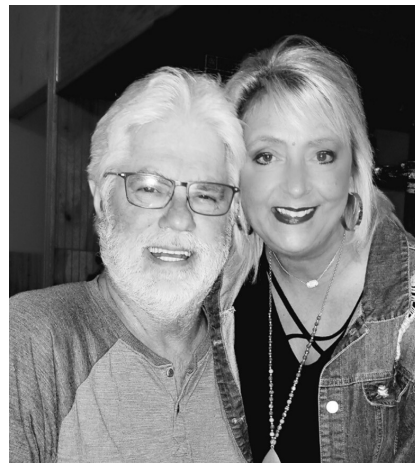


Miss Me But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little-but not too long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me-but let me go
For this is a journey that we
all must take
And each must go alone.

It's all part of the Master's plan
A step on the road to home
When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in
doing good deeds
Miss me but let me go.



Celebrating THE LIFE OF



GARY LYNN ACKLEN

February 8, 1952 ~ January 15, 2020

Gary "Puddyman" Lynn Acklen

SERVICE

2:00 P.M. Saturday
January 18, 2020
Smith - North Little Rock
Funeral Home Chapel

OFFICIATING

Pastor Mike Cantrall
Coach Randy Sandefur

MUSIC

Soloist: Richard Hearon
Soloist: Kim Looney

PALLBEARERS

Coach Randy Sandefur
Jordan Sandefur
Jake Sandefur
Justin Acklen
Dennis Whitlock
Randy Rogers

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

All Current and Former Band Members

Gary "Puddyman" Lynn Acklen, 67, of North Little Rock joined Heaven's choir on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 after a hard fought battle. He was born February 8, 1952 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to Bud and Mary Lucille Acklen.

Gary was an accomplished musician and a great entertainer. His bands included Home Cookin', Jim Aldridge Band, YT&T Band, Chuey & The Dudes, the Turning Point Band and was pianist at his church, Sherwood Cumberland Presbyterian. Gary brightened up the room when he walked into it. He was the same day-in-and-day-out. He was a fierce lover of life with everyone he came into contact with on a daily basis. His laughter and smile was contagious and will be missed. Gary did not look to be blessed in life—he looked to be a blessing.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Kim "Momma" Sandefur Acklen; son, Justin (Kim) Acklen and their children: James and Jack; daughters, Rae (Ben) Wright and Ashley Acklen; several grandchildren; brothers, Glenn Acklen and Wayne Acklen (Louise); special aunt, Sissy; brother and sister-in-law, Coach Randy and Leslie Sandefur; mother-in-law, Betty Sandefur; nieces and nephews, Amy (Robert) Workman, Jordan (Kelsey) Sandefur, Jake (Molly Anne) Sandefur, James Sandefur; great nephew, Griffin Workman; great-nieces, Savannah Caroline Sandefur, Kelsie "Grundy" (Austin); his Special Girls, Anna Beth and Izzie; as well as extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Mark Acklen

A special thank you to St. Vincent's Infirmary ICU staff and Doctors Dietrich and Seale for their prayers and hardwork.

A visitation will be from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 18, 2020, at Smith-North Little Rock Funeral Home followed by a funeral service at 2:00 p.m. Burial will follow in Concord Cemetery.