



Gary Lynn Reeves

November 21, 1943 - May 4, 2026

Gary Lynn Reeves, age 82, of Ottumwa, Iowa, passed away on Monday, May 4, 2026, at Vista Woods Care Center in Ottumwa.

Gary was born on November 21, 1943, in Albia, IA, to Harley and Bonnie (Hughes) Reeves. He grew up attending school in Albia, graduating with the Class of 1962. On October 31, 1961, he was united in marriage to Barbara Prall and to this union, 2 children were born, Mark Allen and Jeffrey Lynn. Gary and Barbara shared nearly 62 years of marriage prior to Barbara's passing on August 22, 2023.

Gary was a hardworking man and dedicated his life to serving others. He spent 25 years as a police officer with the Ottumwa Police Department and later owned and managed the Stardust Restaurant in Ottumwa for 7 years. He went on to work for Ottumwa Regional Housing, where he eventually retired. In his retirement years, he enjoyed driving bus for Job Corps in Ottumwa.

Gary also loved devoting his time to ministry, serving as minister for many years at several locations, including Centerville, Oskaloosa, Ollie, the First Baptist Church in Ottumwa, Blakesburg, and Christiansburg, IA, continuing his service faithfully until his health no longer allowed. He was a talented musician and enjoyed playing the piano and organ at the Stardust Restaurant, church services, and at many care centers over the years. Above all else,

Gary loved his family dearly and cherished the time spent with them, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Gary is survived by a son, Mark Reeves of Ottumwa; 5 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; a brother, Raymond (Betty) Reeves of Albia; a sister, Vicky (Glen) Ammons of Bondurant; and a brother-in-law, Jay Vernon of Indianola. Gary is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and good friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Barbara; a son, Jeffrey Reeves; a grandson, Jeffrey David Reeves; his parents, Roy and Bonnie Landsperger and Harley Reeves; his mother-in-law, Edith Prall; and a sister-in-law, June Vernon.

Per Gary's wishes, his body has been cremated and a private family burial will be held at Pleasant Corners Cemetery in Monroe County, IA.

An open memorial has been established to the family.

Tribute Wall

CF

“ Gary was a wonderful caring talented man & Pastor of our Ollie Baptist church. While wintering In FL. he would call approx. once a month to check on us & gave wonderful prayers. We will miss him! RIP dear friend

Carolyn Fye - May 07 at 09:48 PM

RL

“ What a great man, he will be missed Rocky Lord

Rocky Lord - May 07 at 05:59 PM

JG

“ My deepest sympathy, condolences and prayers for your family and so many friends. Gary was such a great, honest, loyal, and faithful man! I had the pleasure knowing and working with Gary for many years. We had a wonderful talk just last week. Reminiscing with laughter about working together was the highlight of this year for me! I love you, Gary, and you were loved by so many people. A true angel on earth and now in peaceful Heavenly home.

Joann Gergely - May 06 at 11:53 PM

AB

“ I had the pleasure of working with this fine gentleman, about 18 years ago or so at ResCare. He was always so pleasant to be around. Even after we no longer worked together but saw each other in passing he always recognized me and made a point to ask how things were going and how my daughter was. It doesn't feel like it had been that long since I saw him last. I am so sorry for your loss.

Abby - May 06 at 08:04 AM

KA

“ Gary was a great friend. I worked at the drive in with him for 2 years. He was also so talented on the organ. Prayers to his family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

Karensines - May 06 at 07:56 AM