



Gary E. Balser

August 29, 1948 - April 7, 2026

Gary E. Balser, 77, passed away at his home in Elgin, Texas, on April 7, 2026.

Gary was born on August 29, 1948, near Charleston, West Virginia, to Ivan E. Balser and Elizabeth P. Balser. He grew up with a strong sense of duty and went on to serve his country in the United States Navy.

Gary dedicated over 25 years of his career as a maintenance supervisor at Occidental Chemical in Niagara Falls, New York. After relocating to Texas, he became a familiar and friendly face at the Walmart in Manor, where he worked as a greeter for more than 10 years. He took great pride in welcoming others and brightening the day of everyone who walked through the doors.

A proud Texan, Gary found joy in life's simple pleasures. He loved metal detecting, stargazing, and, above all, spending time with his grandchildren. He was often seen in his Navy cap, sometimes paired with his Johnny Cash T-shirt, a quiet nod to the music he enjoyed.

Gary is survived by his wife, Susan Balser; his brother, Shawn Balser; his children, Danielle and Elizabeth; his stepdaughter, Lauren; and his five grandchildren.

He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew him.

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Gary at Oxy for many years. He was a dedicated supervisor and was always up for a good laugh. We attended concerts and hockey games together, always enjoying the moment. My condolences to Susan and their family, he was a good man.

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