



## Gary Lynn "Tiny" Espenschied

March 2, 1945 - June 2, 2022

Gary Lynn "Tiny" Espenschied, 77, of Tallula, IL died on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield. He was born on March 2, 1945 in Highland, IL, the son of Virgil "Tiny" and Mildred (Sapp) Espenschied. Gary married Patricia Adcock on April 2, 1966 in Petersburg.

Gary graduated from Freeburg, IL High School in 1963 and attended Centenary College in Shreveport LA for 2 years on a full basketball scholarship. He returned to central Illinois to work and assist his family, where he met and married the love of his life. They moved to Tallula in 1966, where they spent the rest of his life raising a family and starting his own trucking business in 1987.

He served in the Illinois National Guard, served as a trustee on the Village of Tallula Board from 2009 to 2013, and served as Village President from 1993 to 2020.

Gary was preceded in death by his father, mother, an infant brother, Robert, and his sister, Nina Marie Fulscher. He is survived by his wife, Pat; daughter, Karen; and son, Greg, all of Tallula; grandsons, Joshua (Rachel) Espenschied of Petersburg, Kolby (Brandy) Espenschied of Belleville; great grandsons, James and Ian of Petersburg; brother, David (Lynn) Espenschied of Tallula; sister, Mary (Wayne) Wolford of McMinnville, TN; and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation rites have been accorded by Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg. A private family burial will be held at White Cemetery in Tallula with a

gathering at the Tallula Community Center where friends may visit on  
Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 12:00 noon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Tallula BLS, Tallula Senior  
Citizens, or a charity of choice.

# Cemetery Details

## White Cemetery

Tallula, IL 62688

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

JUN 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

Tallula Community Center  
Tallula, IL 62688

# Tribute Wall



“ Gary Lynn "Tiny" Espenschied

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ I started working with Tiny in 1977. I remember a lot of late nights and weekends when he would go the extra mile to get the job done. We played a lot of basketball together as well, including several trips to play basketball at the prison in Lincoln where Gary was "little tiny" cause "big tiny" was a guard there. He was a good man and I am proud to have been his friend. My condolences to Pat, Louie, Gus, and family.

John Allen

John D. Allen - June 07, 2022 at 10:53 AM



“ Sorry for your loss! He will miss by many.

Tom Schaddel

Tom Schaddel - June 06, 2022 at 04:03 PM



“ Angela lit a candle in memory of Gary Lynn "Tiny" Espenschied



Angela - June 04, 2022 at 10:18 AM

AN

“ I was one of his drivers sorry tiny you taught me a lot Angela stanton

Angela - June 04, 2022 at 09:12 AM

LH

“ Larry And Mary Hundt lit a candle in memory of Gary Lynn "Tiny" Espenschied



Larry and Mary Hundt - June 04, 2022 at 07:58 AM

SB

“ Tiny was close friend and we often “compared notes” as to what was going on in our businesses. We talked almost daily and sometimes multiple time a day. I will miss not hearing from him.....he was almost like a father figure to me. RIP my friend.....till we meet again.

Steve Becker - June 03, 2022 at 06:22 PM