



Gary Wayne Sturgell

May 15, 1952 - January 8, 2026

Gary Wayne Sturgell, 73, of Delbarton, WV, passed away at his home on January 8, 2026. He was born on May 15, 1952, in Trace Creek, WV, to the late Harthard Sturgell and Mary Gilman.

In addition to his parents, Gary was preceded in death by his first wife, Dixie Sturgell; a cousin he loved as a brother, Keith Sturgell; and his son-in-law, Chris Kinser.

Gary graduated from Lenore High School in 1970 and went on to work for 30 years in the coal mines with Leslie Coal Company. He was a man of deep faith who loved the Lord and lived his life with quiet strength and devotion. His greatest joy came from spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

After retiring, Gary enjoyed peaceful days spent fishing and took great pride in keeping his landscaping beautiful. His yard was a reflection of the care and attention he gave to everything in his life.

Gary is survived by his wife, Mary Jane Sturgell; daughter, Shonda Kinser and her late husband, Chris; stepdaughters, Kandy (Billy) Hill and Sandy (Darren) Kinser; granddaughter, Kayla Kinser; and great grandchildren, Keith Kinser, Aubreeona Kinser, Zayden Kinser, and Graceson Kinser. He also leaves behind cousins he loved dearly, Eli Sturgell and Betty Starr.

Services honoring Gary's life will be held on Monday, January 12, 2026, at Chafin Funeral Home in Delbarton, WV. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., with the funeral service beginning at 3:00 p.m., officiated by Rev. James Ed Baisden and Cornelius Lackey.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Chafin Funeral home is proud to serve the Sturgell family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Chafin Funeral Home
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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of Gary's passing. I grew up with him, went to school with him and he was a good friend. Prayers for comfort to his family during this sad time and the days to come may God bless you all. Love and prayers



Dottie Brewer - January 14 at 01:27 AM

MC

“ I went to school with Gary from 1st thru 11th grade! I left the area in 12 grade and lost touch with everyone I grew up with! I am so sad to learn of Gary's passing! My ❤️ Goes out to his family! I am sure he will be missed! Prayers to all!

Marjorie Dillon Caffrey - January 10 at 11:51 AM

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“ Lina Young lit a candle in memory of Gary Wayne Sturgell



Lina Young - January 09 at 07:13 PM

RW

I love you everyday prayers 1 first DAD hugs heart memory of Gary Sturgell

Renee Williams - January 09 at 08:28 PM

SK

Ty sweetie He loved you ❤️

shonda Kinser - January 10 at 01:16 AM