

WILLIAM STARNES

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William Garrett "Gary" Starnes Gary Starnes died on June 27, the result of a massive stroke suffered two days earlier. Gary delivered mail to the Upper Valley neighborhood for nearly forty years, getting to know its residents until his recent retirement. Born in Spartanburg, SC on February 22, 1943 and raised in Florida, Gary enlisted in the U.S. [Army](#) in 1966 and served until 1969. In 1972, Gary moved with his wife and daughter to El Paso in a Volkswagen Beetle, which he kept and maintained throughout his life. Active in Peace Lutheran Church in El Paso and gregarious by nature, Gary could not travel far in El Paso without recognizing people or being recognized, and would strike up conversations with any and all he encountered. He will be missed by many. Gary is survived by his wife of forty-two years, Donna; his children, Heather and Jason, and their spouses Brad and Christa; his brothers, Robert and David; and his granddaughters, Opal and Rosalie. Services will be held at Peace Lutheran Church at 1699 Belvidere St. in El Paso on Saturday, July 2 at 10:30AM. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations being made to the Wounded Warriors Project, a charity to support veterans with brain injuries (www.woundedwarriorproject.org, or WWP, PO Box 758516, Topeka, KS, 66675-8516). Services entrusted to Martin Funeral Home West, 128 N. Resler Dr., El Paso, Texas 79912. www.MartinFuneralHomeWest.com

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