



## Gary Doyle Merriman

August 7, 1950 - March 21, 2020

Gary Doyle Merriman passed away on March 21st, 2020 in Fort Oglethorpe Georgia. Gary was 69 years young and grew up in the Lakeview Fort Oglethorpe area and was a graduate of Lakeview High School (on Cross St) class of 1968. In 1974-76 Gary was one of Chattanooga's best blues harmonica player. He was a 4 year veteran of the US Coast Guard and served as a nurse medic/surgical tech in a Station deep in a remote area of Alaska. He was preceded in death by his father, Doyle Merriman, WWII veteran of Dunlap; loving niece, Lorraine Merriman of Chattanooga and brother-in-law, Duane LaFerry of Fort Oglethorpe.

He is survived by his loving mother, Inez Merriman; sister, Deanna LaFerry and brother, Mark Merriman, all of Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Daughter, Elise Rudderow; grandchildren, Cody Whitney of California and Haleigh Whitney; great grandchild, Eloise Whitney of California; niece, Elaine (Brad) Clark of Chattanooga; nephew, Scott (Jennifer) LaFerry; great nephews, Caleb LaFerry, Austin LaFerry, Reid Clark, Myles Clark and Jacob LaFerry; great niece, Hope LaFerry; great-great niece, Ella LaFerry; sister-in-law, Leesa Merriman. Gary had such fond memories of his cousins, aunts and uncles in Sequatchie Valley. He loved Christ, and enjoyed reading his Bible daily, praying, and caring for his mother and sister. Online guest book at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, GA.



# Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Rene Y Smith lit a candle in memory of Gary Doyle Merriman*



Rene Y Smith - April 08, 2020 at 03:12 PM

PB

“ *Pam Bruce lit a candle in memory of Gary Doyle Merriman*



Pam Bruce - April 06, 2020 at 05:38 PM

PB

*Rest in peace my dear friend.*

Pam Bruce - April 06, 2020 at 05:39 PM

DP

“ *Deborah Peters lit a candle in memory of Gary Doyle Merriman*



Deborah Peters - April 03, 2020 at 04:39 PM

MM

“ Truly there is a void in my heart for you dear brother. I'll see you again one day ...love you always !  
Mark Merriman

Mark Merriman - April 03, 2020 at 04:20 PM

DL

Another Part of me is now in heaven. It wont be the same here on earth without you, my precious brother.  
Your sister, Deanna 🥺❤️

Deanna M LaFerry - April 03, 2020 at 04:31 PM

LM

A prayer warrior for our family. He cared about everyone.

Leesa Merriman - April 03, 2020 at 04:38 PM

HS

Inez, Deanna & Mark & Family, I read this today and our prayers are with you all. It is so hard to except losing someone that you love so much, but knowing you will see them again comforts you  
Henry & Dawn Saylor.

Henry & Dawn Saylor - April 04, 2020 at 08:43 AM

FF

I dearly loved Mark. He always had a kind word of encouragement to me and ask about my family every time I saw him and that he was praying. I felt those prayers. May God be your peace and rest in Him. I love you.

Fran Fleck - April 05, 2020 at 02:46 AM

SG

I remember Mark. He was always so nice and smiled all the time! Rest in Peace dear classmate! See you one day!!

Suzanne Goodin - April 06, 2020 at 07:35 PM