



Gary R. Stiller Sr.

September 30, 1936 - July 5, 2013

Gary R. Stiller, Sr.

Founder of Stiller's Towing in Channahon, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family at his residence on Friday, July 5, 2013.

Beloved husband of 47 years to the late Patricia (nee Docter) (2004); proud father of Gary Jr. (Roberta) Stiller and Angel Colbert and fiance' Edward Lawson; cherished grandfather of Joseph, David, Tricia, Aimee, Billy and Jenny Colbert.

Preceded in death by his wife and his dear son William.

A distinguished Veteran of the U.S. Navy, an outdoorsman at heart Gary was an avid gun collector and fisherman. The owner of Stiller's Towing Gary served the community of Channahon for 48 years.

Funeral Service for Gary R. Stiller, Sr. will begin at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, July 10 at The Maple Funeral Home located at 24300 W. Ford Rd., Channahon. Father Jeff Stoneberg officiating. Interment Willard Grove Cemetery, Channahon. Visitation Wednesday from 10:00 AM until Service begins at 1:00 PM. For information 815. 467-1234 or www.themaplefuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Gary R. Stiller Sr.

January 29, 2023 at 09:53 AM

James
More

“ Three times one winter when I drive a Firebird, Gary comes to my rescue when my car is stuck. Once he uprights my Jeep. I remember playing baseball. My condolences Gary and Angel. I remember your dad and mom with fondness across the street from my grandparents next to Pete Perona, Bill, and Carol. Raise the Flag is a book with a literary six-pack and I use my education for something because I wear a Raise the Flag hat. <http://www.jamesmorebooks.com/>



James More - December 24, 2013 at 04:01 PM

TS

“ Twila Barnett Shafer lit a candle in memory of Gary R. Stiller Sr.



Twila Barnett Shafer - July 10, 2013 at 10:39 PM

KM

“ I am sorry to hear that Gary passed away. I always enjoyed visiting with him and Pat. My deepest sympathies. My heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult loss.



Kimberly Ohmes McElroy

Kimberly Ohmes McElroy - July 10, 2013 at 06:05 AM

TW

“ We were sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Condolences to all the family. Toddy stopped to see him many times, talk about the good old days. He was a kind and caring man, He will be missed.

Toddy and Lynn Williams

Toddy Williams - July 09, 2013 at 11:00 PM

DU

“ I remember Gary to be friendly, honest and more than fair in his dealings. His passing leaves a void impossible to fill, not only by his loving family, but by the entire community as well. Gary will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

*Don W. Unland
Richmond, VA*

Don W. Unland - July 09, 2013 at 09:19 PM

CH

“ My sympathy to the Stiller family. As a neighbor and friend, I remember all the boys playing together and Angel just jumping in. A good man has been lost in the community.

Connie (Manion) Holt

Connie Holt - July 09, 2013 at 09:34 AM



“ Prayers to Gary's family,. He was always so good to my Mom when ever she would need a tow. The Channahon in heaven just gained another wonderful Angel. RIP Gary.

Kim Stroud Slack - July 09, 2013 at 08:40 AM

DC

“ Gary was a kind and gentle giant. He towed me out of a ditch 3 times in one day, charging me the one time fee of \$5.00. My fondest memory of Gary was the time he towed a station wagon on Bridge St. and didn't know it, but the cars owner kept his dog chained to the bumper. (Dog wasn't hurt in process) He later told me he couldn't figure out why the dog kept following him. He got down to the first bridge when he realized he was towing more than the car! I live in another state now but will never come across another Gary Stiller! Rest in peace my friend.

Debbie Chandler - July 08, 2013 at 11:03 PM

DL

“ Mr Stiller as I always called him. Never once by Gary, that one was his oldest son. I met him one night I stay there with Billy. We were going to camp out that night but it was to cold as Miss Stiller told us, But as we were coming inside Billy 1st them me. There he was standing there looking at us, he said to Billy an me " thought you two were going to sleep out side tonight" Billy said " mom said it was to cold" Mr S " there a van in the back sleep in there I will tell your mom that you kids are sleeping out side in it, and leave the beer alone that's inside it". then winks at us. that was the 1st time I met the man of steel. I have been gone from there 33 yrs, but each I came back to Channahon I always stopped and see them. Miss S always new what was going on with the old buddies and knew where to find them. After she passed i stop and seen him drink a couple with him and head back up to the hill (parkside dr) He could anything for your car if you needed it. He will be missed.

Dan Lake
Charlotte, NC

Dan Lake - July 08, 2013 at 09:03 PM

KR

“ Gary was such a caring good hearted man. He cared about the people of Channahon. How many \$5.00 tow's can we all remember from him ? What an awesome man. Our sympathies to the Stiller Family.

Kathy and Tim Rowe

Kathy Rowe - July 08, 2013 at 06:40 AM

MN

“ I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. My condolences to all the family and friends who loved Gary and will miss him. He pulled me and many of my friends out of many a jam back in the day and we have always had a sweet spot for such a genuine guy. He was what he was, and too bad if you didn't see eye to eye with him. We will miss Gary and many of his generation who knew the value of family, hard, honest work and a care for others. Godspeed.

Mike Nichols - July 07, 2013 at 09:37 PM

PW

“ Channahon Icon, our families were close back in the day..Pat & Gary Stiller were great people to know..there wasn't a time, that if you needed help Gary was there to help..many times for free..my thoughts and prayers are with his children and grandchildren at this time, he is now at peace, with Pat and his son Billy..god bless

Patty Lawrence Williams - July 07, 2013 at 09:08 PM

CB

“ Met Gary about 45 years ago when my husband to be and I spent the day with him and Pat .I can remember him in front of his house when you came over, it didn't matter what time of year it was. It would be dead of winter with you freezing with a big coat on and he would be in his flannel shirt half open standing and talking with you not seeming to mind the cold at all.. He seemed to have any kind of part around his house you needed for your car. He was a kind neighbor and will be missed and remembered by all the folks who knew him in the Channahon area. God Bless him and his family.

Connie Butler - July 07, 2013 at 07:43 PM

CM

“ *Angel and Family:*

I can't remember how many times I had to call Gary when I had car problems back in the late 70"s through the 80"s! He was a great guy. I'm sure he will be missed by all who knew him.

Corky

Corliss (Corky) McKinney - July 07, 2013 at 07:26 PM

BS

So sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was a very nice person, years ago he towed our car a few times never charged much, he was always busy helping people. May he be at peace.

Brenda and Dave Saltzman

Brenda Saltzman - July 09, 2013 at 12:54 AM