



Mr. Gary L. Connor

May 17, 1950 - January 16, 2026

Funeral services for C-Me Locksmith owner Gary L. Connor age 75 of Carthage will be January 31, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. with Bro. Joe Best officiating at Trinity Baptist Church at 133 CR 301, Carthage, Texas. Visitation will be one hour before the service starting at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Connor was born May 17, 1950 in Springfield, Illinois to the late Robert Lee and Margaret Sally Lee Halberstadt Connor and died January 16, 2026 at home surrounded by his family. Gary married Janet Rebbe in 1971 and they celebrated almost 55 years together. He had worked for Turriss Coal mine in Elkart, Ill., Truck driver for many years and ended his working career owning C-Me locksmith company.

He was raised around the Athens and Petersburg, Illinois. area and served his country with the United States Marine Corps, from 1968 until 1972, serving 18 months in Vietnam. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, member of VFW and American Legion in Illinois and Texas, Amvets in Illinois, Honor guard member for various Veterans association and member of the Locksmith Association and served many years as a Boy scout leader.

Gary is preceded in death by parents.

He is survived by his wife Janet Connor of Carthage; son Dale Connor and wife Wendy of Tallula Ill; daughters, Michelle and husband Keith Kinney of Athens, Ill. and Debra Connor of Petersburg; grandchildren, Kurt Connor, Casey Connor, Evan Richardson, and Kolbe Kinney and great grandchild, Gage Connor; brothers, Ron Connor and wife Mich, Dan Connor and wife P.J.,

sisters, Mary Benson and husband Jim, Sandy Lemon and husband Tom, Cheri Gillham and wife Jen, Tami Schlueter and husband Mark; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews and a host of friends. Burial for Gary will on February 6, 2026, 2:00 p.m. at Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield Illinois with Military Honors. A visitation will be at Mott & Henning Funeral Home In Athens, Illinois on February 6, 2026, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers make memorial donations to the VFW, Petersburg Illinois; American Legion, Athens, Illinois; Amvets, Greenview, Illinois; Or VFW or American Legion, Carthage, Texas.

Cremation arrangements entrusted to Hawthorn Funeral Home, Carthage, Texas. An online guestbook may be signed at: www.hawthornfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Camp Butler National Cemetery

5063 Camp Butler Road
Springfield, IL 62707

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **31**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church
133 CR 301
Carthage, TX 75633

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Mott & Henning Funeral Home
206 N. Main Street
Athens, IL 62613

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Janet....Brian and I are so very sorry for your loss. Deb and Brian. P.SI have a great picture of Gary at one of "our" past class reunions I will send to you.

Deborah Price-Schrowang - January 31 at 07:53 PM

MW

“ Marietta W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Gary L. Connor.

Marietta W. - January 22 at 05:23 PM

PM

“ Janet, I am so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed working with you and Gary on Chamber projects. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Patsy Meck

Patsy Meck - January 21 at 04:00 PM

PD

“ Jan and family, we are so sorry to hear about your loss of Gary. We will have you in our prayers. Remember all the good times you shared with him and keep those close to your heart.

The Jerry Don Dorman Family ~ Isaiah 40:31
Jerry Don, Pat, Jeremy, Lance, Allison, Tinley, Emerson and Everleigh



Pat Dorman - January 20 at 10:28 PM

JH

“ I am just sure that Gary came and talked to my Life Skills class about being a coal miner. It was one of the best career talks I ever heard. He brought all his equipment with him and the junior high kids were fascinating. I also remember Janet who was a senior the first year I came to PORTA to teach. She was my FHA president. I am so sorry for your loss. Blessings.

Judy Hurdle - January 20 at 09:40 PM

FR

“ Fred & Kim Raymond planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Gary L. Connor.

Fred & Kim Raymond - January 20 at 09:01 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary L. Connor.



January 20 at 09:01 PM