



## Gary Thomas Gottfredsen Sr.

October 29, 1953 - September 27, 2011

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RACINE – Gary Thomas Gottfredsen, Sr, 57, entered Eternal Life on Tuesday, September 27, 2011. He was born in Racine on October 29, 1953 to the late Robert and Joy Marie (nee: Couvillion) Gottfredsen. He was educated in Racine schools. Gary was a member of Local #118 Plumbers and Steamfitters Union, last working in April of 1994, due to illness. He was also a member of the Racine Musicians Association. Gary enjoyed playing the drums for many years and was in several Racine bands, the latest one being Arcade.

On June 21, 1975, at St. Joseph Church in Racine, he was united in marriage to Sandra Dykstra.

Survivors include Sandra Gottfredsen; two daughters, Dr. Kimberly Joy (Brandon) Feres of Denver, CO and Melissa Ann (Clifford Simak) Gottfredsen of Oshkosh; son, Gary Thomas (Jessica Culhane) Gottfredsen Jr. of Columbus; three granddaughters, Rylee Leona Simak of Oshkosh, twins, Taylor Jo and Tami Lee Gottfredsen of Kent City, MI; two grandsons, Wyatt Ainsley Feres of Denver, CO and Jaxon Edward Gottfredsen of Columbus; one step-grandson, Shane Andrew Simak of Oshkosh; mother-in-law, Cora Dykstra of Crivitz; five sisters; Joy (Guy) Dupuis of Marksville, LA, Margaret (Dr. Crain) Bliwas of Delafield, Mary (Charles) Vargo of Bradenton, FL, Frances (Harry) Nelson of Marksville, LA and Gail Smith of Tampa, FL; two brothers, James (Susan) Gottfredsen and twin brother, Gregory Gottfredsen all of Racine. He is further survived by aunt Marie Ruppert of Racine and aunt

Madge and uncle Jim Kelly of Shreveport, LA, also many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Besides his parents, Gary was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Gottfredsen Jr, father-in-law, Sam Dykstra, niece, Cheryl Howie and close friend Dirk Robinson.

Funeral service will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Friday, September 30, 2011 at 1 p.m. with Rev. Mark Jones officiating. Gary will be laid to rest at West Lawn Memorial Park. There will be a visitation at the funeral home on Friday from 11 a.m. until time of service at 1 p.m.

Memorials to the family would be appreciated.

Special thanks to Dr. Howard W. Short for caring for Gary for more than 37 years of major heart problems.

# Cemetery Details

## West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave  
Racine, WI 53406

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 30. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home  
3014 Northwestern Avenue  
Racine, WI 53404  
(262) 632-4479  
info@sturinofuneralhome.com

## Funeral Service

SEP 30. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Thomas Gottfredsen Sr.*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - September 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Gary we will always love you. You have given us good memories. Fishing, hunting, and banging on the drums. Wayne will always have great memories of Franksville Welding. Hope that you and Bob are dropping a line in the water.  
Love Joan and Wayne Lensert, Bradenton, Fl*



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**Wayne & Joan Lensert** - September 28, 2011 at 09:58 PM