

**Memorial Service**  
10:00 a.m., Friday, June 14, 2024  
Gillette Memorial Chapel  
Gillette, Wyoming

**Officiant**  
Chaplain Gordon Harper

**Music**  
“How Great Thou Art”  
“Rock of Ages”  
“Amazing Grace”

**Honorary Urnbearers**  
Travis Starks  
Bryan Starks  
Jarred Starks  
William Holmes  
Todd Small  
Morgan Starks

The family invites everyone to a reception and time of fellowship following the service.



Rita Mashak Guy Casablanca  
Corrine Thompson Tara Puklich  
Funeral Service-Monuments-  
Advance Planning-Cremation-  
Lending Library. Learning to say  
goodbye; children's tour.



Please scan the QR code to share  
a loving memory or tribute.

Gerald Wayne Starks (Garry) 65 off Wright, Wy with family members by his side passed away quietly on May 16, 2024 at Campbell Memorial Hospital losing his battle with cancer. Garry was born on November 3, 1958 in Strong City, Kansas to Garland and Dorothy (Peoples) Starks. His mother later married Wayne Hett after the passing of Garland. Garry graduated from Cherryvale High School in 1977. He was active in football, track, and FFA. He attended Fort Scott Community College where he was a member of the Livestock judging team that placed very well at The Cow Palace. During his time at college, he met and married his wife Karen Lucke on November 22, 1978. They were married for over 45 years and blessed 5 children and 9 grandchildren. He worked for different farmers and ranches in Kansas and Wyoming. They moved to Wheatland, WY in 1991. Then in 1999 Garry and Karen moved to Wright, WY where Garry worked for North Rochelle Mine and Black Thunder Mine, which he retired from 5 years ago. After retiring he ran cows in Kansas before selling them due to his health. Garry especially enjoyed his time in the wilderness elk hunting with his family. He loved hunting, fishing, kayaking and riding horses. He was able to experience hunting in Africa, halibut fishing off the coast of Alaska, combat fishing for reds salmon on the Kenai peninsula and tuna fishing off the coast of Mexico. He enjoyed telling stories about his many adventures, sometimes (always) you would hear the same story more than once. Garry was preceded in death by his father Garland Starks, mother Dorothy Hett, stepfather Wayne Hett, sister Connie Starks, brother-in-law Ray Smith, father-in-law Leonard Lucke, and mother-in-law Joyce Lucke. Garry is survived by his wife Karen Starks, as well as his children Travis (Sarah) Starks, Bryan (Katie) Starks, Karri (William) Holmes, Kindra (Todd) Small, Jarred (Rachel Stevens) Starks and nine grandchildren, Morgan Rusty, Cody, Kadence, Justin, Mary, Teagan, Tate and Fletcher. He is also survived by his sisters Susan (John) Hardesty, Marcia (Scott) Martin, Wendy (Paul) Keplinger, Markel (Steven) Porter; aunts Anne Marie Green and Rosalie Wedell. Along with numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. Garry will be missed by his family and friends. He will be missed by many. It Was One Heck Of A Ride! Memorials and condolences may be sent in care of Gillette Memorial Chapel 210 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gillette, WY 82716. Condolences may also be expressed at [www.gilletteremorialchapel.com](http://www.gilletteremorialchapel.com)

Forever Remembered  
Gerald “Garry”  
Wayne Starks



November 3, 1958

May 16, 2024



## A Cowboys Last Request

By Terry Ike Clanton

Let me tell you folks  
Who have gathered here today  
That I'm a proud and thankful cowboy  
Who has just passed away

I know it's hard  
But, please don't cry  
Fer I'm now ridin' Gods trails  
High up in the sky

The hoss I'm ridin' now  
Don't spook, buck or kick  
Fer God stables perfect horses  
And now I have my pick

Lord, please forgive me of all my sins  
Fer I haven't been perfect  
But I know that he who believes in You  
Forever wins!

I have lived a good life  
A cowboys dream come true  
Thank You Lord,  
Fer I'm now ready to ride into eternity  
Me, my horse, and You.