



Gary W. Chandler

March 11, 1957 - January 14, 2013

Obituary for Gary W. Chandler—for Laurel newspapers

Gary W. Chandler, 55, of Laurel, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, January 14, 2013.

Gary, also known affectionately as “The Whistling Postman,” was a retired letter carrier for the United States Postal Service, where he worked for over two decades. He made many friends throughout his life and was greatly loved by all who knew him. He genuinely enjoyed helping those who were in need, but his greatest pleasure in life was spending time with his wife, his three sons, and granddaughter.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Phyllis Boughtman Chandler of Laurel; his sons, Asa Chandler and his wife Beth, Quinn Chandler, Carson Chandler and a granddaughter, Ava Grace Chandler, all of Oxford; his parents, Darleen and Lester Chandler, a sister, Leslie Waggoner and her husband Jeff, a nephew, Luke Waggoner, all of Laurel, and his dog, Al Gore.

Funeral services will be held at Memory Chapel in Laurel on Saturday, January 26th at 2 p.m. Visitation will be held from 12 noon until the time of service at Memory Chapel of Laurel which is in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers the family respectfully requests that memorials be made to your favority charity.

Tribute Wall

D"

“ Leslie and family we are so sorry to hear about Gary. It has been many years ago that we were all friends in Laurel but they are great funny memories. Sprigz had many good stories to share of Gary. You are all in our hearts.

Dennis & Laura Edwards Hammond & the "hammettes" - February 01, 2013 at 05:38 PM

CB

“ Dear Chandler Family, Jane and I were deeply saddened by the passing of Gary. We were out of town at the time. Gary was a wonderful neighbor and thoughtful friend. We will miss him greatly. Sincerely, Carl and Jane Blackledge

Carl and Jane Blackledge - January 31, 2013 at 08:38 PM

JD

“ Words are difficult to form, and harder to deliver in times like these. Our "hood" has become a smaller place without Gary. Maybe this can bring us even closer in the coming days. He has always been so very kind each time our paths and travels would cross with just a simple Hi Johnny. We shared many good stories and memories from Rock and Roll, to "bike" rides. Ya'll are in our prayers during this time. We are just a shout away if you need us. We will miss him.

John and Sherri Davis - January 25, 2013 at 06:55 PM

RT

“ Dear Family, Our hearts are with you. Praying for all. Love, Robert & Claudia

Robert & Claudia Thompson - January 25, 2013 at 06:27 PM

LL

“ Dearest Lester & Darlene, Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you on this sad occasion. Your friends here at City Building Supply and City Home Center would like to lift you up in prayer. If there is anything we can do for you and your family please do not hesitate to call. Remember to lean on God for strength and wisdom to help you understand and give you comfort.

Larry Loftin - January 25, 2013 at 02:24 PM

MT

“ Dear Phyllis, I was so sorry to read of the loss of your dear husband. I know from reading his obituary and the guestbook entries that he was a man who made life more pleasant for those around him. May you experience the Lord's perfect peace as you take one day at a time.
Love, Merry Beth

Merry Beth Reynolds Tigert - January 24, 2013 at 10:36 PM

LP

“ Leslie and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Lisa Parnell EJE

Lisa Parnell - January 24, 2013 at 09:16 PM

GG

“ Dearest Leslie and family , You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers today and in the days to come.

Ginny Gough - January 24, 2013 at 03:25 PM

JG

“ As a neighbor and friend, Gary was one in a million. He was kind and good to everyone, whether he knew them or not; he was honest and generous to a fault. We treasure our memories of all the good times we had, knowing that "The hood" won't be the same without him.

John and Kathy Green - January 24, 2013 at 02:38 PM

MH

“ So sad to hear the news of Gary's passing. A remarkable human being and full of life, Gary was one of a kind and I have real fond memories of the short times we spent together years ago. My sincere condolences to all the Chandler and nee Oltremari families. Michael.

MICHAEL HAYES - January 24, 2013 at 11:31 AM

DP

“ We were down the street neighbors while the Chandlers lived in Jackson. Jimmy worked with Gary at Northview Station. They shared many work related stories almost like a comedy team. We watched Asa grow up and Carson & Quinn were born in Jackson. It was so wonderful to babysit and have babies in our lives. Gary had a giving heart, a wicked sense of humor and a wonderful artistic soul. We loved getting post cards from him for the always present drawing. We had lost touch over the years, but Jimmy and I have wonderful memories of the Chandler family and us and our girls. Kristen & Amy send their love as well as Jimmy and me.

Debbie & Jimmy Phillips - January 24, 2013 at 09:19 AM

RL

“ Ron & I both worked with Gary at the Post Office in Oxford. He would deliver mail on the square and come back with a new hat every time. I remember one day at the end of his walking route he came in with his mail bag and diaper bag on one side and I believe it was Carson on the other side. He always had us laughing. He was a friend to everyone and he loved life!!

Ron & Brenda Lewis - January 23, 2013 at 07:22 PM

DC

“ Dear Darlene, I read of your sorrow on the Indianola FaceBook. Please know that I am so sorry. My heart breaks for you and your sweet family. I will be praying for you. Dotsi

Dotsi Hendon and Bland Campbell - January 23, 2013 at 04:27 PM

VW

“ I am so sorry to hear about Gary. I hope you feel the warmth and comfort of the Lord as he wraps his arms around you all during this time. RIP my friend.

Vickie Wheelis - January 23, 2013 at 12:44 PM

BE

“ Gary W. Chandler

Bill & Tinsley Easterling - January 22, 2013 at 04:15 PM

RR

“ Gary was my best friend from high school. I loved him very much, and so did many others. He could be the kindest, most generous guy in the world - and also the hardest partying, laughing and singing one, too. RIP, my brother.

Robin Rushing - January 18, 2013 at 01:31 PM

JF

“ *Very SAD day Gary was one of a kind and this world lost some of its color Gary will be missed by me, friends and especially his family.*

Jack Keene and family - January 17, 2013 at 10:56 AM