



## Mr. Gary Huntsman

February 15, 1951 - September 7, 2015

Gary Charles Huntsman was born February 15, 1951 in Houston, Texas. He was the older of two children born to Willis Charles and Ocie McLeroy Huntsman. He was raised in Baytown, TX. Gary was retired from LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport where he worked in Physical Plant as an Insulator. Gary was a talented and well respected musician. He started his notable musical career in his mid-teens playing lead guitar with various bands around Houston in the late 60's. He later joined the reputable Empty Can Band traveling and performing throughout Texas in the 70's. In 1979, Gary moved to the Ark-La-Tex and played in a handful of well-known local bands including the Just Us Band before being snatched up by Percy Sledge and the Aces Band as lead guitarist touring worldwide with him for 15 years. Gary was featured on Percy's "Live from Louisiana" album as well as the track "First You Cry" on the "Louisiana Swamp Stomp" album. In recent years he played with the Soulfish Blues Band, A.J. Casio and the Two Tone Blues Band, Johnny and the Nightcrawlers, and Big Hotel. Most recently he spent his time playing with Just-Us Reunited. Gary has been heavily influenced by Billy Gibbons of ZZ Top, John Mayal, Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck, B.B. King, Freddie King and Peter Green of the Original Fleetwood Mac. Gary lived and breathed his motto with an unmistakable ring to the touch of every string, "Life's too short for a bad tone." He blessed so many lives with his gift of music. He was recently selected as an honorary member of the Houston Blues Society. Gary was also an avid bass fisherman. Gary is preceded in death by his parents, Ocie and

Willis Huntsman and his brother, Glenn Huntsman. He is survived by his wife Kay Huntsman of Carthage, TX; two daughters, Katie Huntsman of McKinney, TX and Amy McPhearson and husband Josh of Logansport, LA; numerous cousins and a host of friends.

Gary went to be with the Lord on September 7, 2015 at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, TX. A celebration of life for Gary Charles Huntsman will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, September 17, 2015 at Hawthorn Funeral Home located at 307 West Wellington Street, Carthage, Texas 75633.

Visitation will be prior to the service at 10:00 a.m. Gary's wishes were to be cremated and his ashes scattered in the waters of Lake Murvaul, the place he called home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Houston Blues Society in memory of Gary Huntsman. Donations can be made online at [www.houstonbluessociety.org](http://www.houstonbluessociety.org) or you may send a check or money order to Houston Blues Society, P.O. Box 272868, Houston, Texas 77277.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home  
307 West Wellington Street  
P.O. Box 188  
Carthage, TX 75633  
(903) 693-3816  
info@hawthornfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com>

## Service

SEP 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel  
307 W Wellington St.  
Carthage, Tx

# Tribute Wall

MR

“ Gary I was your helper for Brown and Root years ago..You invited me over after work and we would listen to young bands like Lynyrd Skynyrd or ZZ Topp..I was a kid then and you showed me guidance and patience..Thank You..

Marshall Reed - January 31, 2016 at 07:21 PM

AF

“ I'm so sorry for your loss of life. Gary was a great musician and friend. I only wish I'd known him better.  
Alan Fox

Alan Fox - September 17, 2015 at 09:50 AM

ME

“ Kay, So very sorry to hear of "Kid" passing. To me he was always "Kid" and a good friend and fishing buddy. Take comfort in knowing he was a great person and super good man. I will always remember our fishing trips and listening to him playing his guitar. In the fishing world, he was a "KEEPER". God Bless you and the girls.  
Mike "DOC" Eason

Mike Eason - September 16, 2015 at 09:26 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Huntsman.



September 15, 2015 at 05:39 PM

PF

“*Kay, Katie and Amy..."Absent from the body and present with the Lord" is a wonderful comfort during your time of loss. Not only is Gary now totally well, I expect his parents and his brother greeted him in heaven. And not only them, but my dear friend, Mr. Jesse O. Morgan, Jr., who I miss so. Think on these things. I enjoyed the times that I was able to visit with Gary and am very impressed by his musical legacy. God bless and keep you all during this time. I am sorry that I won't be able to attend the memorial, but my thoughts and prayers will be with you all. Great Blessings! Patsy O. Foster*


Patsy O. Foster - September 15, 2015 at 04:58 PM



“*Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Huntsman.*



September 14, 2015 at 07:17 PM

 Carol Fair

“*Gary has always been quiet whenever I was around him. But always his eyes were kind and his smile so encouraging! Thank you for beings such a good husband to my cousin Kay and father to Katie and Amy. I was always so impressed that you were such a great musician. We will all miss you! God speed your journey to your heavenly home!*

*Carol Fair*

Carol Fair - September 14, 2015 at 06:42 PM

CG

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Connie Gannon** - September 14, 2015 at 04:48 PM