



Dr. Gary Ronald Lawson

May 13, 1950 - May 28, 2026

Dr. Gary Ronald Lawson, 76, of Bluefield, West Virginia, passed away peacefully at his home on May 28, 2026, surrounded by his loved ones.

Born on May 13, 1950, in Parkersburg, West Virginia, Gary was the son of the late Glenn and Mildred Lawson. He graduated from Bluefield High School in 1968 before pursuing his passion for dentistry. While at B.H.S., He was part of the 1965 and 1967 State Championship football teams. Gary earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from West Virginia University School of Dentistry in 1980.

Following graduation, Gary served as an Associate Professor at the WVU School of Dentistry sharing his knowledge and passion for dentistry with future generations of dental professionals. In 1981, he opened his dental practice, which proudly served the residents of Southern West Virginia for 40 years. He took tremendous pride in his work and was deeply respected by colleagues, patients, and friends alike for his dedication and compassionate care.

Gary embraced life with enthusiasm and joy. He was a devoted fan of WVU athletics and especially enjoyed cheering on the Mountaineers. He loved spending time in Myrtle Beach, fishing, reading, playing guitar, and perfecting his culinary talents. Homemade bread, pizza, and grilling THE BEST steaks were among his specialties. Gary especially treasured hosting family

gatherings in “The Gap” and tailgates at Mountaineer field.

Known for his vibrant personality, warm heart, and unforgettable presence, Gary left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know him. His generosity, sense of humor, and love for family and friends will be remembered always.

He is survived by his brother, Earl Lawson and his wife, Jan Lawson, of Bridgeport, West Virginia; his four children: Aaron Lawson and Holly Lawson of Speedwell, Virginia; Chad Lawson and his wife, Lyndsey Lawson, of Daniels, West Virginia; Sean Lawson and his wife, Ellyn Lawson, of Roanoke, Virginia; and Erica Taylor and her husband, George Taylor, of Greenville, North Carolina. In addition: his former wife, Cindy Lawson; his stepson, Brinley Conner and his wife, Angela Conner of Richmond, Virginia; as well as 10 grandchildren and many extended family members, dear friends, former colleagues, and patients who will miss him greatly.

Visitation will be held at Mercer Funeral Home in Bluefield, West Virginia, on Saturday, June 6, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. A celebration of life will follow at 4:00 p.m. with Rev. Larry Ramey officiating.

Gary’s legacy of dedication, hospitality, friendship, and love for family will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so at www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Dr. Gary Ronald Lawson.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Celebration of Life

JUN 6. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JL

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, Dr. Lawson. We are thinking and praying for you at Rocky Gap Methodist Church. Sincerely, Pastor Jonathan Lamb



Jonathan Lamb - June 06 at 06:06 PM

TM

“ So sorry to hear of Gary's passing. His obituary fit him to a "T". He was our family dentist and friend for many years. His son Chad continues that tradition.
Tonya and Bobby Mills

Tonya Mills - June 06 at 07:22 AM

SG

“ I graduated high school with Gary Lawson. He was a kind person with a pleasant sense of humor. After over 40 years went by, Dr Gary Lawson became my dentist, and now his son, Dr Chad Lawson is my dentist. May Gary rest in eternal peace. He will be missed.

Susie Green - June 05 at 07:00 AM

LD

“ The entire Danko family feels your lose. Not only was Gary and later Chad were our dentists but they were also our neighbirs and friends. Gary was a character and was fun to be with..
Your entire family has a special place in our hearts. You will be in our thoughts. FONDLY,the Dankos

Lillian Danko - June 04 at 09:25 PM

BM

“ *Dr. Chad and family: My sincere sympathy in the loss of your Dad. He touched the lives of many when opening his office in Peterstown. He was certainly a highly respected man.*

Brenda Miller



Brenda Miller - June 04 at 06:39 PM

LD

“ *My family and I loved Dr. Gary as our dentist and our friend. I worked for him in his Welch office for a while, and after I quit to go back to school, my mother started working for him. He was so personable--always making people laugh. My heartfelt condolences to his family.*

Linda Dillon - June 03 at 09:24 PM

JL

“ *Dr. Lawson was my dentist from the time I was in junior high until his retirement. I started out seeing him in his Welch office, and followed him to Bluefield. He also took care of my parents as their dentist. As the years passed, any time I went to see him, he always remembered and brought up things he had talked about with my parents during their exams. He was always so kind, considerate, and friendly, and I always felt completely safe and confident in his care. My heart hurts that he is gone. May God bless you all through the coming days!*

Joy Coleman Lamb - June 03 at 01:48 PM

KS

“ *We are so very sorry about the passing of your father. Please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Karen Simon - June 03 at 11:14 AM

LB

“ Aaron, so sorry to hear of your father’s passing. You will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. -Landon Blankenship

Landon Blankenship - June 03 at 09:04 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Gary Ronald Lawson.



June 02 at 07:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Gary Ronald Lawson.

June 02 at 07:27 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Gary Ronald Lawson.



June 02 at 06:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of
Dr. Gary Ronald Lawson.



June 02 at 05:49 PM