



Gary Dean Vanderford, Jr.

March 10, 1972 - September 30, 2024

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Gary Dean Vanderford, Jr., 52, of Olive Branch, MS, passed away on Monday, September 30, 2024. Friends are invited to a visitation with the family on Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., with the funeral service to follow at 12:00 p.m., all at Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch. The interment will be held at Autumn Woods Memorial Park.

Dean was born on March 10, 1972, in Ripley, MS. He was a descendant of the first founders of Boston. Dean was great with his hands and could create and build incredible things. He worked as an engineer, but his creativity shone throughout the rest of his life. He was creative, artistic, and loved painting. Dean was passionate about music and was a skilled guitarist. He cherished the opportunity to teach music to anyone willing to learn.

Dean was a Christian man and believed strongly in the Bible. He was quick to quote it and could take you straight to any verse you needed. Family meant the world to Dean and he was especially close to his brother and sister. He adored his grandchildren, who were a huge part of his life. Everyone who knew him knew that he wore his heart on his sleeve and would give you the shirt off his back. There are no limits to the sacrifices he would make for his family. Those who loved Dean will miss him dearly.

Dean was preceded in death by his father, Gary Dean Vanderford, Sr.; brother, Stevan Douglass Vanderford; and ex-son-in-law, Walter Patrick.

Dean is survived by his loving wife, Kelly Ramsey Vanderford of Olive Branch; mother, Jennie Weeks Cagle (Jay) of Germantown, TN; daughters, Valeda Burgin (Rodney) of Holly Springs, MS, Madeleine MacDonald (Mark Hoffman) of Macclenny, FL, and Samantha Kay Scott of Byhalia, MS; sons, Patrick Kellum of Orange Park, FL, Joseph Ramsey of Byhalia, MS, Robert MacDonald (Elizabeth) of Germantown, TN, and John MacDonald (Jessica) of Alabama; sister, Elizabeth Rose Vanderford of Cordova, TN; twenty-one grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a host of other family members who loved him.

In lieu of traditional flowers, donations may be made in Gary Dean Vanderford Jr.'s name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org).

Online condolences may be left on our website at www.colemanfuneralhomeob.com.

Cemetery Details

Autumn Woods Memorial Park

6240 Davidson Road
Olive Branch, MS 38654

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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6815 Parkview Boulevard
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Funeral Service

OCT **12.** 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Dean Vanderford, Jr.



Coleman Funeral Home - October 10, 2024 at 03:21 PM

KV

I want to thank everyone who came and showed their love to my husband. I thank Coleman as well for the nice job they put in to make this day so special saying our goodbyes.

Kelly Vanderford - October 15, 2024 at 01:11 AM

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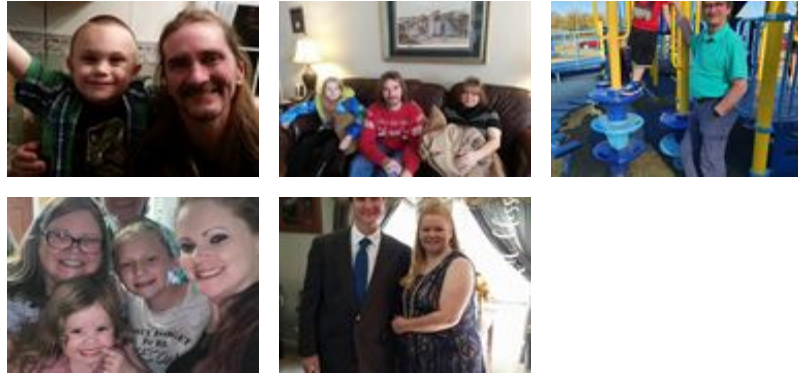
“ Tommie Anderson and family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Gary Dean Vanderford, Jr..



Tommie Anderson and family - October 10, 2024 at 04:15 PM



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes



Coleman Funeral Home - October 10, 2024 at 11:18 AM

CB

“ Dean and I grew up together. He was more than my cousin, he was my brother. He was always there when I needed him and would sit outside wherever we were and talk as long as I needed. The laughs we shared will never be forgotten . All the trouble we caused our parents in our teen years will live with me forever. I love you cuz and will be seeing you again one day. Kelly, my sister, I love you also. We got this and you are not alone.

Crystal Balentine - October 03, 2024 at 02:51 PM

JK

Gonna miss you Dean. I remember sitting in your room w you and Steve after learned the link from Sweet Child o Mine. We were all proud of you brother. Gonna miss you. See you when I get there.

James Kemp - October 04, 2024 at 09:26 PM