



Gary Ellis Dole

February 4, 1947 - October 23, 2014

Gary Ellis Dole, 67, of Machesney Park died on October 23, 2014 at 10:45 p.m. in Rockford Memorial Hospital. Gary was born on February 4, 1947 in Rockford, son of Judge and Marion (Pixler) Dole. Gary served in the United States Navy in the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Navy Band. Gary was an accomplished musician headlining concerts in Northern Illinois and numerous southern states. He was known by a variety of nick names, including "Kentucky", "Tennessee" and "Texas." He was a beloved father, grandfather, godfather, uncle and brother. Survived by his daughters, Veronica Dole of North Chicago, Valerie (Kris) Crawford of Park City; granddaughter, Destiny Cheyanne Perez of North Chicago; friend and caregiver, Leona Faulkner of Machesney Park; brother, Billy (Patty) Dole of Rockford; brother-in-law, Charles Cruz of Kenosha, WI; God Daughter, Regina (John Stark) Tellez of Wadsworth; numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, Terry Dole, Larry Dole, Shirley Dole, Mary Frazier and Gene Frazier. Private services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services assisted the family with arrangements. To share a memory or condolence, visit www.graceFH.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Valerie Crawford sent a virtual gift in memory of Gary Ellis Dole



Valerie Crawford - February 20, 2015 at 07:54 PM



“ Miss u Dad.:-[

Valerie Crawford - February 20, 2015 at 07:53 PM



“ Regina Tellez lit a candle in memory of Gary Ellis Dole

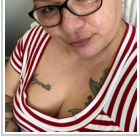


Regina Tellez - October 27, 2014 at 01:42 PM



“ I will forever remember those beautiful blue eyes how they danced when you spoke and how they told your story. I told my mom my godfather still has those eyes the last time I got to see you and hope happy your were to see me and I will never forget you! RIP my Godfather and one day we will meet again. I love you!

Regina Tellez - October 27, 2014 at 01:41 PM



“ *I love you daddy and I'll never forget you and destiny making music together I'm the early morning light*

Veronica Dole - October 27, 2014 at 01:36 PM



“ *so sorry for your loss i just seen gary a few weeks ago when he came up to the nursing home. I took care of him when he was at the nursing home he used to give my son who was about 4 a ride on his wheelchair david my son never thought of gary in a wheelchair but as a race car driver cause hed always take him on a fast ride speeding down the hallway. vickie snyder king*

vickie snyder king - October 27, 2014 at 08:25 AM



“ *Veronica Dole lit a candle in memory of Gary Ellis Dole*



Veronica Dole - October 26, 2014 at 08:30 PM



“ *Valerie Crawford lit a candle in memory of Gary Ellis Dole*



Valerie Crawford - October 26, 2014 at 04:04 PM

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“ To my dearest and most loving cousins Valerie and Veronica sending my heartfelt condolences and sympathy to you both. The fondest memories I have from our childhood of Uncle Gary is our summer picnics at lake villa beach and Uncle Gary brought an Elvis Presley impersonator to play a few numbers and the crowds would go crazy. Your Dad could play a mean guitar & sing like a country star...now he's singing & strumming the strings with the angels in heaven. Rest in Heaven Uncle Gary. All my love, Sylvia (Flores) Arellano
Zion Illinois



Sylvia Flores - October 26, 2014 at 12:11 AM

 Regina
Tellez

“ I will forever remember your beautiful blue eyes how they danced when you talked and how they always told your story. I thank God that I was blessed to see you before our Lord called you home. RIP Godfather I love you and one day we will see each other again

Regina Tellez - October 25, 2014 at 11:59 AM