



## Gary Dean Starrett

January 10, 1945 - March 21, 2018

Gary Starrett, 73, of Winter Park, Florida passed away on Wednesday March 21, surrounded by family and friends.

Gary was born on January 10, 1945 in Kansas City, MO to James Starrett and Lyla Picton.

He graduated college at University of Kansas with a masters degree in mechanical engineering. His career spanned nearly 50 years. Although he was an accomplished engineer, Gary will be remembered as a masterful artist and a remarkably generous man.

He was a skilled oil painter, a sculptor of wood and metal, and a jewelry maker. He built ingenious inventions and could fix anything. He invented his own tools and created a work space beyond belief. His artwork was displayed in galleries and he donated works to charitable causes. He patiently passed on his creative skills to his children and grandchildren.

Gary was known as a quiet man with a spectacular mind. He was a deep thinker and a steady presence in the lives of so many. It would be impossible to know all of the lives he touched, inspired, and to which he generously contributed. He provided support, resources, and advice to many. He and his loving wife Mary took in and supported many people during their long sweet marriage. Gary's home was available to anyone that needed comfort, a roof over their head, or food in their belly. He opened his heart and home to those who needed a place to stay for the night, for the month, or the year. He and his wife created an extended family through their generosity.

The love between Gary and his wife Mary was an inspiration to many young couples. Their love was evident and abundant. Through 35 years of marriage they were deeply supportive of each other and were an inspiration to each other's creative endeavors. Always encouraging the other to have the fullest, richest life possible.

Gary will remain in our hearts forever as a devoted husband, an unconditionally loving

father, and a grandfather with a limitless imagination. He will be deeply missed by so many.

He is survived by his wife Mary, his children Erich of Atlanta, GA, Erin Starks and her husband Brandon of Madison, WI, Max Mayfield and his wife Tanja, of Winter Park, FL, Brian Mayfield of Salina, KS, Shirley Ann (Sam) Mayfield of Boise, ID and his grandchildren, Brian Allen Mayfield, Ewan Dean Starrett, Audrey Helen Louise Starrett, Emma Marie Starrett, Rylie Brooke Mayfield, and Cooper Samuel Starks.

Services will be held at the DeGusipe funeral home on Saturday March 24th at 3:00pm with reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Gary's honor to the American Heart Association and the Colorado Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.



# Comments

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“ Sending our deepest condolences to your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



**Tammie Olson** - March 24, 2018 at 10:43 AM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gary Dean Starrett.



March 24, 2018 at 09:29 AM

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“ Mary. you have our sincere sympathy, know the love you folks share all these years, as you know and have experienced several worse kind of passing than the heart. Never ready tho when the time comes. We love you and ask God's Blessing for you and all the family.

**Shirley Finnesy** - March 23, 2018 at 08:46 PM

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“ Gary was a wonderful man. He will surely be missed by any who knew him. He is an Angel now. RIP my friend.  
My sincere condolences to his wife Mary and their loving family. May you find comfort in the wonderful memories that you shares.  
Love to all  
Toni Mescia



Toni Mescia - March 23, 2018 at 03:02 PM

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“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Dean Starrett.



March 23, 2018 at 07:59 AM