



## Gary Rook

May 12, 1957 - September 26, 2023

Gary Rook, 66, of Diamond, Missouri, passed away on September 26, 2023, at his home. Gary was born on May 12, 1957, in Kansas City, Missouri, to James and Mary Rook. He was a regional manager in the restaurant business and horse and cattle rancher. Gary was a strong believer of his faith and was a member of the Risen Ranch Church.

Gary is survived by his son, Wyatt Rook; daughter, Hayley Rook; mother, Mary Rook; sisters, Theresa Pedockie and Donna Teegarden; aunt, Maxine Hebler; and niece, Chelsea Doolin.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Rook; brother, Gregory Rook; and several cousins.

At this time, the family has decided not to have any services.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

IB

“ My name is Ian Borges. I am just finding out tonight that Gary has passed. I have a very special place in my heart for this man, and who I had presumed to be his wife. I met them at their store in Joplin, MO. He was a man of very strong faith in Christ. Although I am saddened to see more friends go, I know I will see him again. Thank you for the memories in days gone by, I will never forget you.

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**Ian Borges** - June 18, 2025 at 02:49 AM

BE

“ When Gary came into the office, he always made me smile. Whether it was him telling a terrible joke or him singing; he was always making me laugh when he came in. His quick wit and orneriness will be missed. Prayers of peace and comfort for his family.

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**Bev** - October 12, 2023 at 11:51 AM

LA

“ Gary was one of a kind. He was a man of many talents. To truly know him, was something special. Those of us who spent countless hours with him working or taking business trips getting to know him was a pleasure. Gary you will forever be deeply missed. RIP my friend.

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**Lawanna** - September 30, 2023 at 01:57 PM

MH

“ *Maxine Hebler lit a candle in memory of Gary Rook*



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**Maxine Hebler** - September 29, 2023 at 06:30 PM

 Maxine Hebler

“ *The Hebler's (aunt, uncle, cousin) were in awe of Gary! Uncle Ivan often said he was the most ambitious kid he ever met! Cousin Tom said Gary was very smart, and admired his success. I, (aunt) Maxine, was the object of his sarcastic remarks that were meant to be funny! We kept in touch by occasional texts, funny, sometimes not, I will miss you, kid!! From Auntie M...*

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**Maxine Hebler** - September 29, 2023 at 10:26 AM

DR

“ *Gary Lee Rook was one of the smartest business men I have ever known!  
Gary is my brother he always looked out for me when we were kids!  
He created 6 Ranch Time Accessories stores.  
He was an avid horseman and a cattle rancher with lots of properties.  
The loved his employees, family and friends.  
Gary you will be missed RIP brother and friend!*

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**Drook401@yahoo.com** - September 28, 2023 at 06:11 PM

KA

*Gary had the biggest contagious smile and such an ornery personality!!  
If you met him you'd never forget him. RIP.*

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**Kaci** - September 29, 2023 at 06:51 PM