



# **Gary Rodger Banks Obituary**

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**G**ary Rodger Banks, 74 of Seymour passed away at home on Thursday morning, October 17, 2013.

He was born on November 17, 1938 at the home of his parents Lloyd M. and Edna L. (Adamson) Banks near Cincinnati, Iowa.

Gary graduated from Seymour Community High School. He entered the United States Army in 1957 and completed Basic Training at Fort Polk, La. Specialist Banks received his parachutist wings after completing intensive ground and aerial training.

After discharge from the Army, Gary began farming with his Dad and also carrying mail for the United States Postal Service. He moved from the farm in 1975 and started Circlin' B Farm Implement Company on the south side of Seymour.

Later in life, Gary pursued his love of antiques by opening Lonesome Dove Enterprises (The Shoppes on Wall Street) on the Seymour Square.

Gary married Sandra Dove in June of 1962. They were blessed with three children: Lisa (Rich) Carter of Seymour; Beth (Tony) Mannella of Georgia; and Justin (Kristie) Banks of Wyoming.

Gary was proud of his grandchildren: Sarah, Samantha and Seth Carter; Patrick and Miranda Mannella; and Tyler, Jonathan, Nicolas, Joshua and Alyssa Banks. Gary was especially enjoyed his great-grandchildren; Laudia Carter, Piper Jones and Asher Jones.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Seth Carter, his parents, Lloyd and Edna Banks and his sister Patricia. He is survived by his sister Sherry Johnson of Florida, many cousins and a host of friends.



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Gary loved history, especially regarding the civil war. He had a special interest in the history of the town of Seymour and even produced a pictorial history book of Seymour.

Gary could be counted on for friendly conversation with anyone who stopped by his store. He was an honest man who embodied the spirit of determination and self-reliance. His love of nature and giving demeanor will be fondly remembered.

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## Tribute Wall

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 12:08 PM



**Thomas Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



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**Ina Huffman Leach - Unionville, Mo - Co-Worker** posted:

I used to work for Gary several years ago first in Derby at the elevator, then later at Seymour at the elevator. He was a very hard worker despite his only having one arm. I am sorry to hear about your loss, Sandy.

November 5 at 7:00 PM



**Barbara James And Beth Morley - East Moline, Il And Waunakee, Wi - New Acquaintances** posted:

My mother and I were visiting Seymour in September, and we found Gary sitting in front of one of his shops, cigar in his mouth, and plenty of stories to tell to make us laugh. Nancy and Gary were definitely the high point of the day! My mom and I have been making our plans to return to Seymour next summer, but it will change the experience greatly not to see Gary sitting in his usual spot. We are so glad that we had a couple of afternoons to spend in his Aladdin's Caves of treasures. Nancy, we are thinking of you and hoping that you find comfort and support in your family and friends.

November 5 at 7:00 PM



**Donnie L. Wyldes - Moline, Il - Friend** posted:

Dear Sandra, was very sorry to hear of Gary's passing. We were class mates, and I had spent weekend nights at their farm. Ma the Lord give you strength. Yours truly Donnie and Vivian Wyldesz69yi

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MC

**Marilyn Kirkland Hurt - Webster City, Ia - Cousin** posted:

Sandy , Sorry to hear of Garys passing.My prayers are with you and your family. Marilyn Kirkland Hurt

October 21 at 7:00 PM

RF

**Richard & Betty Couchman - Corydon, Ia - Friends** posted:

Sandy and family, we will miss Gary being around the square and talking with him about all sorts of topics. Gary was always happy and willing to help. May God give you comfort in your time of mourning.

October 20 at 7:00 PM

TF

**Tanecia Walker - Seymour, Ia - Friend** posted:

You will be greatly missed..We loved stopping and listening to your stories. You had a great sense of humor and full of spunk. Miss you!!!

October 20 at 7:00 PM

PC

**Patty Hansen - Royse City, Tx** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of your sorrow at the loss of Gary, Sandy. I treasure the memory of time spent with the two of you in 2010. May God give you strength and comfort in knowing that Gary is at rest and peaceful with no pain or suffering. Sending you hugs from Texas. Patty

October 19 at 7:00 PM

MF

**Max & Bev Van Blaricome - De Moines, Ia - Friends** posted:

SANDYAND FAMILY IT IS HARD TO PUT INTO WORDS HOW WE FEEL.YOUR FRIENDSHIPS HAVE MEANT SO MUCH GARY WILL BE MISSED BY EVERONE WHO KNEW HIM. MAY GOD BE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

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JF

**Jim Ervin - Huxley, Ia - Friend Of Family** posted:

Sandy and family, Cheryl and I are very saddened to hear of Gary's sudden passing. Your family has always had a very special place in our hearts and we have always held you up as an example by which life should be embraced. We pray at this time the kindness, thoughtfulness, care, and concern that you have shown for others is returned to you thousands of times over. Take care in the warmth of His embrace, Jim and Cheryl Ervin

October 18 at 7:00 PM

FA

**F.E. Warren Afb Chiefs - Cheyenne, Wy - Fellow Americans** posted:

Dear Banks Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of grief. Our hearts go out to all of you as you remember and celebrate the life of Mr. Gary Banks. Though, we have never met Mr. Banks, we know Justin well. Justin is a great father, husband, and American hero. For this we are sure his father was proud!! In Service We Remain, The Chiefs

October 18 at 7:00 PM

BI

**Bob And Carla Brown - Indianola, Ia** posted:

We are so sorry for your loss! Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers!

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