



## Gary Champagne Jr.

August 13, 1953 - October 16, 2024

Gary Champagne, Jr., 71, a native of Gheens, LA, and a resident of wherever the motorhome took him, passed away on Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

Services will be held on Friday, October 25, 2024 in Galliano, LA at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 17980 W. Main St., Galliano, LA 70354. Honoring will be from 8:30 -11:00 am. Mass to follow. Rosary will be recited at 10:00 am by 4th Degree Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Gary Jr. is survived by his wife, Phyllis Chauvin Champagne; his children: Mandi (Josh) Krieg, Tiffanie Sultan (Paul Gilcrease), and Matthew (Kira) Champagne; his 5 grandchildren: Taylor, Isabella, and Abigail Krieg, Tristan Sultan and Ember Dardar; his siblings: Ralph (Mary) Champagne, Jerome (Cindy) Champagne, Diane Champagne, Jody (Florence "Tut") Champagne, Glenn (Robin) Champagne, Dwayne (Denise "DeeDee") Champagne, Denise (Godchild) (Bryan) Dufrene, and Tammy (Cassie) Martinez; his aunts: Sherry Ann (Charles) Billiot and Mary (Ursin) Champagne, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandson Sebastian Sultan, his parents, Gary Champagne, Sr. and Lilly Mae Cedotal Champagne; his sister Andrea Dufrene; brothers-in-law: Corky Dufrene and Tom Orgeron; uncles and aunts: Jessie (Gail)

Cedotal, Ursin Champagne, and Sherrie (George) Guidry.

Gary was a member of KC Council #9000, where he served as Chancellor; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Trustee; Membership Director and Grand Knight. He also served on the Fire District #3 board for several years.

Gary owned Champagne's Piggly Wiggly in Galliano for approximately 14 years, and he worked for Doerle Food Service until he retired in 2018.

Ever since getting married to his high school sweetheart in 1971, camping was his dream. Since his retirement, Gary and his wife Phyllis had been traveling the United States. They visited 38 states, meeting so many wonderful people they called their Camping Family. Gary never met a stranger and was loved by all.

In retirement, Gary began making walking sticks - selling some, but mostly giving some away to people he knew were in need and even donating some to Relay for Life.

The family would like to thank North Oaks and Dr. James Parker as well as the doctors at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital and St. Tammany Parish Hospital for the care and compassion they provided.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

OCT **25**. 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Saint Joseph Church  
17980 W Main St  
Galliano, LA 70354

## Funeral Mass

OCT **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Saint Joseph Church  
17980 W Main St  
Galliano, LA 70354

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Many prayers for Gary's family and friends. We enjoyed and will miss the time visiting with him while camped next door. We will continue to cherish the walking stick we received from him. May God's love comfort you at this time.*

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**John & Tresha Hoffmann** - October 23, 2024 at 05:30 PM

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“ *I am so very sorry to know this has happened seemingly way too early; but what God wills, we have to accept and pray for strength b/c it can be overwhelmingly difficult.*  
*As I reflect on Gary, and your posts, I do believe he had his "mama's" gentle spirit as he left his love with all people! I've always loved this family in a very special way.... And I will remember him and the family in my prayers always; that is what "family" is for! Phyllis, God give you HIS strength and give peace to his soul.*  
*Sharon Matherne Robichaux*

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**Sharon Robichaux** - October 22, 2024 at 03:39 PM

DA

*Gary  
Was so willing to help you if in need.  
Gary  
helped me with his knowledge  
Fixing central air. also Gary his brother in law help.  
Good people.*

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**Dale Appleby** - October 23, 2024 at 05:44 PM

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*Phyllis, I will pray for Gary's soul and for your peace when I attend Mass tomorrow morning. I will also include both of you in the prayer group that meets to pray each day after Mass. When I return home, I will have copies of passages pertaining to losing a loved one for you. God bless you and remember that He wants you to live out the rest of your life that He has planned for you.  
Prayers for you from Cheryl Lucia.*

Cheryl Lucia - October 24, 2024 at 08:15 PM

TF

“ The Steele Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Gary Champagne Jr..



The Steele Family - October 21, 2024 at 08:46 PM

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“ The Steele Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Champagne Jr..

The Steele Family - October 21, 2024 at 08:46 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Champagne Jr..



October 21, 2024 at 08:44 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Champagne Jr..*



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October 21, 2024 at 08:28 PM



“ *Stacy, Jim, Jack and Max Stoos planted a <a href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518">Memorial Tree</a> in honor of Gary Champagne Jr..*

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**Stacy, Jim, Jack and Max Stoos** - October 21, 2024 at 08:28 PM