



Gary T Isbell

October 17, 1950 - February 26, 2026

Gary T. Isbell, 75, of Evansville, passed away suddenly on February 26, 2026, surrounded by loved ones.

Gary was born on October 17, 1950, to the late Marshall J. Isbell and Madge L. (Littlepage) Isbell. Gary was a lifelong creator and artist. He was a graduate of the University of Southern Indiana and built a long and successful career in the graphic arts as a talented graphic designer and photographer.

Gary found his happiest moments in digital art and music, embracing his favorite quote, “Do what you love, and you’ll never work another day in your life.” As an artist, his big passion was photography, often using pictures of rusty objects as the source for creative and abstract digital art, which he crafted in Photoshop and proudly displayed in his family’s homes. A self-taught guitarist from a young age, he was a bass specialist, especially with his Fender Squier Jazz Bass, and played with many talented musicians in multiple bands over the years. Beyond his artistic pursuits, he was a creative and talented cook. He was considered a “Master Chef” with great recipes, though his high standards made him very particular of food. In the outdoors, he enjoyed simple pleasures like chilling on his patio or his hammack, fishing, yardwork, and taking walks with his golden retrievers.

Gary is survived by his wife, Susan; daughter, Brook (Isbell) Hale and her

husband, Lance; grandsons, Jax and Maverick McGennis; son, Mitchell Isbell; granddaughter, Iris (Alley) and granddogs, Zero and Homie (his best bud); sister, Pamela (Isbell) Bennett and her husband, Richard; and stepsisters, Sue Ellen (Roehm) Olson and Gail (Roehm) Lehr and her husband, Bob.

In accordance with Gary's wishes, no formal funeral services will be held. His family will celebrate his life privately and he will be cremated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the USI Foundation, 8600 University Blvd, Evansville, IN 47712.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

BS

“ I have very fond memories of Gary following him in his professional career. Susan and family i offer my sincere condolences.

Bruce Simon

Bruce Simon - March 16 at 12:49 PM

RJ

“ Gary and I started working together as artists at the old Crown Press Printing Company in the late 70's. We worked together for about 4 years. I reconnected with him in the early 90's when computer graphics came on the scene. Gary was gracious enough to teach me the computer programs I needed to start an in-house printshop at the old Welborn Clinic downtown location. And a few years later, his wife joined our staff. The thing I remember most about Gary was his patience and understanding, trying to teach this old dog a new way to do graphic design. Condolences to Sue and the kids for their loss. Rest In Peace, Mr. Isbell.

Ron Jesop - March 15 at 04:57 PM

SC

“ Gary and I became friends at Reitz in 1965 when he moved from the east and Harrison High School. We reunited at our fortieth high school reunion. I remember him playing bass guitar in a band at the old Surf Club. We also rented Honda 50s a few times after turning 15 and ran around town like kids with newfound freedom. He was an all-around talented, good guy. Godspeed Gary.

Steve Calhoun - March 14 at 12:48 PM

RT

“ REMAX Revolution Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary T Isbell.

REMAX Revolution Team - March 13 at 11:17 AM

RT

“ REMAX Revolution Team purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Gary T Isbell.



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JE

“ I have too many memories of Gary to share. We played music intermittently together since about 1965 or 66. I am saddened beyond words by his sudden passing, but will never forget the hundreds of times we recorded together at his various residences. Gary was a huge part of my artistic evolution and designed a series of album covers and booklets/librettos for me in the 90s through 2011. His is one of the biggest music friend losses to me personally, as in many ways we were like brothers. I hope to see you on the other side, Gary. Peace and harmony.

Jeff - March 12 at 10:05 AM