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Weslaco - Gary Leroy Harbison, a beloved and dedicated figure in the Weslaco community, passed away on August 4, 2025, at the age of 81. Born on June 6, 1944, Gary lived a full and vibrant life marked by deep relationships, professional success, and a spirited personality that left a lasting impression on everyone he met. A proud graduate of Weslaco High School, Gary went on to attend mechanic school, sharpening skills that aligned with his lifelong passion for cars and tractors. That passion began early—he was enamored with cars by the age of two and drove his first tractor at just seven. Gary built a thriving career as a salesman, known far and wide for his remarkable gift of persuasion—he could "sell ice to an Eskimo." He and his beloved wife, Lynn, owned and operated Aloe Vera Products for over 30 years. Together, they were a formidable team in business and life, earning a reputation for honesty, integrity, and heartfelt care for their customers, many of whom became lifelong friends. Gary was also a devoted member of Bridge Avenue Church of Christ, where he found great joy in fellowship and worship. A longtime member, he cherished his church family deeply. With his unmistakable charm and the "gift of gab," Gary never met a stranger—whether at church, around town, or on his many travels. He was known for his ornery sense of humor, warm storytelling, and contagious laughter. His love for woodworking brought him peace and pride, and he relished traveling through the Texas Hill Country, creating unforgettable memories with those he loved. He also had a sweet tooth and delighted in life's simple pleasures—strawberry shakes, chocolate-covered graham crackers, spaghetti, and a cold Coke were among his favorites. More than anything, Gary was a people person. He encouraged others, built deep connections, and prioritized his family, faith, and friendships. His legacy is not just in what he accomplished, but in the lives he touched and the joy he shared. Gary was preceded in death by his loving wife and business partner, Lynn; his parents, Carl and Kareene (Gary) Harbison; his brother,



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Steve Harbison, and the mother of his children, Paulette Kathleen Harpster-Harbison. He is survived by his children, Kathy Hitchcock (Les) of Denison, Texas; Candy Chrisman (Scott) of Jackson, Tennessee; Heather Womble of Bertram, Texas; and David Harbison (Karen) of Royse City, Texas. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Denise Harbison; his grandchildren, Benjamin Hitchcock and Jonathan Hitchcock, Kayla Malakowsky (Mike), Kristen Mosher (Lance), Christopher Rich (Marion), Haley Wilson (Chris), Zac Chrisman (Leah), Logan Chrisman (Taylor), Allison Womble, Hunter Womble, Collin Womble, Cynthia Epperly (Morgan), and Preston Harbison (Angeles); and great-grandchildren, Drake, Sophia, Silas, Asher, Flo, Penny, Evvy, Hattie Mae, Gideon, Walter, Hunter, Collin, Indy, Maggie, Catherine, Madeline, Liam, and Great-great grandchild Jaydin Malakowsky. He also leaves behind countless friends, his cherished church family, and dear companions from Weslaco Nursing and Rehab. Among them, Lynn's sons, Bill McNabb of New Braunfels and Butch McNabb (Lizette), also held a special place in his heart. Gary's memory will live on in the laughter he sparked, the faith he shared, and the love he gave so freely.



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Mccaleb Funeral Home & Sacred Park Cemetery shared a **Video**.



August 13 at 4:24 AM

JF

Joyce Davis Faires posted:

Gary was a lifelong friend. I knew his grandparents and parents. We graduated from the same high school and attended the same church. He will be missed by so many.

August 7 at 9:50 AM

AM

Amanda posted:

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August 6 at 6:34 PM

AZ

Amanda Zepeda posted:

Gary was my boss I worked for Gary and Lynn for several years and he shared many stories and lots of jokes He would always say after explaining something that he was full of useless information He knew a lot and knew a lot of people I learned a lot from both of them I truly appreciated and enjoyed working with them I'm blessed to have known him and Lynn Prayers to his family RIP Boss

August 6 at 6:27 PM

FA

Francisca Alcantar posted:

Gary was a great Employer and a Faithful Friend. Our prayers to all the family with love.

August 6 at 2:21 PM

DM

Dwayne Mcdaniel posted:

Sorry to hear.. Gary and I was great friends. Prayers for his family.

August 5 at 12:35 PM



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DC

Dallas Coonrod posted:

Gary was a good friend! He often said we were brothers with different mothers. Our mothers went to school together and so did Gary and I. So many memories! After retirement we became closer. Gary was a better friend to me than I was to him, I'm sure. He did introduce me to a wife.. The marriage did not last but Gary and I still remained friends. I forgave him. lol Condolences to his family and friends! Our faith tells us he is in a better place and he is finally out of that bed. He will be missed. He always gave more than he recieved, loved his kids, friends, and church. To be loved by Gary was a true blessing. He blessed my life just by being in it! Rest in peace, old friend!

August 5 at 7:59 AM

LG

Larry Goolsby posted:

School Friends. Rest in Peace old Friend.

August 4 at 8:26 PM

RM

Robert E. Mcdaniel posted:

High school friendSorry to hear his passing.We ran around together some in high school. Prayers to the familyâââ

August 4 at 6:42 PM



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