



Darryl Allen Gower

January 24, 1965 - September 2, 2021

Darryl Allen Gower, age 56 of Panama City, Fla. Formerly from Buford, Georgia. He was of Baptist Faith.

Received his Angel Wings September 2nd, 2021 after a sudden illness.

He is preceded in death by his son Garrett Randall Gower, (Stepdad) Rev. Eddie Martin, Maternal Grand Father JT Buice (Papa B), Paternal Grand Parents Claude and Allene Gower (Big momma), Aunt Betty Bradford, Uncle Joe Gower, Mother-in-law Jamie Ellison.

He is survived by his wife of 10 years, Dionne Ellison Gower; Daughters, Charlotte (Charlie) Ellison, Tara Thompson, Kingsley Gower, Chloe Gower, Destiny Ellison, Abbie Ellison and Son, Landon (Bink) Gower; step-daughter, Samantha Bentley; Grandchildren, Aubrey Thompson, Mattie Thompson and Saylor Gower. Mother, Janet Martin, Father and Stepmother, Randall & Etheleen Gower. Brother, Terry Buice Gower, Stepsisters, Amy Martin, Melissa & husband Ken Alberton, and stepbrother, Ryan Martin wife, Joanie and children. His Maternal Grandmother, Betty Buice (Gummy), Aunts and Uncles, Gail and Harry Blankenship, Patti and Michael Waycaster, Debbie and Greg Reece, Mary Gower and several cousins.

Darryl was born January 24, 1965 in Gainesville, Ga. Attended North Gwinnett high school where he graduated in 1983. During and after graduating high

school, Darryl worked at several cabinet shops including his own dad's, Randall. He worked at Granite Mountain Harley Davidson for many years. He also worked and managed at several Home Depot locations. Darryl also managed several car Dealerships here in the state-of Georgia. He was currently employed at Bill Byrd Kia in Panama City, Fla as sales manager. Darryl was a Mason at Lodge 42F&AM in Tucker, Ga. Darryl was also a Shiner and a member of the Yaarab Temple.

Darryl was a United States professional wrestler known by ring name, Steve "The Brawler" Lawler. He was a mainstay of regional and independent promotions in the Southern United States since the early 1980s, especially in Georgia and the Carolinas, where he won many championship titles. Having wrestled for Deep South Wrestling, Southern Championship Wrestling, Georgia All-Star Wrestling, North Georgia Wrestling Association, Peach State Wrestling and Dusty Rhodes' Turnbuckle Championship Wrestling. In later years, he appeared with other NWA veterans for the revived Georgia Championship Wrestling.

As a noted tag team specialist, he was a member of the original Bad Company with John Michaels and The Nightmare Ted Allen. He also had some successful runs with Dennis Gale, Dino Minelli, Bulldog Raines and younger brother Terry Lawler. He was one of the first students ever trained by Glenn Holbrook. Several years later, Darryl became a trainer himself and served as an instructor for the Masked Superstar's wrestling school and the Global Wrestling Federation's training facility, in Georgia. Among his students include Buff Bagwell, Disco Inferno, Murder One, and Terry Lawler.

Celebration of Darryl's life is being held Saturday the 25th at 1pm

Flanagan Funeral Home

4400 S Lee Street

Buford, Georgia

In Lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Gower Education fund at

People's Bank in Buford, Ga.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

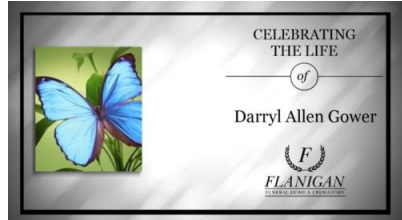
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Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

Tribute Wall



“ Flanigan Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Darryl Allen Gower



Flanigan Funeral Home - September 19, 2021 at 03:58 PM



The I looked for a post like this when I first heard of his passing. Contacted Dionne, even though we had only met at a company Christmas party. But, Darryl talked about her all the time. I went to work with him in the 2nd month of being in the car business. (Just left some pretty good training from Mercedes Benz and Berkshire Hathaway). What Darryl taught me was that it is about the people, the relationships. I had heard the cliché, make a friend I was a pretty good closer, but, especially in that first year or 2, if I knew we had given all we could in discount, I would make him spit his sun flower seeds out and come out there and charm the socks off my customer. I hit a rough patch and he believed in me when I didn't myself. I was devastated when I heard of his passing. He was the most entertaining guy I ever met. Loyal and loved his family. Made mistakes but admitted it. Allowed you to make mistakes and supported you when needed. I am not sure where i would be if when I was struggling, he hadn't taken me back on... and I became the # 1 sales person at the dealership. Life hasn't been perfect but he helped me believe in myself and when I doubt. I remember how he helped me get back up. And know, no matter the circumstances... I can again. And I believe, pray, he is watching down on me, all of us, motivating us on. Think of him often... and his family But tonight saw something that I guess brought back more than the usual memories. RIP my friend. And I know, the way you could quote the Bible, and the heart in which you did it, that I will see you again.

Kathy Vaughan - March 18, 2025 at 12:54 AM

DT

“ I have many memories of Darryl. We went to school together in 1981 and 1982. I remember when his parents bought him a show worthy 55 or 57 Chevy. It was brown and cream. Being full of himself but not full of driving knowledge he totaled it. Many years afterwards he said he sure wished he had listened to his parents. We live and learn. I'm very sad to hear of his passing. I really liked Darryl.

Denise Thomas - January 12, 2024 at 09:37 AM



“ Darryl Allen Gower

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM

CL

“ Chris Lancaster lit a candle in memory of Darryl Allen Gower



Chris Lancaster - September 26, 2021 at 02:32 PM

SW

“ We are so sorry to hear about Darryl. We so found out today . Praying for the family. Scott and Susie Ward

Scott & Susie Ward - September 26, 2021 at 01:50 PM

MM

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Mary Moriarty - September 25, 2021 at 02:27 PM

CW

“ Darryl was an amazing friend more like family than friend. We definitely miss him.

Tony and Connie Walker

Connie Walker - September 25, 2021 at 12:54 PM

HS

“ I'll miss our amazing memories and how caring of a person you were. You were always there and a phone call away, had my back for everything. I miss you like crazy❤️



HS - September 24, 2021 at 06:54 PM

JD

“ You touched so many lives in this community and helped so many achieve what they never thought they could. You were a mentor, a great friend, and one heck of a teammate! You are missed dearly my friend! Prayers to your family and children.

JD - September 24, 2021 at 05:37 PM

MM

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Mary Moriarty - September 23, 2021 at 03:08 PM