



Gary Anderson

September 11, 1946 - May 24, 2019

Anderson, Gary of Shrewsbury (72) went home to heaven on Friday, May 24, 2019. Son of the late George and Vyola Anderson, grandson of four Swedish immigrants, Gary is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mary “Beth” (nee Ransdell) Anderson, his sister Laurie (nee Anderson) Furgerson (Wayne Wilcoxon), sister-in-law Ruth (nee Ransdell) Williams (Richard Wommack), sister-in-law Jean Ransdell, brother-in-law Keith Ransdell (Ancy), nephews Matthew Furgerson (Sarah), Adam Ransdell, & Ian Ransdell, niece Allison (nee Williams) Burke (Davey), and three grandnieces, Claire Furgerson, Norah Furgerson, and Emy Burke, many cousins, and friends.

A life-long resident of St. Louis, Gary graduated from Cleveland High School and the University of Missouri - Columbia. After graduation he returned to St. Louis to work for Laclede Gas Co. for 34 years in data processing (IT). He enjoyed traveling, taking beautiful photographs and collecting rocks from all 50 states of the USA and many Canadian provinces. Gary was an active and devoted member of Webster United Methodist on Bompert Avenue where he had served as Sunday School Superintendent and teacher, as a Trustee, and on the Mission and Finance Committees.

Gary believed in education and started college funds for children in the next two generations of his family. He was optimistic, an inspiration, a problem-solver, a negotiator, and a friend to all. He will be remembered as a great husband, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, co-worker, and will be missed by all who knew him.

Visitation will be 4-8 pm, Thursday, May 30, 2019, at Webster United Methodist, 600 N. Bompert Ave, Webster Groves, Missouri 63119. Funeral will be 10 am, Friday, May 31, also at WUM. Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, 10301 Big Bend Road, Kirkwood, Missouri (www.stlfuneral.com). Memorials suggested to WUM Scholarship Fund or Cystic Fibrosis Research, Inc. (CFRI).

Cemetery

Events

Oak Hill Cemetery
10301 Big Bend Road
Kirkwood, MO, 63122

MAY 30 Visitation 04:00PM - 08:00PM

Webster United Methodist Church
600 N. Bompert Ave, Webster Groves, MO, US, 63119

MAY 31 Celebration of Life 10:00AM

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Comments



“ Gary was a much beloved cousin who kept his Florida relatives connected to news about the St. Louis clan. We all looked forward to the trips he and Beth would take to Florida. Gary was unfailingly kind, witty, and a patient and interested listener. We will miss him dreadfully. Love and sympathy to Beth, Laurie and all Gary’s friends and relatives who will miss him, too.
Bonnie and Jack Litteral and family

bonnie litteral - June 13 at 05:12 PM



“ Gary was always a very kind and gentle man. He always greeted you with a smile and seemed genuinely glad to see you. He will be missed. Beth, you have our deepest sympathy and I know you will keep memories of Gary close to your heart.
Ron, Karen and Julie Mock

Karen Nelson Mock - May 31 at 04:18 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gary Anderson.



May 30 at 10:24 AM



“ I met Gary when I was a teenager. We were pretty young when they got married (they were, too!) It was pretty exciting when Beth decided he was "the one"! They certainly figured out how to make love and marriage work. And Gary approached his diagnosis with such determination that he amazed everyone, including his doctors! A favorite memory was when he retired. I teased him about having a perpetual grin on his face from that day on! Gary, you left quite a legacy of gratitude and joy. You taught us all how to embrace every single day we're given! Thank you.

Ruth - May 30 at 09:34 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gary Anderson.



May 29 at 11:05 AM



“ You can still find Gary's 2016 "15 minutes of fame" by Googling "70 year old man beats the odds." Technology lets me still see and hear my husband of 46 years.

Beth Anderson - May 29 at 01:08 AM



“ Gary and Laurie lived one street away from us in ST. Louis. When I would go over to their house to play, once in a while Gary would play with us too. He was usually out doing his teenage thing, but one time I can remember we all played we were eggs in a frying pan. He had us laughing so hard! Everyone loved Laurie's big brother. A truly great person with a dry wit that could bring a room of people to tears with laughter. And a gentle soul. He will be missed.

Nilene Thomas Schurig

Nilene Schurig - May 27 at 05:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Anderson.



May 27 at 05:08 PM



“ Gary was a kind and loving man. I remember all the visits he and Beth made to visit their California cousins. They also made a trip to Washington to visit man years ago. My love goes to Beth and the rest of the family. My heart is with you.

Trinka Macmurtaugh (nee Ransdell)

Trinka Macmurrtaugh - May 27 at 04:38 PM



“ Many memories from 45 years of a friendship, but the current one from last October says a lot about Gary always being observant and interested in others. While visiting with us in Arkansas, he and Beth spent the day at Crystal Bridges then had dinner with us. While at CB, Beth was able to share some of her “string skills” with a stranger in the museum bookstore and Gary, as always, was such a part of the conversation by listening and he quickly found the string art book and brought it over to the stranger who was learning so many things from Beth. He loved that Beth used her “string skills” to visit with children and parents. He was ALWAYS proud of Beth and that he was blessed to spend his life with her.

The other part of the visit was their time in our home and he patiently followed Jim from room to room listening to Jim’s stories (maybe not understanding them at all, but he knew he was to give his time to his friend.)

On their drive home, Gary said, “ He talks a lot.” Beth knew the reference was to Jim. Then, my favorite , “ She’s pretty.” With that I wanted Gary to come visit everyday.

He . Was. The. Best . Friend. Missing him already.

Charlotte Fisher - May 26 at 05:55 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Gary Anderson.



May 26 at 05:44 PM