church Road, Cary, NC 27519 designated to Good Hope's Capital Campaign.

Previous Events

Family Visitation

JUL 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Good Hope Baptist Church
6628 Good Hope Church Rd
Cary, NC 27519

Funeral Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Gary was my classmate at Apex High School and one of kindest people I've ever known. When we were in the 9th grade, the state of North Carolina got its first major league professional sports franchise: the Carolina Cougars. Gary invited me to go with him and his dad to watch them play at Dorton Arena in Raleigh. That was a big moment for me--the first professional basketball game I ever saw. I sat on the edge of my seat and enjoyed every minute. Thank you Gary for being such a good friend to me and all our classmates.

Warren Holleman - July 10, 2025 at 09:46 AM

KA

“ My cousin Gary will forever be in my heart. I have so many great memories as a child playing with Gary, there was never a time that he didn't make me laugh. As I got older Gary took me to the beach, tennis tournament and my 16 birthday he took me to the Angus Barn. Every Christmas he would come see mama with the most delicious homemade pound cakes and gifts for mama. Those gifts I have today, and will cherish always. He was the best cousin in every way. When my mama LaVerne Ellis was sick he would comfort me
When I was having the worst days, because he understood losing his wonderful mama Aunt Sybil Hurst. Gary I will love you always.

Kim Adams - July 09, 2025 at 09:15 AM

DW

“ Gary was a dear friend. He was so faithful to the pageant world. We all took off and went to Atlantic City to support our Miss Greater Raleigh, Jennifer Vaden Barth. His attitude was so positive and he worked tirelessly to provide scholarship for this program. You will be missed my friend. I'm sure yours are in heaven finding contestants. Rest well! Love you dear friend!

David M Wall - July 03, 2025 at 07:08 PM

JG

“ Gary this world has lost a bright shining light with your passing, but Heaven is all the more beautiful with you there. I can't picture my high school days without seeing your smiling face front and center. You were a friend to all. I can still see you in the stands in the AHS gym cheering on Bonnie, Robin, Marsha, me, and the rest of the girl's basketball team at every game. You were there then in every memory, and you were there when we lost Bonnie and you did so much to help with arranging her graveside memorial at Good Hope, and all that you did to make our 50th Apex High School Class of 1973 reunion the huge success it was. You did everything with a smile and such humility and kindness. We will miss your sweet smile and your fun spirit. I know you're up there right now at God's right hand preparing a place for the rest of us. Rest in peace dear friend.

Judith Pearson Gilbert - July 03, 2025 at 12:27 AM