



## Gary Robert Booker

November 22, 1949 - January 8, 2025

Gary Robert Booker (November 22, 1949 - January 8th, 2025), 75, of Bloomington, Indiana was called home to be with the Lord on January 8th, 2025.

He was loved by all and is survived by his wife of 53 years, Patty (Flake) Booker; sons Gary Scott Booker (Stephanie) & Chad Alan Booker (Katy); grandchildren (who referred to him as "Poppy") Kneessa (Cameron) Harris, Kristina Booker, Makayla Booker, Caylynne Booker, Chad Booker Jr., Hezekiah Booker, Zaytrick, Adele, Liam, & Jemma; great grandchildren Addilyn, Raelyn, & Cooper; siblings Mickey Booker from Florida, Jon Booker, Tom (Jackie) Booker, Jeanne (Bob) Stalcup from Covington, Indiana, Jon Thompson of Ohio, sister-in-law Sandy Simmons & brother-in-law Isaac Browning, and many nephews, nieces, and great nephews & nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents Floyd (Dorothy) Booker & Mary (Tom) Hamilton; sisters Diana Hallford & Darlene Browning; brother Don Thompson; sister-in-laws Mary Feathers, Martha Booker, and brother-in-law Johnny Flake.

Gary was loving and compassionate to all who knew him, but the greatest love of his life was his beautiful wife and family. In his younger years, Gary loved hunting and fishing with his boys, brothers, uncles, & nephews - as well as mushroom hunting. He was a decorated Vietnam Veteran serving

alongside his comrade buddies, Bruce Camidge (BJ) from Mississippi & Steve Effinger. He retired after 33 years from Otis Elevator in 2004. He was an ardent sports fan, focusing on his favorite sports & teams: IU basketball and football (Colts). Gary loved playing golf, was a member of Otis Elevator softball team, and bowled in a bowling league for many years. He also had a special place for unique memorabilia. From Happy Meal toys to limited edition items, he was an avid collector.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 16th, 2025 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Allen Funeral Home (4155 S. Old St. Rd. 37 in Bloomington). The Masonic Lodge from Solsberry will be giving the Masonic Rites at 5pm at the visitation. A funeral service will be held Friday, January 17th, 2025 at 1:00 pm at Pentecostal Faith Assembly (1301 W. 11th St. in Bloomington) with Brother Michael Douglas officiating. Entombment will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens with Military Honors.

Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com) .

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.  
Bloomington, IN 47401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Masonic Service

JAN 16. 5:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Visitation

JAN 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Pentecostal Faith Assembly  
1301 W 11th St  
Bloomington, IN 47404-3215  
(812) 336-4856

## Funeral Service

JAN 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

Pentecostal Faith Assembly  
1301 W 11th St  
Bloomington, IN 47404-3215  
(812) 336-4856

# Tribute Wall

BA

“ Our condolences to the family. We are Gary's next door neighbors across the street and we didn't know he had passed. I noticed all the beautiful flowers and wind chimes you hung up on the porch where Gary used to sit and wave to me and my kids pulling out of our driveway every morning (when it was warm). He always made our day doing that and we miss him doing that very much! We wish we could have gotten to know him better, but are very blessed to have gotten to wave back and smile at him.

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**Bekki Acton** - April 21, 2025 at 03:32 PM

BA

“ Bekki Acton lit a candle in memory of Gary Booker



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**Bekki Acton** - April 21, 2025 at 03:29 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Robert Booker.



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January 16, 2025 at 09:52 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Robert Booker.*



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January 16, 2025 at 07:50 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Robert Booker.

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January 15, 2025 at 08:16 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gary Robert Booker.*



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January 15, 2025 at 08:16 PM

RB

“ Rodney and Martha Burch lit a candle in memory of Gary Booker



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**Rodney and Martha Burch** - January 15, 2025 at 04:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Robert Booker.

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January 15, 2025 at 03:05 PM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Robert Booker.



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January 15, 2025 at 03:05 PM

SL

“ Gary was a great guy. Always had a smile for you too. We discovered that we were both in the marines and both in Vietnam at the same time.

*R.I.P brother. Semper Fi*

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**Steve Lanham** - January 15, 2025 at 11:44 AM

LD

“ Love, Amy, Jamie, Abby and Emma Dirrim purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Gary Robert Booker.



Love, Amy, Jamie, Abby and Emma Dirrim - January 15, 2025 at 09:44 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Robert Booker.



January 15, 2025 at 09:18 AM

NC

“ Patty and Family, I am so sorry about Gary's passing. He was a wonderful man. I know he'll be missed. Prayers for all the Family!



Nancy League Cowden - January 14, 2025 at 07:33 PM

LS

“ Linda Skibinska lit a candle in memory of Gary Booker



Linda Skibinska - January 14, 2025 at 05:27 PM

KS

“ *My sincere condolences to the Booker family, I grew up with Tom, he and my older brother Mark were good friends from Broadview.*

*Sincerely Kevin Swafford*

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**Kevin Swafford** - January 14, 2025 at 03:46 PM

TM

“ *I grieve with you in your loss of Gary. We were childhood friends. The years have not faded the memories. I remember when his family moved into our neighborhood, on South Madison Street and the first time he showed up in our second-grade classroom at Broadview Elementary. He was always shy and had a kind and gentle spirit. I have many wonderful memories from the few short years we spent together in the neighborhood with the other kids on the block. I'm praying the Lord will surround you all with His love and comfort and give you His grace & peace today and in the days to come.*

*With all sympathy & most sincerely yours, Terri (Waldrip) Morrison.*

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**Terri (Waldrip) Morrison** - January 14, 2025 at 03:30 PM

MJ

“ Our heart aches with the news of your passing Uncle Gary. There are so many memories that we will hold onto the rest of our lives. Like when I was a kid and you all came to Florida. Dad and you took me and Gary Scott shrimping and crab catching! Also when we were able to take you bass fishing years back. You would NOT put your hand in the water to release the bass because you were terrified of the Gators swimming in the lake! I will never forget that!! Just know your sons and family have everything under control, you can look down and smile knowing it is all well. You fulfilled your mission to 'make a mark and leave a legacy'. You have broken the bonds of earth and are now touching the face of God. We will miss you and love you! Mike Jr. & Kristy Booker

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**Mike Booker Jr** - January 14, 2025 at 03:08 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Gary Robert Booker.



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January 14, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Robert Booker.

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“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Gary Robert Booker.



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January 14, 2025 at 10:33 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Robert Booker.

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January 14, 2025 at 08:01 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of Gary Robert Booker.



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January 14, 2025 at 08:01 AM

GB

“ I never got to tell you popps how proud I was to have you as my Father as you made me the man I am today I'm gonna miss you dearly our coffee time on Sundays was a special bonding time that I'm gonna cherish forever as we talked about alot things that was here nor there I know your in a better place now not suffering no more  
And some day I'll get that coffee time back  
We Got got things down here so don't worry  
See you soon popps  
Love your Grateful and Respectful son  
Gary Scott

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**Gary S Booker** - January 14, 2025 at 07:43 AM

TN

“ Patty iam sorry to hear about GAry. I worked with him at otis. He was a great guy prayers for you. Terry & CArol NOrris

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**Terry NOrris** - January 14, 2025 at 06:23 AM

BE

“ Our deepest sympathies and sincere condolences to the entire family. Our thoughts and prayers during such a difficult time.

*Bonnie and David Eads*



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**Bonnie Eads** - January 13, 2025 at 10:26 PM

DB

“ Patty,  
I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Dave Burnworth** - January 13, 2025 at 08:48 PM

AH

“ So, so, sorry for your loss, Patty. Sending you my sincerest condolences. Amanda Harper

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**Amanda Harper** - January 13, 2025 at 06:06 PM

KH

“ Patty and family, your IUSM and IU Health colleagues all send their condolences on the loss of your beloved husband/father/grandfather. He was such a source of love and strength for you and I know you will miss him terribly. Please accept our most sincere condolences and prayers for all on his passing.

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**Kathy Hiller** - January 13, 2025 at 04:39 PM