



## Mr. Marion Edward Gant

January 14, 2025

Marion Edward Gant, passed away on January 14, 2025, at St. Luke's Plaza.

Marion Edward Gant was born in Higginsville, Missouri on August 16, 1939, to the union of Etta and Herman A. Gant Sr...

Marion loved fishing, playball, and hurting. He also loved playing the harmonica. Marion was an upholsterer and once owned two shops. Marion worked for the Kansas City Missouri Water Treatment Division from June 16, 1980, until December 29, 1995, when he retired.

His parents, Etta and Herman A. Gant; preceded him in death along with one brother, Charles A. Gant; one sister, Lurn R. Gant-Valdez; and his son, Andrew C. Gant.

Marion leaves to cherish his memories: his wife of thirty-eight years, Marion Estelle Gant; four sons, Marion Wilson; twin sons, Lynn; and Glenn Gant; and Dalton Millent; two daughters, Marilyn Green; and Debra Ann; two step-daughters, Nathel Smith; and Inez Smith (Anthony); two step-sons, Will Smith III (Deborah); and James Smith (Shelly); six sisters, Shirley Polson; Gorla Newsome; Ernestine Erickson; Vera Gant; Jancie Gant; and Hazel Gant-Booker; three brothers, Herman Gant Jr. (Agnes); Clarence Gant (Gwen); and Eddie Kelso; Marion also leaves a host of grandchildren; great grandchildren;

nieces; nephews; many other relatives; and friends. Special friends, Fred Flemmings; Rex Purefoy; Tom Levin; Harold Ofield; Robert Fisher; and James Neal.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday January 25, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Watkins Heritage Chapel 4000 Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd. KCMO 64130.

Interment: Higginsville City Cemetery. Visitation: 10-11:00 a.m. at the Chapel.

For further information call Watkins Heritage Chapel at 816-861-3030.

Arrangements entrusted to Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels.

Condolences may be shared on our website [lawrenceajones.com](http://lawrenceajones.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Higginsville City Cemetery

2275 Lipper Ave.  
Higginsville, MO 64037

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Watkins Heritage Chapel  
4000 Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.  
Kansas City, MO 64130

## Funeral Service

JAN 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MF

“ Mays Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Marion Edward Gant.



Mays Family - January 24, 2025 at 12:23 AM

MF

“ Mays Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Marion Edward Gant.

Mays Family - January 24, 2025 at 12:23 AM

MM

“ Maurice Mosley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Marion Edward Gant.



Maurice Mosley - January 23, 2025 at 12:49 PM

DE

“ Debra purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Marion Edward Gant.



Debra - January 22, 2025 at 08:10 PM

“ I had the privilege to work with Marion Gant during my time at Blue River Wastewater Treatment Plant. He was a supervisor over mechanical maintenance and someone who left an indelible mark on those who worked with him. He approached every task with skill and precision, ensuring that everything ran smoothly and efficiently. He was the kind of person who commanded respect not just because of his position but because of the way he carried himself. He had a strong moral compass and a sense of fairness that guided his interactions with everyone. But he also had boundaries, and if someone crossed him, they quickly learned that he was not one to be trifled with.

#### *The Wastewater Treatment Plant Workers' Higher Calling*

Around the kingly and regal conference table sat the Chairman and the Board. Staff members were presenting their year-end reports. The chief of staff, Gabriel, stood and reported, "Mr. Chairman, the human race is polluting the waters so much that the natural purification cycle cannot keep up. If the pollution continues at this rate, all of mankind and the poor innocent creatures on earth will soon be poisoned by the contaminated waters."

Gabriel continued, "It is a sad indictment against mankind that these waters that were once clean and clear have now become filthy and foul. The waters that were once bubbling, sparkling, rippling, and flowing have now become a nasty, stagnant, foul-smelling cesspool of man's waste." Gabriel requested, "Mr. Chairman, may I blow my horn which will be a signal to our managers to immediately evict all these people who have served as horrible stewards?"

The Chairman of the Board rose from His throne-like chair and said, "I understand what you are saying, Gabriel, but I am going to give them a little more time on their lease. You see, I have a plan to produce wastewater treatment plants to aid in nature's purification process. The designers and builders of these plants will occupy the scene for a while. Nonetheless, the wastewater treatment plant workers will be there from now on and their responsibility will be to maintain and efficiently operate the wastewater treatment plant." So, it became a higher calling: the wastewater treatment plant workers' marching orders are to reclaim the waters by recycling,

*replenishing, and reviving the polluted waters.*

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*Rest in peace, Marion. You will be missed, but your legacy will  
endure in the countless lives you touched.*

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**Rickey LaDell Peters** - January 16, 2025 at 01:56 AM