



Gary R. Babcock

October 15, 1942 - June 3, 2025

Gary R. Babcock, 82, of Jacksonville passed away Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at Stonebridge in Jacksonville. He was born, Oct. 15, 1942, in Woodson, the son of Orrin and Margaret Babcock. He married Joan R. Donnelly, Feb. 14, 1964, in NY. She preceded him in death, Mar. 29, 2025.

Surviving is son, Gary (Karen) Babcock of Goddard, KS; daughter, Mary Lanning of Jacksonville; grandchildren, Daniel Babcock of Seattle, WA, Holly (Dakota) Babcock-Lamb of Benton, KS, Steven Sills of Woodson and Michael Hills of Jacksonville and great granddaughters, Luna and Daisy Lamb.

Gary was enlisted in the Navy from 1961-1964, serving as a fire fighter while aboard the USS Oxford. After the military, he was employed by the City of Jacksonville Fire Dept. in 1974 and retired in 1997. He had a love for helping anyone and everyone. Gary had a great respect for wildlife and was an avid fisherman and hunter. He was a member of the Cass County Muzzle Loader club for many years. He had a talent for building and repairing Kentucky and Flintlock Rifles. Gary won numerous awards for his marksmanship. He also loved dogs.

A visitation will be held 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Thursday, June 5, 2025, at Daws Family Funeral Home with Jacksonville. A funeral service will be held 10:00 a.m. Friday, June 6, 2025, at the funeral home with interment in Calvary

Cemetery in Jacksonville. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

1601 Lincoln Ave
Jacksonville, IL 62650

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Daws Family Funeral Home - Jacksonville
508 W. Vandalia
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Service

JUN 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mackey Daws Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary R. Babcock*



Daws Funeral Homes - June 05, 2025 at 09:32 AM

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“ *Mary, Steven, Michel, Ed and Cheryl extend our condolences and you are all in our prayers.*

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