

GARY C. CUNNINGHAM

1943-2011

DECATUR: Gary C. Cunningham, 67, of Decatur, formerly of Old Orchard Beach, Maine, died Sunday morning, June 19, 2011, at his home in Decatur.

Gary was born October 28, 1943, in Pine Point, Maine to Clinton and Dorothy (Lothrop) Cunningham, Jr. He graduated from Scarborough High School in 1962 and married his high school sweetheart, Gilberta Grace Hatch in 1964 at Pine Point Congregational Church.

Gary owned and operated SeaCoast Tile in Old Orchard Beach, ME for 25 years.

Gary was an avid racecar fan and in his early years owned racecars and spent much of his time at Beach Ridge Speedway in Scarborough. As his son, Clint came of age, he raced at Beach Ridge Speedway and Gary was his crew chief. In his later years, he enjoyed visiting NASCAR tracks around the country and spending time with his family.

Gary spent most of his adult life in Old Orchard Beach with his family and in 2008 he and his wife moved to Decatur, Texas to be closer to his children.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Gilberta Cunningham of Decatur; daughter, Dorothy (DeeDee) Hayes and husband, Thomas of Decatur; son, Gary Clinton Cunningham, II and wife, Sherri of Sanger; grandchildren, Josh Cunningham, Lori Hayes, Ann-Marie Croteau and husband, Kevin, Thomas II and wife, Charity; great grandchildren, Eric, Carl, Chace, Tyler, Nicholas, Ashley and Adrian; extended family, John, Myrna, Cindy, Janice and Judy Caminiti; half-brother, Glenn and Neil Cunningham; brother-in-law, Davis Crowell; nephews, Donald and Dale Plummer, Clinton and Curtis Cunningham, and Charles Crowell; nieces, Dottie Ribar and Lisa Cunningham; grand pets, Cougar Hayes, Maggie, Junebug and Bandit Cunningham; best pet friends, Smoke and Tony Cunningham.

Family request donation in Gary's memory be made to a local animal shelter. To send condolences please mail to, 118 Harvey Lane, Decatur, Texas 76234.

Memorial service will be held at a later date.

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