



## Chester Lewis Gant

October 11, 1956 - November 22, 2021

### Reflection of Life

(Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle, Cousin, Friend)

Chester Lewis Gant, born 65 years ago in Newport, Arkansas on October 11, 1956. He was the seventh son and last child born of nine to John Eddie and Pauline (Briscoe) Gant, Jr. He departed this life comfortably, on November 22, 2021 at Heather Manor Nursing Facility in Hope, Arkansas. Chester was affectionately known as “Ches” by family and friends.

Chester was a man of great ambition and dreams. Some have known him longer than others, some had the privilege of associating with him at his homes and in the community at Augusta, Hope and Pocahontas. Those of us that really knew him can truthfully say that his heart of generous proportion and his loving spirit and character, was far more exceeding than his achievements. He made his life useful and one of great fulfillment and satisfaction.

Professing his faith and accepting Christ as his Lord and Master at an early age, he united with the membership of the Lake Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

Chester was a graduate of Augusta High School Class of 1975. He furthered his education by attending the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, earning a degree in Agriculture (Agronomy). After graduating college, he began employment with the United States Department of Agriculture Farmers Home

Administration/Rural Development. He worked in the following cities before landing the position of County Supervisor in Hope Arkansas (Hempstead County), Augusta (Woodruff County) and Walnut Ridge (Lawrence County). Chester was united into marriage to Linda Faye Tidwell on December 23, 1982 and to this union two children were born.

Some of Chester's favorite pastimes were hunting, fishing, and gardening. He liked to travel, listen to the blues music, and attend family reunions and watching the Dallas Cowboys his favorite football team.

He owned and operated a small cattle farm/ranch in his early adult years. His health led to an early retirement for both job and cattle ranching.

Cherishing his memory and mourning his passing are his survivors; son, Derrick L. Gant (Mary) of Hope, Arkansas; daughter, Tara L. Woodberry; three grandchildren, Ryan Elizabeth, Avery Lane and Jayani Brielle; brother, David Elton Gant of McCrory, Arkansas; two sisters, Brenda Gant and Beverly (Earnest) Wright, Sr. of Augusta, Arkansas; two sisters-in-law, Mattie Gant, Camden, South Carolina and Denise Gant of Seattle, Washington; three aunts, Stella Gant, St. Louis, Missouri, Evelyn (Briscoe) Battle, Gary, Indiana and Ida Briscoe of Augusta, Arkansas and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Chester was preceded in death by his parents, John Eddie and Pauline; five brothers, John Charles, Paul Edward, James Author, Eddie Lee and Thomas Gene.

Chester Lewis is now resting in peace and he will be sorely missed by family and friends.

“For God so loved the world that He have His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

John 3:16

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 27. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home of Woodruff County  
700 North 9th Street  
P.O. Box 507  
Augusta, AR 72006  
(870) 347-2576  
powellwoodruff@gmail.com  
<https://www.powellfuneralhome.net/>

## Funeral Service

NOV 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home of Woodruff County  
700 North 9th Street  
P.O. Box 507  
Augusta, AR 72006  
(870) 347-2576  
powellwoodruff@gmail.com  
<https://www.powellfuneralhome.net/>

## Interment

NOV 27 (CT)

New Quiet Cemetery  
Highway 33 North  
Augusta, AR 72006

# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Chester Lewis Gant



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - November 27, 2021 at 09:30 AM

VY

“ I remember the courteousness Chester showed to others, and his constant upbeat attitude around me and others working for USDA. Time just passes too fast. My heart is with his family and many friends. Shirl Yancey

vehoae-Shirl Yancey - March 16, 2022 at 04:07 PM

JW

Yes Chester was a very nice guy. Very good to work with and helpful. Rest in peace.

Josephine Williams - March 17, 2022 at 12:46 PM

KH

“ We used to be with Chet every weekend. Bobby went to Augusta to help Chet a mobile home. We met Beverly. We send our condolences and prayers to the family and friends. May God give you all strength to endure the pain of the coming day and years to come 🙏🙏 Bobby and Katie Harris ❤️

Katie Harris - November 29, 2021 at 03:56 PM

LC

“ Chester was a fun loving person, full of jokes. I remember the hospitality that him and Linda extended whenever I would visit. It was as if he was rolling out the red carpet. I always felt welcome. I thank God for my beautiful and cousins that he helped bestow upon this earth. My heart goes out for you Derrick and Tara and others. Your Cousin Loretta Carmen.

Loretta Carmen - November 27, 2021 at 02:26 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Chester Lewis Gant.



November 26, 2021 at 10:18 AM

JN

“ i remember living up the road from Chester Lewis on the Burton farm, he always had a smile and was happy young man, may god comfort the Chester Gant family at this time. Jack Newman, Newport, Ar.

jack newman - November 25, 2021 at 02:29 PM

CL

“ Chester “Boss Man” Gant was such an awesome person. I worked under his direction for many years. He was always open to give sound advice and I was able to watch his kids grow up. He was more than my boss, he was my friend. Tara and Derrick, please know you are in my sincerest prayers. Love you both. ❤️

Crystal Lowe-Haley - November 24, 2021 at 09:17 PM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Chester Lewis Gant.*



---

November 24, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ *The Coopwood Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Chester Lewis Gant.*



---

**The Coopwood Family** - November 24, 2021 at 03:57 PM