



## Gary Rust

March 10, 1945 - November 15, 2013

Gary Stephen Rust, age 68, of Henderson, KY, passed away at 5:05 AM, Friday, November 15, 2013, at his home under the care of St. Anthony's Hospice.

Mr. Rust was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Modest Rust and a sister, Patsy Higginson.

After graduating from City High in 1963, Gary went to Murray State University where he earned his Bachelor's degree in Social Studies. He furthered his schooling still, and received two Master's degrees in History and Education. Gary enjoyed a fulfilling career doing what he loved; teaching children. He did his student teaching at Henderson County High School. He taught at Union County High School and North Middle School. He was vice-principal at North Middle School, and principal at Corydon Elementary School, Hebbardsville Elementary School, and then retired from the school system after his final position as principal at East Heights Elementary School. After retiring from his career in education, he was Executive Director of "The Gathering Place" for 14 years. He loved everyone there and never met a stranger.

Gary loved the outdoors. He especially loved hunting and fishing locally, as well as traveling to Texas, Arkansas and Canada on trips with his friends and family. He was named Western District Man of the Year in 1986 by the KY Bowhunter's Association. He was a Master Hunter Educator Instructor for 25 years.

Gary Rust was a caring, loyal, honest, faithful and hardworking man who

loved his family above all else.

Survivors include:

Loving wife of 46 years: Judy Rich Rust of Henderson, KY

1 Son: Stephen Rust and his wife Allison of Henderson, KY

1 Daughter: Stephanie Elliott and her husband Brian of Bowling Green, KY

1 Sister: Lana McFarron of Henderson, KY

4 Grandchildren: Brian David and Autumn Elliott of Bowling Green, KY, and Zach and Jake Rust of Henderson, KY

Nieces and Nephews

Relatives and friends are invited to Gary's Life Celebration from 5:00–8:00 PM on Monday, November 18, 2013 and again on Tuesday starting at 9:00 at Benton-Glunt Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday at the funeral home with the Reverend Alan Chamness officiating.

Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson, KY.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to: St. Anthony's Hospice and/or First Baptist Church.

Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt Funeral Home, A Life Celebration® Home, online condolences may be made at [www.bentonglunt.com](http://www.bentonglunt.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memorial Gardens

8136 Highway 2084 S  
Henderson, KY 42420  
(270) 826-9623  
roselawn@ccol.net  
<http://www.bentonglunt.com/>

# Previous Events

## Life Celebration

NOV 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home  
629 S. Green St.  
Henderson, KY 42420  
(270) 827-3535  
email@bentonglunttapp.com  
<https://www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com/>

## Life Celebration

NOV 19. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home  
629 S. Green St.  
Henderson, KY 42420  
(270) 827-3535  
email@bentonglunttapp.com  
<https://www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com/>

**2:00 P.M. Tuesday May 8, 2018 Funeral Service**

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NOV 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

Benton-Glunt Funeral Home  
629 S. Green Street  
Henderson, KY 42420

# Tribute Wall



“ *Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Rust*



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**Benton-Glunt Funeral Home** - November 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *So sorry for your loss. I only just found out. He was my favorite teacher when we lived in Henderson county.*

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**Barbara (Coon) Godsey** - August 03, 2023 at 06:24 PM



“ *Gary Rust*

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November 29, 2022 at 08:01 AM

DC

“ *Stephen and family, so sorry for your loss. I worked as a director for senior services in Union County where I worked with Steve. He was a good person, always willing to help out and share funding opportunities with the other counties where he helped me more than once. It was evident that he loved his family very much. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Debbie Hite Curry (Ryan Hite's mom)*

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**Debbie Hite Curry** - November 22, 2013 at 10:33 AM

SR

“ Steve, so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*Shirley & Larry Rager*

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**Shirley and Larry Rager** - November 18, 2013 at 07:03 PM

RS

“ Many thoughts & prayers to all of the family!

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**Rebecca Southard** - November 18, 2013 at 12:55 PM

JP

“ Stephanie,

*I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of your father. What fun times we had growing up & spending time at your house with your dad & mom. You and your family are in my thoughts & prayers during this difficult time.*

*Jennifer (Groves) Phelps*

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**Jennifer Groves Phelps** - November 18, 2013 at 12:40 PM

JJ

“ Gary's love of his family spread to his friends as well. I have many good memories, but one that stands out is the line-dancing nights at Hebbardsville Elementary School. He would open the gym up every week regardless of how many of us showed up and you could tell he loved it. He was so easy to talk to and just had a heart of gold that was one of a kind. You will be missed my friend.

*Sincerely,*

*Jay J.*

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**Jay Jacobs** - November 18, 2013 at 11:26 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Gary Rust.



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November 18, 2013 at 11:20 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Rust.



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November 18, 2013 at 09:07 AM

RG

“ My kiddos went to Hebbardsville School and I had the privilege of knowing Mr. Rust. Of course I would later know him from The Senior Center, hunting, Turkey Banquet, and I'm sure there are other places, but he was the same, no matter where you saw him. The last time I saw him was at Walmart, before he had detected his problem. He was working on eating healthy. Trying to see which yogurt was best for him. He told me that he had the very best job (The Senior Center) that he ever had. He would take his "Seniors" hunting, and get paid for it. What a wonderful man. He worked hard and loved the journey. The last thing he said was "you know Robin, Benton Glunt will have to come get me at the Senior Center when it's time. I'm sure he is adding a lot of joy in heaven.

Sincerely,

Freddy and Robin Gibson and

Melissa Gibson Johnson, Karen Gibson Howard, Freddy Allen Gibson, and Curt Arnold.

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**Robin Gibson** - November 17, 2013 at 06:02 PM

MB

“ I had the privilege of working with Steve at North Jr. High, Hebbardsville Elementary and East Heights Elementary. He was one of a kind. I had never before in my life heard words like "dark thirty" or some of the other things that seemed to just roll off his tongue. He would always say at Hebbardsville, "Don't be behind my truck at 2:30" which I thought was so funny. Mr. Rust always made us laugh. He was quite a mess...one that will be greatly missed. He loved his family and talked about you all of the time. He was a good man and one that I am glad to have had the privilege to know and work with. I will be keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks to come. God bless you!

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**Marian Ann Brack** - November 17, 2013 at 04:29 PM

SE

“ We were blessed to add Steve, Judy, Stephanie, Steven, Jo, Al and all their family to our extended family when our son, Brian, and Stephanie married. There are so many wonderful memories of the entire Rust family that we look back on with joy. Steve made the life of everyone who knew him a little better than it was before that meeting. His love of life and people and his devotion to his family showed in everything he did. His loss will be felt by many, many people. Our love and prayers go out to Judy and his entire family. God keep you all safe and may you eventually find the peace and happiness Steve would want for you.

*Al & Sharon Elliott*

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**Sharon Elliott** - November 17, 2013 at 09:23 AM

WM

“ So sorry to hear of Steve's passing. What a loss for Henderson and his many, many friends. I still remember when Carol and I first moved to Henderson and meeting Steve for the first time. We found we both loved the outdoors and hit it right off. I was on the Board of the Gathering Place when Steve was chosen as the new director. The decision to hire Steve couldn't have been a better one. He was more than the director; he was one of the gang. I could never understand how he could get paid for having so much fun! Judy, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Wayne Meriwether

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**Wayne Meriwether** - November 17, 2013 at 09:05 AM

MH

“ *Truly a great person.  
The Henderson Community, as a whole, benefited from Mr. Rust's  
years of service and dedication. He will be missed.*

*My condolences,  
Matt Harper  
Owensboro*

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**Matt Harper** - November 16, 2013 at 10:10 PM

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**Marsha** - November 16, 2013 at 08:35 PM

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**Marsha** - November 16, 2013 at 08:31 PM

CH

*I absolutely loved it at the gathering place and Steve was such a  
wonderful boss and I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to get  
to know and work with him!*

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**Christin Hendren** - November 17, 2013 at 08:27 PM

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**Marsha** - November 16, 2013 at 08:01 PM

RB

“ Steve was not only my friend, he was everyone's friend. I am so thankful I got to know him and work with him through the Gathering Place Board and annual senior games these past 14 years, we shared many a laugh. I admired his charisma, and his ability to never get his feathers ruffled no matter what the situation. Steve had a great outlook on life, and I will miss him. Judy, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.  
Robin Bailey

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**Robin Bailey** - November 16, 2013 at 06:59 PM

KD

“ So very sorry to hear of Mr. Rust's passing. He was a fine man and I have lots of fond memories of him. There probably isn't many kids from Henderson County whose lives weren't touched by him. He was the kindest principal I have ever known. He had a genuine love and affection for all of his students and it showed in his actions. Prayers for his family. RIP sweet man. Our loss is Heaven's gain!

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**Kimberly Beck Darnell** - November 16, 2013 at 03:14 PM

PH

“ Mr Rust was such a kind and giving person and always teaching students. My daughter Beth Ann was into trap with the 4H program. He was always supported and acted like to her that it was the best thing in the world. He had such a special gift of making students and others feel so special. The funny part was he was target practicing with a muzzle loader and none of the adults could hit the target. Of course they thought there was issues with the gun. Beth Ann shot and hit the target. He was happy for her and praised her skill and or luck. Like I said he was ALL about KIDS!  
Our sympathy to all the family. Pam and Pam Horn

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**Pam Horn** - November 16, 2013 at 01:49 PM



*Oops I should have said Pat and Pam Horn*

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**Pam Horn** - November 16, 2013 at 01:53 PM