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# In Memory of Gary Sandage

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Gary Sandage former car hauler for Jack Cooper out of Wentzville, Mo.

His passions were yard selling (buying everything he didn't need) and duck hunting (claiming ducks he never killed) and playing slots and poker that he never quite mastered how to win. But oh, how he loved it.

The grand exit happened on Thursday November 15th, 2018 at his home surrounded by all his children and friends. Gary was born January 7th, 1961 at Sikeston, Mo. to Guy and Mildred Sandage.

Though his time on this earth was too short for us, he made it worthwhile aggregating and prankster his family and friends. After 2 years of trying to convince Betty Bell to marry him, it happened July 27th, 1979. He vowed they would be in it for the long haul. It was 40 years together. He skipped out before planting the 105 tulip bulbs or hanging up his clothes. The most notable achievements happened on February 18th, 1982, July 19th 1984, and May 19th 1986 staying in the delivery room while I did all the work giving him three amazing sons.

His sons learned the joy of being a Sandage from the man whose laugh and snorting was contagious and some inappropriate times were included. Years later two teenage girls came into his life (Jennifer and Mandii McCoy) he insisted we take them in our home. Those girls weren't enough so two years he and I adopted a sibling brother and sister. Jesse and Haelie Sandage. Two years later we filled our house with one more boy (Chuck

Bridges) and his two sisters (Beth and Katie Bridges).

His grandchildren were his passion, anything to get them stirred up, he loved. All 18 of them. He is survived by me (Betty) and his mother (Mildred), his brother Sam (Cheryle) Sandage, his sisters, Jackie (Wayne) McKuin and Sherry Legrand and many nieces and nephews.

He said no flowers, no tears. Spend your time with your friends and family. Buy a round of something (he didn't drink much); toast the duck hunting, yard selling, slot and poker playing great man, we loved you Gary Sandage.

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