



## Gary Estes

August 19, 1946 - March 25, 2026

Gary Estes, age 79, resident of Rossville, Georgia, passed away on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at CHI Memorial Chattanooga, Tennessee. Mr. Estes, son of the late Thomas Woodrow Estes and Jessie Lee Henderson Estes, was born August 19, 1946 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He served his country honorably in the U.S. Navy, serving during the Vietnam Era Conflict. Upon leaving the military, he worked for Combustion as a draftsman. Later, he began a career with Westinghouse where he faithfully worked for over 48 years, retiring as a Project Manager.

Mr. Estes was a member of the Thompkins Masonic Lodge #466 F&AM; member of the Alhambra Shrine where he provided much entertainment to kids as a clown. He also served for several years as a Volunteer Fireman for the Fort Oglethorpe Fire Department.

He enjoyed fishing, golf, and trips to the beach with his family. While at home, he cooked for his family, made fishing lures, and then began making earrings as a past-time hobby. He also enjoyed listening to Jimmy Buffet music, reading many books, and watching movies (particularly James Bond). Most of all, he enjoyed spending quality time with his family and his dogs. The family remembers him as a lovable, giving, and very personable man, always smiling, and a true jokester.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Jeff Estes.

Mr. Estes is survived by his wife of over 56 years, Martha "Mot" Estes; one sister, Vickie (Albert) Stephens; one grandson, Cole Thomas Estes; many

other relatives and friends.

The family will Celebrate his life at W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home, 555 West Cloud Springs, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia on Monday, March 30,2026 from 4-8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home, 555 West Cloud Springs Road, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR **30**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Vicki and Gary’s family I just heard about Gary. I’m sorry to hear about Gary’s passing. Gary was always friends while we were living there on Thompson Lane but yeah I wish you the best. I live up next to Cookeville, TN 931-510-6117. Email is hhmorris04@yahoo.com

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“ I am so saddened to hear this. Gary was very special to me and many memories with his family as Jeff was a best friend of mine. Mott - I love you all very much and here for you in any way I can be. love you all, Brandy

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