



## Gary Michael Aguiar

January 27, 1949 - March 18, 2026

Gary Michael Aguiar, 77, of Quinton, Virginia passed away peacefully at his home on March 18, 2026.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvaro and Mildred Aguiar; his brother, Wayne; and granddaughter, Stephanie.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Barbara; children, James, Teresa (Nathan), Kay (Jesse), and Karen (Joe). He is also survived by his grandchildren Chris, Amber, Tyler, Eric, Bobbie, Robert, Joseph, Jacob, Jonathan, and great grandchildren Grant, Mason, Lawsen, Liam, Averlee and Luna. His brother Richard, of Connecticut, also survives him.

Gary honorably served in the Air Force from 1968-1975 and proudly served his country during the Viet Nam war. After his military service, he continued serving his country as an air traffic controller at Byrd Field later named Richmond International Airport from 1977 until his retirement in 2005. He was a collector of many things from stamps, hot wheel cars and baseball memorabilia to more unique hobbies such as rocketry, raising mealworms and earthworms.

Gary's family would like to thank VCU Massey Cancer Center for their care and support during these past 5 1/2 years, as well as his final care provided

by BAYADA Hospice. His family would also like to thank his church Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church for their prayers as well as his priest, Reverend Scott Duarte for his spiritual support.

Donations can be made to Victory Junction Camp in Randleman NC, which provides barrier-free camp experiences to children with complex medical needs; Camp Easterseals UCP Virginia; or VCU Massey Cancer Center. Our lives are forever changed by his passing, and this world has lost a great person, but our loss is heaven's gain.

The family will receive friends from 2 pm to 4 pm Monday, March 23, 2026, at Vincent Funeral Home, 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA. A funeral mass will be held 1:30 pm, Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 2631 Pocahontas Trail Quinton, VA. Interment will follow at Washington Memorial Park.

# Cemetery Details

## Washington Memorial Park

6217 Memorial Drive  
Sandston, VA 23150  
<http://www.washingtonmemorialparkva.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 23.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel  
9923 Pocahontas Trail  
Providence Forge, VA 23140  
(804) 966-7075

## Funeral Mass

**MAR 24.** 1:30 PM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Church  
2631 Pocahontas Trail  
Quinton, VA 23141

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ I had the pleasure of working with Gary at both the old tower and the new tower up until when Gary retired. He was always level headed and calm in every situation. He will be greatly missed.

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**Joe Montore** - March 23 at 08:28 PM

KJ

Thank you for the kind words about our dad. ❤️

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**karen jones** - March 23 at 09:26 PM

KM

“ My condolences for your loss. I worked with Gary for a number of years. He was the calm voice and cool head in every situation. He will be missed

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**Kate Meacham** - March 23 at 12:41 PM

KJ

Thank you ❤️

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**karen jones** - March 23 at 07:01 PM

LR

“ I am truly sorry for your loss of a Husband, Father, and Grand Dad. I worked with Gary in Richmond Tower (old tower). I only knew Gary a short period of time, but every shift with Gary was professional and worry free.  
Thanks for the memories Gary. I will see you again!

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**Larry Renegar** - March 23 at 09:02 AM

KJ

Thank you for your kinds words.

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**karen jones** - March 23 at 11:36 AM

JG

“ I had the pleasure of working with Gary @ RIC Tower & Approach from 2000, until he retired. What I appreciated most about Gary was his quick wit, sarcasm, and dry sense of humor. Gary was a common sense Controllers' Sup, which was unfortunately way too rare, and was not bashful calling out ridiculous PC FAA policies when appropriate, which I also appreciated. Thoughts & prayers to All of Gary's Family.

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**Jeff Gaffney** - March 22 at 09:14 PM

KJ

*He certainly made his opinions known. Thank you for the prayers.*

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**karen jones** - March 23 at 11:38 AM

DA

“ I worked with Gary at Richmond. He was truly one of the good ones. I learned much from him about air traffic control and about life in general.  
My condolences to his family.  
May his memory be a blessing.

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**Douglas Auerbach** - March 22 at 07:52 PM

KJ

*He certainly was one of the good ones. ❤️*

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**karen jones** - March 23 at 11:39 AM

MO

“ Over my years of service working for the FAA, there's very few people that I thought could do their job well but I can say Gary was one of the best supervisors I had the honor of working with. He always cared for his people and looked out for them to the best of his ability. Enjoyed my time working with him and hearing some of his stories. My condolences to the family I pray that God will comfort you.

Monte Edwards

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Monte - March 22 at 07:01 PM

KJ

Thank you for your kind words.

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karen jones - March 23 at 11:40 AM

DR

“ I started working with Gary at RIC in 1987. He was a great controller, always calm and could use his quick wit to lighten the mood. He really knew how to run a final, which I think was a point of pride for him. My deepest sympathies to the family. Gary will be greatly missed.

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Dan Ryan - March 22 at 12:28 PM

KJ

He truly enjoyed his job. Thank you for your kind words.

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karen jones - March 23 at 11:42 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



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**Thomas Widgeon** - March 22 at 07:20 AM

KJ

*Thank you* ❤️

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**karen jones** - March 23 at 11:42 AM

LK

“ *Gary and I played together as kids in New London CT . I thought of him often over the years. Good bye cousin*

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**Linda Kohout ( former Danz Karns)** - March 22 at 01:02 AM

KJ



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**karen jones** - March 23 at 11:42 AM

GR

“ *When Gary was the shift supervisor at Richmond I knew I was in for an easy going day. He was great to work with and I've thought fondly of him over the years. My deepest condolences to his family and friends. Gary was one of the good ones.*

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**Ginny Arata Reese** - March 21 at 09:18 PM

KJ

*Thank you for your kind words.*

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**karen jones** - March 23 at 11:43 AM

GC

“ Dear Family, loved ones and friends,  
We are so sorry for your loss  
Cherish your precious memories  
With heartfelt sympathy.  
Nathan & Teresa's aunts,  
Gloria Couch and Inez Couch Hawthorne



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**Gloria Couch** - March 21 at 05:21 PM

KJ

*Thank you. He will be missed.*

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**karen jones** - March 23 at 11:44 AM

KJ

“ Dad,  
I already miss hearing your voice, seeing your smiling face, your words of wisdom (sometimes unsolicited 😊), and seeing you in your "captain's chair." I know we will meet again in Heaven one day. Until then, I will always miss you. Love your daughter, Karen



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**karen jones** - March 21 at 12:58 PM

DT

“ Gary trained me at Richmond when I first got there. In fact, strangely I was just thinking about him the other day. He was always so calm, cool and collected. Very sorry to hear about his passing . I know he loved his ducks!! Denise Tillack

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**Denise Tillack** - March 20 at 10:34 PM

KJ

*Thank you for your kind words about our dad. He always said his work didn't feel like work.*

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**karen jones** - March 21 at 01:52 PM

TC

“ *Best dad ever!*



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**Teresa Couch** - March 20 at 07:28 PM

KS

“ *Love you so much. Thank you for being the best dad ever. One day we will all be together again. Until then rest with the angels and our lord. Kay*



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**Kay Stirling** - March 20 at 07:22 PM

JJ

“ *Dad,  
You were the best grandfather that anyone could have asked for. I always saw you as a second dad. You taught me so much and cared for all your children. Fly high*

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**Joseph jones** - March 20 at 03:15 PM