



Gary Lee Isenhour

July 10, 1944 - January 8, 2026

Gary Lee Isenhour, 81, passed peacefully from this life, leaving behind a legacy of service, devotion, and quiet strength. Born July 10, 1944, in Charlotte, North Carolina, Gary was one of seven children born to Cecil and Bennie Moser Isenhour. His early years were shaped by family, faith, and a strong work ethic that would guide him throughout his life.

A proud graduate of North Mecklenburg High School, Gary answered the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Air Force. He completed four years of honorable service, carrying with him the discipline, loyalty, and camaraderie that military life instilled.

Following his service, Gary pursued his lifelong calling to protect and serve his community. He attended the Charlotte Fire Academy and began a distinguished career as a firefighter with the Charlotte Fire Department. Over the years, he served with dedication, courage, and humility, ultimately retiring from CFD Station 29. His fellow firefighters were more than colleagues—they were brothers.

Outside of his professional life, Gary found joy in the simple pleasures that brought him peace. He loved golfing, fishing, and spending time outdoors. He was also a proud and active member of the Mint Hill Masonic Lodge, where he served as Grandmaster for many years, earning the respect and

admiration of his lodge brothers.

On October 5, 1968, Gary married the love of his life, Mary Ellis Montuери. Their marriage was a partnership built on devotion, resilience, and unwavering support. Together they shared a lifetime of memories, joys, and challenges, always anchored by their deep love for one another.

Gary is survived by his wife, Mary; his son, Daniel Isenhour of Indian Trail, NC; and his sister, Brenda Purky. He is also lovingly remembered by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends whose lives were enriched by his kindness and steady presence.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Brian and infant son Christopher; and five siblings: Marshal Isenhour, Joseph "JD" Dwight Isenhour, Cecil "Rat" Isenhour Jr., Ken Isenhour, and Betty Jo Howie.

Gary's family has entrusted the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home with the honor of caring for him and for them. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, in the funeral home chapel at 4715 Margaret Wallace Road, Matthews, NC 28105. A funeral service will follow at 11:00 AM. Afterward, Gary will be taken in formal procession to Sunset Memory Gardens, where he will be entombed with full military honors in recognition of his faithful service to his country.

Gary will be remembered for his loyalty, his service, his love for family, and the quiet dignity with which he lived his life. His legacy lives on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memory Gardens

8901 Lawyers Road
Charlotte, NC 28227
<http://www.cmseast.com/sunset-memory-gardens/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home
4715 Margaret Wallace Road
Matthews, NC 28105
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Celebration of Life Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TS

“ Tim & Sherry purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gary Lee Isenhour.



Tim & Sherry - January 13 at 02:01 PM

RI

“ Rhonda and Sonny Isenhour planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Lee Isenhour.

Rhonda and Sonny Isenhour - January 13 at 12:23 AM

RI

“ Rhonda and Sonny Isenhour purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gary Lee Isenhour.



Rhonda and Sonny Isenhour - January 13 at 12:23 AM

TH

“ Ted Haney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Lee Isenhour.

Ted Haney - January 11 at 04:19 PM

TH

“ Ted Haney purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Gary Lee Isenhour.



Ted Haney - January 11 at 04:19 PM

DK

“ We were next-door neighbors with Gary and Mary for 51 years. The memories we made are priceless. Late-night card games, bowling, backyard volleyball till midnight and countless cookouts will never be forgotten. Gary was more like a brother than a neighbor and will be greatly missed. Our love and sympathy goes out to Daniel. Don and Kay Bramhall

Don and Kay - January 11 at 11:33 AM

HL

“ So very sorry to learn of Gary's passing. On the CFD he was a great pleasure to work by his side. He had a smile that will be long remembered. He and I had the great fortune to have worked in the company of heroes....H.Ledford

Horace Ledford - January 10 at 12:35 PM

SH

“ Gary was my family, my friend and my hero. We were both Professional Career Firefighters for a time period and we always loved to talk shop together. Something that many don't know but I would many times take a quick trip to Charlotte at a CFD Station that Gary was working that shift and on many occasions, I was invited down to have a fire house dinner with him and his shift crew for that day. I remember one specific afternoon while he was at Station 24, Gary decided at the last minute to make an Apple pie from scratch before some Apples that they had went bad. And he did on the spur of the moment and it was a wonderful Apple pie. No matter what Station he was at, if I was off shift work myself, I was always Welcomed and just show up often unannounced. I was always Welcomed with his happy smile and loving handshake and a pat on the back to come on inside the firehouse and spend time with him and the crew. Those memories will always live in my heart and I am so privileged to have you as my family but most of all as my Firefighter Buddy. I will always miss you my family cousin, my friend, my hero!!!

Scott Huffman - January 09 at 10:50 PM

LK

“ School and Fire dept. together he was a good friendly person.RIP



Lindsay Keith - January 09 at 10:41 PM

RH

“ Rollie Scott Huffman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Lee Isehour.

Rollie Scott Huffman - January 09 at 08:16 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Isenhour.* ”



January 09 at 08:16 PM