



Gary Lee Ely

December 15, 1944 - September 27, 2025

Gary died in Atrium Navicent Hospital in Macon, Georgia on September 27, 2025

Born in Kokomo Indiana December 15, 1944, and in 1946 his parents, Reuben & Ruth Amos Ely moved their family to Lakeland Florida.

Graduated from Kathleen High School in 1963. In the late 50's Gary was one of the fastest runners for track in Polk County & loved playing football for the Kathleen Red Devils.

Survived by his wife of 48 years Sharon Brooks Ely.

Survived by five children, Mimi J. Carey (Mike), Gary Allen Ely (Valerie), Rob T. Smith (Ashley), Shelly Ely Pearce (Eldon), Amy Richardson (Adonis).

Survived by 18 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, & 5 great great grandchildren.

Survived by sisters Becky Cramer, Rock Island Illinois, Janet Ely, Lakeland Florida, & brother John Ely, Florida.

Visitation from 5-7pm at Gentry Morrison Funeral Home on Bartow Road on

Thursday October 2, 2025. Graveside services at Oak Hill Cemetery on
Bartow Road on Friday October 3, 2025 at 10am.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Burial Park

4620 US Highway 98 S
Lakeland, FL 33812

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **2**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel
1727 Bartow Road
Lakeland, FL 33801
(863) 688-7679
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com
<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Graveside

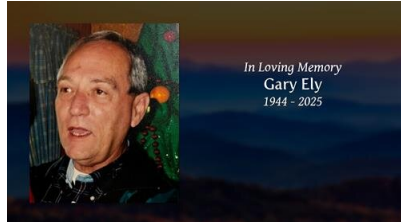
OCT **3**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Oak Hill Burial Park
4620 US Highway 98 S
Lakeland, FL 33812

Tribute Wall



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Lee Ely



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - October 01, 2025 at 08:35 PM

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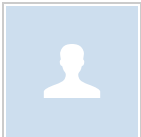
“ Dad was always so family oriented and loved for us all to come together anytime we could! Loved hearing about his family and seeing pictures and hearing stories. I will miss him terribly! I didn't call enough but I will miss talking to my Dad! Love you Dad, Mimi

Mimi Carey - October 06, 2025 at 01:28 PM



“ Gary would always called me little Jen when I'd see him. Its always made me smile.

Jenifer Carey-Parker - October 03, 2025 at 12:20 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Lee Ely.

October 02, 2025 at 03:12 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Ely.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Lee Ely.

October 01, 2025 at 06:15 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Ely.

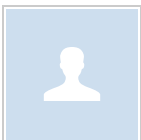


October 01, 2025 at 06:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Lee Ely.

October 01, 2025 at 01:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Ely.



October 01, 2025 at 01:38 PM

KR

“ Karen R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Lee Ely.

Karen R. - September 29, 2025 at 08:53 PM

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“ From your Kemira colleagues purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Gary Lee Ely.



From your Kemira colleagues - September 29, 2025 at 08:17 PM