

ABATE



Gary P. Myers



KINGSTON - Gary P. Myers, 67, of Kingston, passed away peacefully at home, Feb. 4, 2012. He was born Oct. 26, 1944 in Seattle, Wash. to the late Ralph and Geneva Myers. He grew up in Lyons and Great Bend, Kansas, until he moved to Arkansas. He proudly considered himself to be and Arkansan. He moved to Kingston and married his loving wife of 12 years, Barbara Graff. Gary was a U.S. Army veteran and served two tours in Vietnam. After his honorable discharge he was a professional bull rider for eight years. He later drove a tractor trailer and managed three departments for J.B. Hunt Trucking in Arkansas. After moving to New York, Gary worked for Gateway Industries, became a licensed real estate salesman and started a home repair company which later developed into property rehabilitation business. He retired following a motorcycle accident that left him an amputee in 2006. In his retirement Gary served as an Ombudsman for the New York State Office of the Aging, where in 2010 he received an award for Outstanding Dedication. Gary helped found the Mid-Hudson Limb Loss Support Group where he volunteered as a peer visitor. He was a member of the Resource Center for Accessible Living's Board of Trustees and also a member of ABATE and Freedom First, his motorcycle clubs where he served as legislative chairman and as chapter representative to the State Board. He loved to design and create wood projects in his workshop and many of his friends were fortunate recipients of his efforts. In addition to his wife he is survived by his stepchildren, Michael Graff and his wife Sharon of Cottekill and Thomas Graff of Kingston, as well as his dear friends Garry Ward and Eugene and Carmela DeCamillis. He is also survived by his devoted cats; Joey and Wendy, and his dog Lady.