



George P. "Muscles" Gard Sr.

May 13, 1940 - March 7, 2014

George P. "Muscles" Gard Sr., 73, of Mooreland, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, March 7, 2014 at his home surrounded by his family following a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born May 13, 1940 in Mooreland, a son of the late Kenneth Edgar and Frances Cathlene Murray Gard.

George attended Mooreland schools and worked for Chrysler Corporation retiring in 2001 after 29 years of service. He had also worked with his father at Gard's Roofing and had been employed at Warner-Gear (Borg-Warner Automotive) for 12 years, Walnut Ridge RV in the parts department and also with Gard's Auctioneering.

He was a member of the Mooreland Friends Church, UAW Local 287 & 371 and the Mooreland Volunteer Fire Dept. where he served for 53 years. He served as Mooreland Town Marshall in 1977 and then was appointed Special Deputy and served in that capacity from 1984 – 2004. George had served for 14 years on the Mooreland Town Council where he was past president. Since 1985, he had been a member of the Mooreland Fair Board. He and his brothers started the Red Hot Rhythm Band and would play at the Mooreland Fair and local events where George played the part of Elvira.

George enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, boating and was an avid collector. He was happiest being around family and friends and spending time with them.

George is survived by his children and their spouses, Carmen and Bruce Orr

of New Castle; George and Vanessa Gard Jr. of Mooreland; Cindy Reeves of New Castle; Voyle Dean and Tina Gard also of Mooreland; 16 grandchildren and their spouses; 17 great-grandchildren; his brothers and sister, Gary and Darlene Gard of Mooreland; Carolyn and Cecil Cooper of New Castle; Gerald 'Buck' and Betty Gard of New Castle; his sister-in-law, Jacque Gard of Mooreland; the Mothers of his children, Wanda Bertram and Frances Free; an aunt, several nieces and nephews and his close friends, Barbara Bennett, John Moles and Don Davis.

In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by his brother, Gene Gard; a sister-in-law, Karen Gard; several aunts and uncles and a son, Duffy Cook and his pet companion, his dog Charlie.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at 11:00 am at the Mooreland Friends Church with Rev. Matthew Daffron officiating. Burial will follow in Mooreland Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4-8:00 pm Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at the Sproles Family Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be offered to either the Mooreland Volunteer Fire Department or the family to assist with expenses.

Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mr. George Gard.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ so sorry for your loss.our thoughts and prayers are with all of you

phil marsh - March 12, 2014 at 09:54 AM

OT

“ Work with George for several years. Love & prayers to the family
Odean Thurman

Odean Thurman - March 11, 2014 at 09:34 PM

BB

“ Dean and Carmen, I'm sorry to hear of your loss! My thoughts and
prayers go out to you and your family.

Bryan Burke - March 11, 2014 at 02:54 PM

TS

“ Prayers and Love to the Gard Family. George was such a great
man. Always teasing and joking no matter where he was at. Rest in
Peace, sweet George. You will be forever loved and missed!!

Tracy Strong - March 10, 2014 at 03:11 PM

TF

“ My heart goes out to the family. Uncle George was a fun guy, a true
giver and will be missed by all that knew him.

Tony Howard & Family - March 10, 2014 at 08:26 AM

JG

“ Sending our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family. George
was a good person and will be missed.

Jack and Cheryl Gideon - March 09, 2014 at 10:41 PM

RS

“ George P. "Muscles" Gard Sr.

Ray and Marlene Sexton - March 09, 2014 at 10:31 PM

LF

“ My deepest sympathies to the family. I know what you are going through.

Larry Mastin Jr. and family - March 09, 2014 at 06:29 PM

MC

“ We are sorry for your loss. Uncle George was a wonderful man and will be missed. We love him and you all very much. We continue to pray for the family as we know how hard losing someone special is. He is in heaven holding Jessica right now. We love you all. God Bless.

Misty Newman, Erica and Jared Cooper - March 09, 2014 at 05:53 PM

RK

“ i SEND MY CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION REGARDING THE YEARS WHICH GEORGE GAVE TO CHRYSLER CORPORATION. HE WAS A FAITHFUL EMPLOYEE!

Russ Kinnaman - March 09, 2014 at 04:07 PM

SF

“ Carmen, Dean, Cindy My heart breaks for you & all your family's. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. —Psalms 46:1 May God be with you at your time of need.

Sheila Stigall & family - March 09, 2014 at 01:26 PM

RW

“ On behalf of the town of Mooreland , the town Council , and myself . I would like to thank you for all the years you have spent working hard for little pay , watching out for the town, and trying to make Mooreland a better place to live. Thank you George Gard for everything you have done , rest in piece my friend . Richard Williams ~ current president ~ Mooreland town council You will be missed!

Richard Williams - March 09, 2014 at 01:24 PM

DD

“ RIP buddy. We shared a lot of fun times together in Mooreland.

Don Davis - March 09, 2014 at 01:15 PM

WF

“ Please accept my condolences on the passing of George. I was raised in Mooreland and George and I were High School classmates for a few years. Lots of pleasant memories.

Wayne R Fowler - March 09, 2014 at 01:04 PM

VH

“ we are so so sorry for your loss-we have several happy memories of george and his families-we will keep the families in our prayers

vicki and carl hinshaw - March 09, 2014 at 12:03 PM