



## Mr. Gary Eugene Adkisson

October 22, 1954 - August 17, 2015

Mr. Gary Eugene Adkisson, 60, of Peoria, IL, passed away at 5:43pm on Monday, August 17, 2015.

Gary was born October 22, 1954 in Springfield, IL to Willie and Evelyn (Connor) Adkisson.

Gary was a Spalding High School graduate and attended Bradley University. He married Wanda Guyton on March 26, 2001 in Peoria, IL.

Gary worked for the City of Peoria as an Engineering Tech for 28 years and was currently working as an Engineer for Hermann & Associates.

Gary leaves to cherish his precious memories, his loving wife of 14 years, Wanda Adkisson of Peoria; his mother, Evelyn Kirksey of Peoria; one son, Couri Adkisson; two step-sons, Jacoby and Jonathan Taylor all of Peoria; two daughters, Maya Adkisson of Nottingham, MD and Janette Adkisson of Peoria; 10 grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends who adored him. He is also survived by his music mate, Judy Page of Peoria. Gary is preceded in death by his father and step father, Jack Kirksey.

Gary was a well known and loved musician in Peoria and surrounding communities. He loved his Bass guitar which he began playing at 11 years old. He played with Preston Jackson and Friends, Kriss Kross and Speak Easy bands. He performed at the Contemporary Art Center of Peoria, LLC. Gary attended and was a musician at the Church of the Living God, Temple 130.

A funeral service will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, August 22, 2015 at Church of the Living God, Temple 130 with a visitation beginning one hour prior at 9 AM. Vice Chief Bishop Leroy Smith will officiate.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to [simonsmortuary.com](http://simonsmortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Church of the Living God  
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Peoria, IL 61615  
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bishopsmith@ctlgcwff.org

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Gary Eugene Adkisson*



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**Simons Mortuary** - August 21, 2015 at 05:11 PM

LH

*May God grant the Family peace that will not cease and more joy than they could ever ask for. You'll are in my thoughts & prayers*

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**Leketrice Monica Harris** - August 22, 2015 at 05:18 PM

JA

*Missing you daily!* 🥺

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**Janette Adkisson** - September 14, 2020 at 12:52 AM



“ *Mr. Gary Eugene Adkisson*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Gary Eugene Adkisson*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

JA

“ Happy Father's Day Daddy! Missing you always!



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**Janette Adkisson** - June 20, 2021 at 02:05 PM

CB

“ My heartfelt condolences to the family of Gary... GOD SPEED healing after the sudden transition of Gary to LIFE ETERNAL!!!!

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**curtis bond** - August 22, 2015 at 05:04 PM

RS

“ My heartfelt sympathies to all of the family of Gary & to all of the music lovers & fellow musicians around town who knew Gary. He will be sorely missed. Gary was probably arguably the best bass player in Peoria. Could play any kind of music. Played at many various venues around the Peoria area over the years but I remember him most when he played with Kriss Kross at the Otherside Lounge . Many fond memories of that era back then when Alvin & Keith was with them. Lot of unbelievable music & performances by that group back then. Rest in peace Gary. You left us too soon but you had a full and rewarding life filled with people who loved you for who you was as a person, a child of God, and your tremendous talent .

*Thanks Gary*

*Raymond Smith*

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**Raymond Smith** - August 21, 2015 at 11:54 AM

JJ

“ We are in Minnesota and heard the devastating news. Gary was a great guy and will be deeply missed.

*Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family.*

*Sincerely,  
Jim & Magie Jumer*

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**Jim Jumer** - August 21, 2015 at 10:58 AM

CB

“ *My deepest sympathy for Gary's family. I was saddened and stunned to learn of his tragic passing. I met Gary at St, Patrick's School and went onto SI/AOL with him. He was always so kind with a big smile. I am proud to call him classmate and friend, he will be deeply missed. My condolences and prayers for the Adkisson family. May Gary rest in peace. Christine Semick Bridges*

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**christine bridges** - August 20, 2015 at 08:59 PM

DV

“ *My condolences. David Volk, Lexington, KY, Spalding Institute, Class of 1973.*

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**David Volk** - August 20, 2015 at 08:45 PM

SP

“ *My sincere condolences to Gary's family and friends. I was a classmate of Gary's from Spalding/ Academy of Our Lady class of 1973 and remember his sweet smile. God bless him. Sue Maloney Papenhouse*

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**Sue Maloney Papenhouse** - August 20, 2015 at 08:44 PM

LG

“ I have known Gary since our old days at ST. Pat's Grade School and the AOL/SI Class of 1973. He was a great guy and an amazing musician. Please accept our love prayers from me and the Spalding/Academy Class of 1973....we were proud to know Gary and call him our friend! Peace to you all!

Lynn Saltsman Gutierrez - August 20, 2015 at 08:15 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Eugene Adkisson.



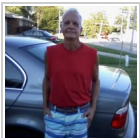
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AF

“ Ann Keyes and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Gary Eugene Adkisson.



Ann Keyes and Family - August 20, 2015 at 05:17 PM



“ Couri, so sorry about your loss. My father passed away at age 60 of colon cancer when I was 31. I'm now 58 so I probably seen your dad around town!

JIM "BEAM" Streight

Jim Streight - August 20, 2015 at 03:01 PM

KM

“ *My prayers goes out to the family I luv you Wanda*



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**kimberley Mack** - August 20, 2015 at 12:14 PM

EB

“ *Emel Buckner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Eugene Adkisson*



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**Emel Buckner** - August 20, 2015 at 08:18 AM

MW

“ *Michelle White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Eugene Adkisson*



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**Michelle White** - August 20, 2015 at 08:00 AM

MW

“ *Gary will be truly missed..Church service will not be the same without him offering his anointed gift of music..My condolences to Wanda, Couri, Jacoby, Lil Coby and all of Gary's family and friends..May God bless and keep you all. RIH Gary.*

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**Michelle White** - August 20, 2015 at 07:56 AM



“ *Sis. Wanda...please know our prayers and thoughts are with you, the Children and the entire Family. We are here to serve in whatever capacity. AFSCME LOCAL 3464*



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**Sherry Carter-Allen** - August 20, 2015 at 07:14 AM

CN

“ *Wanda,  
I was shocked when Maria called me and told me that Gary had passed away. We never I never said much about it but Gary graduated from Spalding with me. I remember him to be a kind and giving individual. He always had a smile and a kind word for everyone.  
I can't imagine the loss and grief you are feeling. Just know you are not alone.  
If I can do anything for you or your family please don't hesitate to call me.  
At Spalding we were all very close, so I feel like I have lost a brother.  
My prayers are with you and your family.  
Carl Niemeier*

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**Carl Niemeier** - August 19, 2015 at 07:19 PM

EB

“ *Wanda and family...so very sorry to hear about Gary's passing. No words can express the sorrow we all have. Just know that your family and friends will always be there for you. May God comfort you in this difficult time. Zack & Elinor Benne*

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**elinor benne** - August 19, 2015 at 07:03 PM

EB

“ I just wanted to express my sincere sympathy to Gary's family and close friends:(I was sooo sorry to hear the ciircumstances of his passing:( You see,I was Gary's Biology Teacher at Spalding Institute around 1971.I know he graduated in 1973.My overall favorite class was the one of 1973,and I recently saw Gary on many occasions at LandmarkHealth club.Again my sympathy and condolences to all who knew him. Ed Bradle,Former Teacher:)

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**Ed Bradle** - August 19, 2015 at 01:57 PM