



## Mr. Gary Patrick Bullock

January 23, 1961 - July 1, 2021

Gary Patrick Bullock, 60, of Scottsboro, Alabama passed away in the home that he loved on Thursday, July 1, 2021. Gary was born in Reno, Nevada and since he was a small child had a larger than life personality. Gary went all state in wrestling and football, earning him a scholarship to Troy University where he earned his bachelor of science degree in accounting and business/management in 1984, and then went on to earn his MBA in 2002 from Lake Forest Graduate School of Management. But he would say his greatest success was maintaining close relationships and being a great father to his two children, Colton and Savannah Bullock.

After completing 36 years at Allstate Insurance Company, Gary was ready to start the next chapter in his life. He moved to Scottsboro, AL and many would say this is where his life really began. Gary could have written the book on how to live a retired life. He quickly began mowing the golf greens next door to his house for free golf, bought a boat, joined and became the president of the Homeowners Association, joined the Master Gardeners Program, and his greatest joy was becoming a volunteer firefighter for the Waterfront Volunteer Fire Department; He became the treasurer and was even awarded Firefighter of the year. He joked that 30 years of working in insurance made him want to run into burning buildings.

He is predeceased by his father Walter Harold Bullock; and his siblings,

Walter Harold Bullock Jr. and Sandra Lee Trottier. He is survived by his children, Colton James Bullock and Savannah Lee Bullock (Anthony Velardi); his mother Beatrice Baker (Larry); his siblings, Lawrence Bullock, Jeffery Baker (Brandi), Wanda Mangum, Linda Wodnick and Penny Jones; his sister-in-law Donna Bullock; his nieces and nephews, Tricia, Tiffany, Billy, Caroline, Lucy, Peter, Jeremy, Catrina, Cristina, Dennis Jr, Jacobi, Julian, Rylan and Brayden; and his precious pets, Cassius, Randy, and Mr. Fox and cousins, aunts, uncles, and many other extended family members. He will be missed by many that include his Waterfront Volunteer Firefighter brothers and sisters, Master Gardeners, Scottsboro neighbors, Troy Theta Chi fraternity family, Allstate golf buddies, and the multitude of people with whom he shared his wisdom, charm, compassion, and comedic timing.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 8th 2021 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Carr Funeral Home (1960 Obrig Ave, Guntersville, AL 35976) followed by a celebration of life service at 3:00 PM in the chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in honor and remembrance of Gary to the Waterfront Volunteer Fire Department at 5515 Scottsboro Hwy Scottsboro, Alabama 35769, 256-582-4895.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Carr Funeral Home  
1960 O'Brig Avenue  
Guntersville, AL 35976  
(256) 582-3411

## Celebration of Life Service

JUL 8. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BT

“ Bryan “cornbread” Thomas sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gary Patrick Bullock



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bryan “cornbread” thomas - July 30, 2021 at 12:35 AM

BT

“ Rest easy buddy! I feel so bad cause you was a good friend of mine and a fellow firefighter buddy it seems like yesterday we was in 160 class together u pushed me and carried me through most of it and couched me never to give up. You were so full of life and fun to kick it with. Garry you will be dearly missed and never forgotten.



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bryan “cornbread” thomas - July 30, 2021 at 12:30 AM

MM

“ I have a boatload of memories of Gary initially through working with Gary at Allstate. From there, our friendship expanded through many golf adventures in different parts of Illinois. We also enjoyed the Chicago Blackhawks' Stanley Cup years, and once, he, Bonnie, my wife Sherri and I watched a great playoff win from the upper skybox behind the visiting side goal.

During one of our trips to golf in Galena, Illinois, Gary introduced me to "whiskey in a jar" - a concoction of rye, scotch and bourbon (or maybe just whiskey as the third key ingredient).

Gary was also well known for this kind of approach at work: "blah, blah, blah (I am paraphrasing some solution to a problem), blah, blah, blah." Followed by him ducking his chin a bit, looking over the top of his glasses and ending with "Right???" Followed by his signature kind of a laugh. He did laugh a lot - brief, but to the point.

Back a while ago, there was a commercial for GEICO, a competitor of Allstate's that featured a camel walking around an office asking everyone what day it was. Well, part way through was the part that Gary would shout out to me across the floor "Mike, Mike, Mike, Mike, what day is it?" Of course, always on a Wednesday, also known as hump day. I think that went on for as long as Gary worked with me.

Our last exchanges centered on golf, a little bit of family and a little bit of health. Back in March he told me of his feeling drained at the end of the day. I had not heard of long-haulers effect of COVID at the time.

I invited him to join me and group to golf in Scotland this August. His quick reply 'wedding this year'. I asked if it was him, or one of the kids. That led to an exchange of thoughts. In early May, a message from Gary showed up "guess who's coming to town" with an obligatory selfie. From there, we made plans to golf while he was here. He was excited to see his kids and see Savannah's new

*house. And golf.*

*I last saw Gary on June 18th and we greeted each other with a big man-hug when we met at a local golf course. We exchanged some health, happiness and life experiences during our time together. At the end though, he offered me his guest bedroom, to come down and play some golf on the nearby Robert Trent Jones trail. That was a goal. Almost a plan. I jokingly said "after hurricane season", knowing that any gulf hurricane would usually dump a lot of water on Gary and his horticultural work. It was not meant to be.*

*Missing Gary,*

*Mike Mark*



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**Michael Mark** - July 08, 2021 at 04:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Patrick Bullock.*



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July 08, 2021 at 10:51 AM

JT

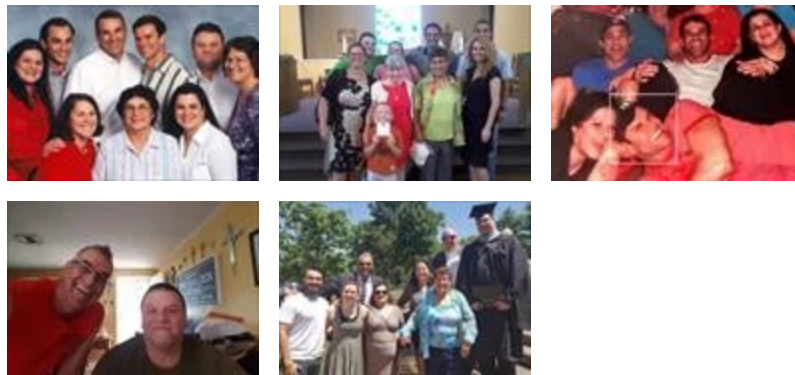
“ Gary was an all star in high school and in life . Much loved and missed... and always remembered.



jessica sorrendino tan - July 08, 2021 at 10:12 AM

WM

“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Wanda Mangum - July 08, 2021 at 12:44 AM

WM

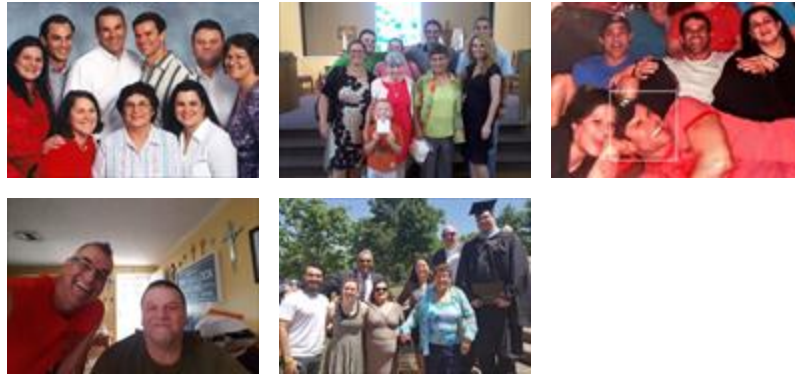
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Wanda Mangum - July 08, 2021 at 12:42 AM

WM

“ 12 files added to the album Memories Album



Wanda Mangum - July 08, 2021 at 12:41 AM

WM

“ Gary.. You already know that I will always cherish each precious moment we had laughing and crying together .. I am so thankful that we were blessed with that time to become best friends.. I know we will see each other one day as you meet me in heaven with a big smile and big bro hug... While I wait for that moment, I want to thank you for watching my "bobble head"  
I love you .. your little sis

Wanda Mangum - July 08, 2021 at 12:21 AM

WM

“ Wanda Mangum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Patrick Bullock



Wanda Mangum - July 08, 2021 at 12:08 AM

JT

“ Gary was my first love . He will always have a special place in my heart . Everfor. ( our special silly 16 year old pledge to each other ). This world looks different without you. My heart breaks for his family - please know you are all in my prayers - Larry xoxoxox



jessica tan - July 07, 2021 at 06:17 PM



“ 122 files added to the album LifeTributes



Carr Funeral Home Guntersville - July 07, 2021 at 03:01 PM

DB

“ Gary Bullock was a member of the Jackson County Master Gardeners. We could always count on Gary to provide the humor for our meetings. He was a passionate volunteer and we could always count on him to talk about his volunteer fire station and try to get us to attend fundraisers, talk about his blueberries and make us a pie, and be the best “elf” to help with our Dirty Santa gift exchange at Christmas! Jackson County Master Gardeners will truly miss his bright smile, his silly humor, and just being “around him”. We will miss him from his knowledge of plants and planning what work we should do on a project, to his willingness to help on our projects no matter what they were, to volunteering to spearhead projects and doing a great job from the planning to the finish. Gary Bullock was a “goofball” in the best kind of way and we all loved him and working with him. He will be truly missed by his friends in the Jackson County Master Gardeners. I’m sure there are blueberries in heaven just for you Gary! Rest in peace, Gary, until we can help you in your garden above. We know there will be blueberries in it and flowers nearby. 🍅 🌽 🌿 🌹 🌸 🌻 . We will pray for comfort for your family and fellow friends. 🙏

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**Diane Blizzard** - July 07, 2021 at 11:59 AM

DB

“ Diane Blizzard sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gary Patrick Bullock



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**Diane Blizzard** - July 07, 2021 at 11:17 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Patrick Bullock.



July 06, 2021 at 04:54 PM



“ Viki, Rise', Debi and Mary purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Gary Patrick Bullock.



Viki, Rise', Debi and Mary - July 06, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Gary at Home



Clyde Yamada - July 06, 2021 at 01:26 PM



“ Deb Felix & TJX Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Gary Patrick Bullock.



Deb Felix & TJX Family - July 06, 2021 at 11:57 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Patrick Bullock.*



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July 06, 2021 at 09:20 AM



“ *My brother Gary was like a dad not just an Uncle . He shot straight from the hip, no sugar coating. He loved all of his family very much. Savannah his daughter and Colton his son are and always remember your dad did what he did for you both. He is very proud of both you. Remember he will always be in your heart and mine.. My family extends lots of love and hugs during this time. Today is over , tomorrow had not come sleep well and pray . Love you both Aunt Linda and family.*

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**Linda Wodnick** - July 05, 2021 at 09:19 PM



“ *Gary was an absolute wonderful friend. He had a heart of gold and just lite up a room every time he entered. He will truly be missed!*



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**Kim Johnson** - July 05, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Patrick Bullock.*



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July 05, 2021 at 09:13 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Elizabeth Traynor** - July 04, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ *5 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Elizabeth Traynor** - July 04, 2021 at 02:50 PM

LB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Lawrence Bullock - July 03, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Patrick Bullock.



July 03, 2021 at 01:08 PM

LB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Lawrence Bullock - July 03, 2021 at 12:32 PM

SB

“ May your light always shine for all to see and remember.



Susan Bullock - July 03, 2021 at 11:51 AM

SB

“ Rest in Peace Cuz you will be missed and loved by all. Prayers for all our family members and his friends.

Susan Bullock - July 03, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Patrick Bullock.



July 03, 2021 at 09:45 AM

MC

“ To Gary's family, I had the privilege of working with your Dad for over 10 years. He was a tireless source of change for good, showed an enthusiasm for life that was contagious, And exceptional courage in the face of uncertainty. I watched him move to retirement with the same enthusiasm and positive energy which gave me the confidence to retire and try to enjoy the life he was sharing. While I know he faced challenges he had a resilience that inspired. In my mind and heart always and thank you for giving him that strength

Mark Cleveland

mark cleveland - July 03, 2021 at 06:54 AM