



## Gary James Rue

December 28, 1947 - September 27, 2013

Frankfort " Gary James Rue, 65 years, passed away Friday, September 27, 2013.

A celebration of life for Mr. Rue will be 3:00 pm. Wednesday, October 2, 2013, at First United Methodist Church with Dr. Phil Hill and Dr. Jack Brewer officiating. Visitation will also be at the church on Wednesday from 1:00 pm until the time of the service.

Mr. Rue was born in Fayette County on December 28, 1947, to the late James Price and Bertha Diglaw Rue. He retired in 2008 from a long and distinguished career with Kentucky state government as the Deputy Executive Director of the Office of Application Development in the Commonwealth Office of Technology. Gary began his career as a computer programmer and database administrator in the Cabinet for Human Resources in the early 1970's. Later, he pioneered the design and development of large-scale computer databases as a branch manager in the Division of Data Management within the Department of Information Systems and the Governor's Office of Technology. Gary and his staff were responsible for designing and implementing almost all of the large computer databases used by state government from the late 1970's through the early 21st century. Today, many of those databases are still in use delivering government services to citizens throughout Kentucky. The final years in Gary's distinguished career were dedicated to directing and overseeing the development of computer applications in the Office of Application

Development within the Commonwealth Office of Technology.

Mr. Rue coached youth recreation and select soccer for the Frankfort YMCA for several years. He then became the assistant coach for Western Hills High School in 1985 and stepped into the head coach position where he remained for twenty years. Gary was an avid hiker and a member of both the Lexington and Louisville hiking clubs.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Anderson Rue; son, Jim Rue of Lexington, KY; brother, Kenneth B. Rue (Susan) of Lawrenceburg, KY; a mother-in-law, Susan Anderson of Lexington, KY; two sisters-in-law, Kathy Case of Lawrenceburg, KY and Melissa Anderson of Lexington, KY; and one brother-in-law, Matthew Anderson (Felisha), CA; He is also survived by several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to First United Methodist Church Building Fund, 211 Washington Street, Frankfort, KY 40601 or Frankfort YMCA Soccer Program, 402 West Broadway, Frankfort, KY 40601

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ Gary James Rue

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ I was fortunate enough to enjoy share some trails and talks with Gary. My thoughts are with the family. He will be missed.

Anthony Ellison - October 07, 2013 at 12:15 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Gary's life ending too soon. I'm Clyde and Velma Jones' nephew. Gary and I hung out a couple of times in our early 20's. Please accept our sincere sympathy.

Davis W. Jones - October 06, 2013 at 12:15 PM



“ Dear Brenda, Jimmy and Rue Family, I just returned from time in Europe and with much sadness I read about Gary's passing. I had the honor of being at his side as an assistant coach at Western Hills High school for several years in the late 80's&#226;€TMS/early 90's&#226;€TMS. He loved the game of Soccer and he was respected by every kid he coached for his knowledge of the game and its strategy. He taught the game&#226;€TMS i...ns and outs and through his methods and knowledge produced many skilled soccer players. More recent I have followed his posts on Facebook with much pleasure and admiration and loved the images and his stories attached to each of them. He lived and enjoyed life to the fullest as one should in this short time on earth. Much strength with the loss of this great man. Sincerely, Jacob van der Oort.

jacob van der oort - October 03, 2013 at 12:53 PM

TS

“ DEAR RUE FAMILY -  
I WISH TO EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO ALL OF YOU. WE LOST A FINE MAN. ALTHOUGH WE LOST CONTACT THRU THE YEARS AS OFTEN HAPPENS, AT ONE TIME IN OUR 20'S AND 30'S WE WERE RATHER GOOD FRIENDS. WE WORKED TOGETHER ON MANY PROJECTS AT STATE GOVERNMENT. IN ADDITION I WAS THE ORGANIZER OF 12 - 15 FRANKFORT SEMI-ATHLETES AND PLAYED BASKETBALL ALL OVER FRANKFORT (EVEN STATE PRISONS) AND GARY WAS ONE OF MY MOST RELIABLE PLAYERS. HE WAS ALWAYS ON-TIME AND ALWAYS COULD BE COUNTED ON FOR ANYTHING IF I NEEDED HELP. WE HAD A SOFTBALL TEAM ALSO. OUR GROUP PLAYED EVERY TUESDAY AND MOST SUNDAYS FOR 12-15 YEARS. IF I WAS IN A BIND OVER SOME TECHNICAL PROBLEM AT WORK HE WAS USUALLY THE FIRST ONE I WOULD GO TO BECAUSE OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AND PATIENCE. I WISH I HAD STAYED IN CONTACT ALL THESE LAST FEW YEARS BUT IT IS TOO LATE NOW.  
ASK KENNY ABOUT THOSE YEARS SO LONG AGO.

GARY OLD FRIEND - GOODBYE UNTIL WE SEE EACH OTHER ON THAT BIG TRAIL IN THE SKY.

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**TOM STICE** - October 02, 2013 at 12:20 PM

JS

“ My deepest condolences to all of you. I only met Gary twice - once on a dayhike and I went to the Smokies with him in April. He really looked out for me and always checked if i was okay, and helped all of us so much. I will not forget him!

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**Jenn Stosberg** - October 02, 2013 at 08:18 AM

DJ

“ I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was a joy to work with when I was at COT. Grace to his family and all who loved him during this difficult time.

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**Daphne Jackson** - October 02, 2013 at 08:09 AM

LS

“ I met Gary once or twice hiking with "Hikers of the Bluegrass". I've enjoyed hearing from the members about Gary's sense of humor and his love of nature.

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**Lee Steele** - October 01, 2013 at 01:43 PM

SK

“ I worked with Gary for several years in state government. He was a gentleman, a stand-up guy. They just don't make them like that anymore. May God be with all of you as you grieve his loss.

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**Steve King** - September 30, 2013 at 07:23 PM

GR

“ Gary hiked with our group (Hikers of the Bluegrass) often. He was always very good natured and we enjoyed hiking with him. We will remember and miss him much. Sincerely, Karen and Guy Roussel

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**Guy and Karen Roussel** - September 30, 2013 at 05:13 PM

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**Guy and Karen Roussel** - September 30, 2013 at 05:13 PM

FV

“ Gary's knowledge, thoroughness and - most of all - patience and kindness will always be among my most cherished memories of COT. As a very new and VERY inexperienced technical training coordinator with our former Training Division, I knew him for only a short time and worked him sparingly. He was gifted with a wonderful sense of humor and always made me feel welcome. My sympathies go to his family.

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**Freida Vinegar** - September 30, 2013 at 03:59 PM

CS

“ So many years have passed since I last saw Gary but his kindness and smile will always remain with me. The world was a better place having him here for his short life. My prayers are with you Brenda and Jimmy.

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**Carl Shoudel** - September 30, 2013 at 02:02 PM

CB

“ Words cannot even begin to express our sorrow. Please remember that you are not alone...we are always here for you.

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**Chad & Gail Bryan** - September 30, 2013 at 02:02 PM

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**Carl Shoudel** - September 30, 2013 at 02:01 PM

MM

“ I was shocked and saddened by Gary's sudden passing. His love of nature and his passion for hiking was apparent on his Facebook page. And I always looked forward to seeing his pictures and reading stories about his trips.

*I am glad to have had the pleasure of working with Gary at COT. We started working on a project that was later cancelled but found his intellect and experience invaluable. He had the most interesting sense of humor.*

*Wishing his family peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.*

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**Melissa Mohr** - September 30, 2013 at 01:17 PM

JM

“ I hiked w/Gary in the Gorge w/Blue Grass Hikers and this year w/the STA. He was always upbeat and his humor helpful--when we were tired, muddy, lost...He was our guru with the GPS; i don't know how we'll find our way without him...I am riding the Sheltopee this week, horseback, including a section that gave Gary a lot of muddy grief. I will scold the puddles as I slog through for troubling such an honest hiker and, when I am in the beautiful scenes, I will be thankful for Gary's humor and companionship. What a genuinely Nice Guy. I hope the family is helped somewhat by all the wonderful stories i read here--esp. the coaching of children. What a full life Gary had. Amen to that.

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**Jeanette Mathern** - September 30, 2013 at 08:57 AM

DM

“ I am saddened to hear of Gary's passing. I worked under him when he was near the end of his career and the image of him walking through the building every morning bidding everyone good morning is one that I will always remember. I hope you find peace in all the fond memories shared by those who knew Gary personally or professionally.

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**Doug Meece** - September 30, 2013 at 08:30 AM

PR

“ The entire Ratliff family would like to express our condolences on Gary's passing. I worked with Gary for years & he was a very dedicated professional, with a keen sense of humour. I have many fond memories of Gary. God bless his family and send them comfort at this time.

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**Paul Ratliff** - September 30, 2013 at 08:26 AM

BS

“ So sorry to hear of Gary's passing. My son, Zach, played soccer for him and he was a true mentor. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Beverly Salchli** - September 30, 2013 at 07:42 AM

TS

“ To Brenda and family,

*I am shocked and saddened by our loss. I really liked working with Gary. He was a true friend and mentor. My sincerest sympathies. I'm praying for the family.*

*Sincerely,  
Tim Schultz*

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**Tim Schultz** - September 30, 2013 at 12:27 AM

KW

“ *Brenda and Jimmy*

*Bob and I are both saddened and shocked by Gary's passing. He's been a good friend to both of us for many years. We will remember all of the good time we had on our trips together (maybe I'll just forget the driving part). He provided us with many funny moments and laughter and he always had a comeback for everything - you both know that. We will greatly miss the "big Ruski". Love you, Karen and Bob*

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**Karen Seeders and Bob Weis** - September 29, 2013 at 11:32 PM

DW

“ *My deepest condolences to Brenda and family, and all of Gary's many friends. I was shocked and greatly saddened to learn of Gary's untimely passing. Having worked with Gary for over 30 years, he was not only a co-worker, but also a friend and mentor. He and I had many great laughs over the years. I will always remember him fondly. I did find some comfort in knowing that he was doing something he had come to enjoy. And I hope that you may all find comfort in your memories of Gary. Blessings to you all.*

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**Debbie D Wilson** - September 29, 2013 at 07:57 PM

GH

“ *So saddened by the news of Coach Rue's sudden passing. Both of our sons, Jerry and Justin, learned valuable teachings from him, both in soccer and in life. He touched so many young lives during his soccer career and will be long remembered and respected by the entire local soccer community. Thank you Coach Rue for the important part you played in helping our sons to grow up to be the fine young men they are today. Our heartfelt condolences to Jimmy and his Mother.*

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**Gerald and Cindy Hedges** - September 29, 2013 at 06:39 PM

BH

“ I had the privilege to play soccer for Coach Rue. He always knew how to get the best out of our team. His memory will live on through all of those that he coached, as our passion for the game gets passed on to those around us.

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**Brian Hornback** - September 29, 2013 at 05:46 PM

SM

“ Like many others I met Gary when he coached my oldest son in soccer in Frankfort. Almost immediately you could tell there was something special about this person both as a coach and mentor to his players. Later on I officiated high school soccer with Gary. I truly enjoyed and learned so much from him. To Jimmy and the rest of the family, my sincere condolences. I will certainly miss a good friend and soccer mentor.

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**Sam Morris** - September 29, 2013 at 11:59 AM

MS

“ I met Gary when our sons played for the same Soccer Club and later officiated high school soccer with him. Later when he coached the high school team, I never met a nicer gentleman. He will surely be missed by all the young men that he coached and guided as a mentor and an inspiration of becoming an adult. I am so happy to have called him my friend.

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**Mike Sullivan** - September 29, 2013 at 07:46 AM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss. I worked with Gary years ago and enjoyed his hiking posts.

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**Judy Webster** - September 28, 2013 at 10:44 PM

JH

“ Gary was a kind and constructive coach. He was always very uplifting and encouraging to our sons, both of whom played on his Frankfort YMCA select teams. We are deeply saddened by his passing and offer our deepest sympathies to the family.

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**John and Carolyn Hornback** - September 28, 2013 at 09:20 PM

SD

“ Our deepest sympathy in Gary's sudden passing. He was great to work with and his expertise was instrumental in the success of our organization. I always appreciated his passion for his work but most of all his friendship. We are traveling out of country and will not be back in time for his services. We will be keeping the family in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Steve & Cheryl Dooley** - September 28, 2013 at 04:42 PM