



# **Gary William Cleland Sr.**

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**G**ary William Cleland, Sr. passed away on Thursday, August 14, 2014. A life resident of Covington, LA, he was born on Tuesday, February 12, 1946 in New Orleans, LA to Evangeline Messersmith and Carl Christian Cleland, Sr.

The beloved husband of Cynthia Lee Cleland for 21 years, he is survived by his daughter - Leslie Cleland Hano (Les); two sons - Gary W., Jr. (Maggie) and Matthew C. Cleland; two sisters - Gail Gosch and Carolyn Strain; his brother - Carl Cleland, Jr.; three step children - Trey Patterson (Jennifer), Russell Koepp (Jaimee), Kathryn Koepp, and 13 grandchildren - Lydia Hano Kolb, Lacey Hano, Emily, Matthew, Jr. and Henry Cleland, Alex, Emily, Adam and Evan Patterson, Russell, Jr., Jacob, Isabella and Mia Koepp.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, the mother of his children - Susan Laitinen Cleland.

Gary joined the Navy in 1966 and served two tours in Vietnam on the USS Kearsarge as a member of the Brownwater River Rats. After leaving the Navy, he returned to Louisiana and worked as a mail carrier for the Covington Post Office for 35 years. He also served as a Post Commander for the local American Legion in the early 1970's.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend funeral services at 7:00 PM on Monday, August 18, 2014, at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W. 21st Ave. Covington, LA 70433.

Visiting hours on Monday will begin at 5:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Fund.



## Events

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### Visitation

 **Monday**, August 18, 2014


 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT

 **E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services**  
2260 W 21st Ave, Covington LA 70433



### Funeral Services

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## Tribute Wall

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**Normajean Ploof** posted:

with Heartfelt condolences to the Cleland - Hano Family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.-from the Ploof and Munch family. God,Sometimes this world is hard to understand.And even when we trust you, our hearts still ache.So we come to you today asking for the hope we need.Hope that sees past the here-and-now to the then-and-there.Hope that believes what we cannot yet glimpse.Hope that holds our hearts up in the moments when life brings us to our knees.You are the only One who can sustain us.You are the only One who can save us.Be the rescuer of our souls, the deliverer of our dreams, the holder of our hearts.We believe that even the darkest night must lead to dawn.We wait with expectation.Give us courage.Surround us with comfort.Love us through to the other side in the way only you can.We put our hope, and our hopes for those we love, in you.Amen. written by Holley Gerth

August 18 at 4:59 AM



**Kay Fallon Dendinger** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with Cindy and the rest of the family at this time of sorrow.Gary was a wonderful person who will never be forgotten.

August 17 at 4:36 PM



**Wilmerhale, Library And Research Service** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Cleland family.

August 16 at 1:29 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Cleland family.

August 16 at 7:00 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Cleland family.

August 16 at 6:59 AM





# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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