



Larry "Goose" Gambrell

March 1, 1944 - September 8, 2013

Heading: William Larry "Goose" Gambrell

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William Larry "Goose" Gambrell, 69, of Lyman, S.C. was healed and welcomed at the gates to heaven September 8, 2013. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, June Pierce Gambrell. A native of Spartanburg County, was the son of the late Jack Ellis and Mildred Nellie Long Gambrell, he was retired from Duke Power and was a member of Mount Lebanon Baptist Church.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie and Mark Bennefield of Greer; a son and daughter-in-law, Pierce and Kristy Gambrell of Duncan; two grandchildren, Lindsey Bennefield and Nicholas Gambrel; a brother, Wayne Gambrell (Shelby) of Lyman; a sister, Joann Long Hannon (Buddy) of Greer; twelve nieces and nephews and fifteen great nieces and nephews. Also surviving are very special family members, Allan and Julie Clark and their children who were also his grandchildren, Kuri Sumpter and Shae Clark and great grands, Qwinton, Brylee and Braxton Sumpter.

Larry was a 1963 graduate of Greer High School where he played football, basketball and ran track. He held many school records and played in the 1962 Shrine Bowl game. Larry was also inducted into the Greer High School Hall of Fame. Sports were a family tradition and textile basketball was a passion that Larry shared with his brother, Wayne and his cousins, Steven, Gerald, David and Danny.

Larry never met a stranger, was loved by many and had a special place in his

heart for Matthew and McKenzie Pressley and many other young boys and girls who lovingly called him, "Papa Goose". He enjoyed fishing, taking his car to the car shows, hanging out at Chick-Fil-A and NASCAR races. He was also an active participant Relay for Life of Greer where he assisted his daughter and was also a 12 year cancer survivor.

The service will be performed by Rev. Billy Tyler and close family friend, Johnny Terry.

Pallbearers will be Steven, Gerald, David and Danny Gambrell, Tony Stewart, Harold Long, Jr., Bob Pierce and Ahmed Pierce. Honorary escort will be the employees of Duke Power and the staff at the Cottages at Brushy Creek, Crepe Myrtle Cottage.

Visitation will be Tuesday, September 10, 2013, from 6-8 p.m. at The Wood Mortuary, Greer, SC.

Services will be Wednesday, September 11, 2013, 11:00 a.m. at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Greer, SC; with graveside services at Woodlawn Memorial Park, Greenville, SC.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society for Greer Relay for Life, 154 Milestone Way, Suite A, Greenville, SC 29615.

The family is at the home of his daughter.

Online condolences may be at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Park

1 Pine Knoll Drive
Greenville, SC 29609

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Service

SEP 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
1002 S. Buncombe Rd.
Greer, SC

Tribute Wall

RP

“ *My Uncle Goose was a wonderful man. I will always remember the summers my siblings and I spent with him and all the great things he taught us. He was like a father to us. He taught us how to fish, pick the best peaches and made us laugh more than anything. I am going to miss you Uncle Larry! You will always be in my heart and may God Rest your soul. With all my love, Rania*

Rania Pullen - September 11, 2013 at 12:09 PM



“ *Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry "Goose" Gambrell.*



September 11, 2013 at 03:28 AM

AP

“ *Uncle Larry was one of a kind. He played a huge role in my childhood and taught me many lessons. Even though I didn't see him very often when I grew older I was always reminded of him. Everytime I pick up a fishing pole I will remember uncle Larry, everytime I crunch on my ice (his pet peeve) I will remember uncle Larry, everytime I use a pocket knife (I cut my finger on his pocket knife when I played with it without his knoweledge as a child) I will remember uncle Larry and each and every lesson he taught me and every moment we had together even though they were too few. You will surely be missed but never forgotten. I love you.*

Ahmad Pierce - September 11, 2013 at 01:18 AM

JC

“ *Papa Larry you will be greatly missed by all who knew you. South Carolina won't be the same but we know you are bringing smiles and entertaining Heaven! Thank you for being so good to us all. Love from Allan, Julie, Kuri, Zach, Qwinton, Brylee, Braxton, Shae & Heather.*

Julie Clark - September 10, 2013 at 09:53 PM

LG

“ *Larry was a good man. He will be missed. Pierce and Family I am sorry for your lose. I pray God gives you understanding and peace. We love you guys.*



Lisa Grant - September 10, 2013 at 09:23 PM



“ *Rebecca Harden lit a candle in memory of Larry "Goose" Gambrell*



Rebecca Harden - September 10, 2013 at 09:00 PM

CH

“ *Cheryl lit a candle in memory of Larry "Goose" Gambrell*



cheryl - September 10, 2013 at 08:32 PM

TS

“ I have wonderful memories of such a fun character who always made me laugh. I know your family have so many more to keep Larry close to your hearts always. Thinking of you all.

Teresa (Long) Sothcott

Teresa Sothcott - September 10, 2013 at 07:14 PM

SC

“ To: June, Stephanie, Mark, Lindsay, Pierce, Kristie and Nick

Rene and I wish we were able to be in Greer to offer you hugs and lots of love on the untimely death of your husband, father, grandfather and father-in-law. We love you all and know in your hearts, that we are there in spirit.

Sally Colon - September 10, 2013 at 12:47 PM

LO

“ Stephanie, So sorry to hear of your Dad passing. It's hard to lose a parent. I'm praying for you and your family as you go through this difficult time.

Lounell - September 10, 2013 at 12:34 PM

TF

“ June and Family, we are so sorry for your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers

Larry, you will be missed. Always loved and never forgotten.

The Gyles Family - September 10, 2013 at 10:21 AM

JL

“ June, Stephanie, Pierce, and family's , we are sorry to hear about Larry, just found out. Debbie and I will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

jonathan & debbie long - September 10, 2013 at 09:49 AM

MG

“ Uncle Larry you will be dearly missed! You are in the arms of Jesus now :-) You will be forever loved! Love, Mel and Zoey

Melody Gambrell - September 10, 2013 at 08:13 AM

DC

“ Goose was a dear friend and co-worker when he and I were employed at Lee Steam Station-Duke Power. He was always full of fun and laughter and shared the love of his family with all of his coworkers. He would bring me recipes that his wife had made and also shared food with all of us at times. We were all like a family and Goose was the heart of the family. Rest in Peace my dear friend? Your kindness will never be forgotten. Debbie Brooks Chapman (Williamston, SC)

Debbie Brooks Chapman - September 09, 2013 at 04:27 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry "Goose" Gambrell.



September 09, 2013 at 03:53 PM

HK

“ goose was one of my good friends at lee steam we worked together a lot and talked about antiques. he was a good man and co-worker he will be missed. hilton king

hilton king - September 09, 2013 at 02:37 PM

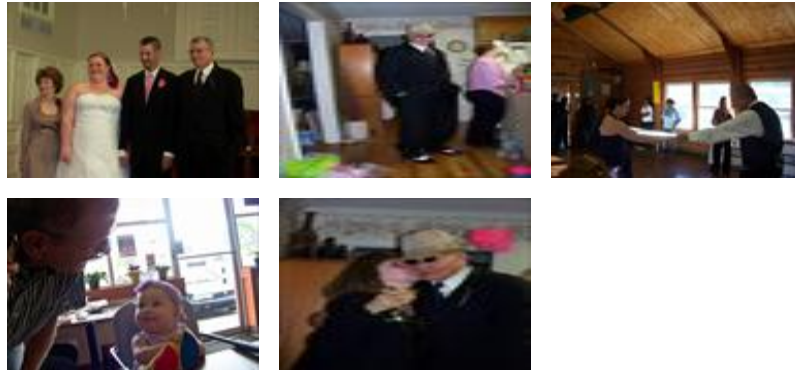
RC

“ Uncle Larry was always funny and nice to me and Teresa and we will miss him so much praying for you at June Stephanie Mark Pierce Kristi Lindsey and Nicholas we love you miss you and wish we could be with you

Ryan and Teresa Craven - September 09, 2013 at 02:04 PM

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Angela Knoll - September 09, 2013 at 02:00 PM