



Gary Cantrell

January 22, 1952 - March 11, 2024

Gary L. Cantrell, 72, of Troy, Illinois passed away Monday, March 11, 2024 in St. Luke Hospital in St. Louis, MO.

Gary came into life on January 22, 1952 in Centralia. He was the son of Neil Cantrell and Jacqueline (Biagi) Cantrell. He married Dolores Dochwat on May 28, 1984 and she survives him in Troy.

In addition to his wife of 39 years Dolores Cantrell, Gary leaves behind his mother: Jacqueline Cantrell; three daughters: Kate Erin Sobieralski and husband Brett of Edwardsville, Tracy Leigh Cantrell of Troy, and Brandie Marie Cantrell of Troy; three grandchildren: Zane, Chase, and Reed Sobieralski; one brother: Bradley Cantrell of Madison, WI; one sister: Patricia Wheeler and husband Rick of Hardin, MO; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his father: Neil Cantrell and his daughter: Kelly Aileen Cantrell.

Gary graduated from Kaskaskia Junior College and went on to receive a dual Bachelors Degree in Chemistry and Mathematics from SIUC in 1975. He continued his education and received a Masters Degree for Organic Chemistry from SIUE in 1979, and in 1985 was awarded his PhD in Organic Chemistry from the Illinois Institute of Technology. Following graduation, he

went to work for Mallinkrodt as a research chemist from 1984 to 2020. In 2007, he received an award for Inventor of the Year from the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. He received the Illinois Community College Trustees Association 2008 Distinguished Alumnus Award. He had his name on over 100 patents. Gary was a member of the American Chemical Society for 42 years and a member of Planetary Society for 35 years. For leisure, he was an avid reader and enjoyed going on walks with his wife. He enjoyed spending time with his family especially his children and grandchildren. He will be dearly missed by those that knew him.

A Visitation will be held at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, Illinois from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Friday, March 15, 2024. A Service will take place at 12:00 PM at the Funeral Home, with Burial to follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia, Illinois. Any monetary donations made in memory of Gary can be made to any charity of the donors choice and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Cantrell Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland Funeral Homes Facebook page.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Funeral Service

MAR 15. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Tribute Wall

TF

“ Tao Jiang and Family purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Gary Cantrell.



Tao Jiang and Family - March 13, 2024 at 11:59 PM

TF

“ Tao Jiang and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Cantrell.

Tao Jiang and Family - March 13, 2024 at 11:59 PM

TT

“ The Trawicks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Cantrell.

The Trawicks - March 13, 2024 at 06:37 PM

TT

“ The Trawicks purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Gary Cantrell.



The Trawicks - March 13, 2024 at 06:37 PM

HH

“ *His Mallinckrodt Colleagues at Hazelwood purchased the With Distinction for the family of Gary Cantrell.*



His Mallinckrodt Colleagues at Hazelwood - March 13, 2024
at 05:54 PM

DF

“ *Dante Biagi Jr. Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Cantrell.*

Dante Biagi Jr. Family - March 13, 2024 at 04:53 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary Cantrell.*



March 13, 2024 at 04:53 PM

BV

“ *Brittany Vuozzo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Cantrell.*



Brittany Vuozzo - March 13, 2024 at 03:47 PM

JH

“ Sending my condolences to Cantrell family. Deloris was my doctor many years. So sorry about your loss. Jone Hickey

Jone Hicket - March 13, 2024 at 02:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Cantrell.



March 13, 2024 at 02:27 PM

BD

“ Bill Dummitt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Cantrell.

Bill Dummitt - March 13, 2024 at 01:56 PM

BD

“ Bill Dummitt purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Cantrell.



Bill Dummitt - March 13, 2024 at 01:56 PM

KN

“ Kent and Debbie Newham planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Cantrell.

Kent and Debbie Newham - March 13, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Cantrell.*



March 13, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ *This message is with our deepest sympathy for the loss of Gary! He was our neighbor and our friend! We always loved seeing him with a wave, some chit chat or a knock at the door! Every time we said his name or saw him we would always say, he's such a great guy, they are all just good people! We will miss his smile and fun conversations! We are so very sorry for your sad loss! We will always remember Gary and smile when we do! If there is anything you need or we can do for you, just call! All of our love to you and your family!*

The Dyer family 💜

Stacy and Allen Dyer and family - March 13, 2024 at 12:05 PM



“ *Patty&Rick, Jason&family, Brian&family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gary Cantrell.*



Patty&Rick, Jason&family, Brian&family - March 13, 2024 at 10:43 AM

PB

“ *Patty&Rick, Jason&family, Brian&family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Cantrell.*

Patty&Rick, Jason&family, Brian&family - March 13, 2024 at 10:43 AM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Gary Cantrell.*



March 13, 2024 at 09:46 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Gary Cantrell.*



March 12, 2024 at 11:05 PM

FF

“ *From the Flanagan & Hurst Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Cantrell.*

From the Flanagan & Hurst Families - March 12, 2024 at 11:05 PM

SN

“ *Always admired Gary's intelligence & his sweet nature. Hugs & prayers for his family*

Sandra (Kallas) Neabuhr - March 12, 2024 at 10:39 PM