

Close the Gate (For Dad)

For this one farmer the worries are over,
lie down and rest your head,
Your time has been and struggles
enough, put the tractor in the shed.

Years were not easy, many downright
hard, but your faith in God transcended,
Put away your tools and sleep in peace.
The fences have all been mended.

You raised a fine family, worked the land
well and always followed the Son,
Hang up your shovel inside of the barn;
your work here on earth is done.

A faith few possess led your journey
through life, often a jagged and stony
way,

The sun is setting, the cattle are all
bedded, and here now is the end of your
day.

Your love of God's soil has passed on to
your kin; the stories flow like fine wine,
Wash off your work boots in the puddle
left by blessed rain one final time.

You always believed that the good Lord
would provide and He always had
somehow,

Take off your gloves and put them down,
no more sweat and worry for you now.

Your labor is done, your home now is
heaven; no more must you wait,
Your legacy lives on, your love of the
land, and we will close the gate.



Gary never said "I love you" back. Instead, he chose to show his love in his actions, in his presence, in spending time with you. In this way, he said "I love you" every day, especially to his family. So when you told him "I love you", he would simply look at you and say "I do you too". Those were the last words he heard before finally going to see Jesus.

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

Luginbuel Funeral Home
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

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Celebrating

THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF



Gary Dale Carte

*March 4, 1946
February 6, 2025*

Gary Dale Carte

Came into this world on March 4, 1946 and departed it on February 6, 2025 - he was 78 years old. Gary was the son of 'Ray' Fredrick Carte and Celia 'Christine' Pridemore Carte. He was married to the love of his life for almost 58 years - he and Mary 'Frances' Stewart were wed on February 25, 1967, only to be separated by death.

Gary was a life long resident of Lincoln, Arkansas. He was an active man. He seemed to make friends everywhere he went. When he was a young man, his family was one of the founding families in the Lincoln Riding Club. After he left school, he enlisted in the National Guard to do his duty for his country - when asked what his job was in the Guard, he always said he peeled potatoes, a lot of potatoes! Gary dedicated a good many years to protecting his community by serving on the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department until he retired. He also served his community through the Masonic Lodge where he was a 32nd degree Mason, and he and Frances were active in the Lincoln Chapter of the Eastern Star. He was a hard working fella, he built and worked on the state highways for over 25 years, before retiring from the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department. He said there was too many chores to do at home, so he went to work for the Washington County Road Dept for many years until he retired from there too. Gary always had a project to work on. He was

either in the hayfield or working with his cattle and if you couldn't find him there, you could find him in the shop tinkering on something that needed fixin'. He loved his antique tractors. He was very active in the Rustic Relic and the Green Country Antique Tractor Clubs - he was on the go with a trailer full of tractors every weekend.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents Ray and Christine Carte, his brother Don Carte and his brother John Carte.

Gary is survived by his beautiful wife Frances Carte of Lincoln, Arkansas, his son Tim Carte of Van Buren, Arkansas, his daughter Zana Carte Kelly of Prairie Grove, Arkansas and his grandson Noah West of Fayetteville, Arkansas. His three sisters: Eva Sue Watson of Claremore, Oklahoma, Raylene Newell of Farmington, Arkansas and Judy Kay Skaggs of Langley, Oklahoma.

Gary Carte was a good man, a loving father, friend to many and always willing to lend a hand. He will be missed.

I do you too, Daddy



CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF Gary Dale Carte

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE

Monday, February 10, 2025 - 10:00 A.M.
Luginbuel Chapel
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude	Family Memories Video
"Amazing Grace"	
Opening Remarks	Tim Bailey
"I'll Fly Away"	
Obituary Reading	Isaac West
"He Stopped Loving Her Today"	
Words of Comfort	Tim Bailey
Closing Prayer	
Masonic Rites	Lincoln Lodge 615
"Ghost Riders"	
Postlude Music	

PALLBEARERS

Kevin Kelly - Ronda Wilson - Penny Littlefield
Kenneth Steffens - Lyndal Stewart
Gary Cheatham

HONORARY PALLBEARER

Dakota Mosley

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Bethesda Cemetery
Morrow, Arkansas