



Gary E. Joyce

January 24, 1950 - May 29, 2023

Gary E Joyce passed away Monday, May 29th, 2023.

He was born on January 24, 1950, in Racine, son of Marcella Joyce and the late Donald Joyce. Gary moved to Sturtevant at the age of 5, Living in their first home until the family's new home was constructed just a block away around 1962

On November 14, 1970, he was united in marriage to, Sharon "Sis" Anderson at St. Rose Catholic Church in Racine.

Gary served two years in the United States Navy at the submarine base in Pearl Harbor. He chauffeured many high-ranking officials including Adm. Rickover. Upon discharge his commanding officer noted "Gary walks softly but carries a big stick."

Gary was employed as the Director of Buildings and Grounds for St. Catherine's High School for over 30 years, though his workday never ended with his day job. He used his many talents to remodel two homes for his family: teaching each of his children much about this type of work along the way. Gary spent years working with his closest friends in his garage doing body work and restoring cars. He was an avid NASCAR fan and spent many years in the RPM, Racine Performance Machine's Car Club sharing his incredible work. Even though he thoroughly enjoyed his hobbies they also served as another way to provide for his family. Sis and the kids never went without a thing. All that "fun" in the garage also paid for many memorable trips to his favorite family destination, Wisconsin Dells. He taught all his children

the value of hard work demonstrated by each of their successes today. His most memorable line that kept the family grounded, "Don't look at those who have more than you, look at those who have less than you and be grateful for all you have." Though Gary's kidneys began to fail, his spirit never did. He found joy in feeding and spending time with his chipmunks and squirrels, who answered to him when called. Words cannot describe how much he will be missed.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 53 years, Sis, sons; Donald (Maureen), William (Tara), Benjamin (Kasey Daher) Joyce all of Racine, daughter; Dena (Kevin) McCormick of Burlington. He is further survived by grandchildren; Kylee (Ben) Miller, Sebastian Joyce, Cheyenne, Johna Smith, Caden, Joseph McCormick, bonus granddaughters; Jaisyn, Piper Daher, brother; Thomas Joyce, sisters-in-law; Deborah Peterson, Candice Luxem, brother-in-law, Bob (Barb) Anderson, nephews; Edward, James (Danielle) Joyce, Todd Thillemann, niece; Melinda (Willis) Wray, and many other loving friends and family.

Inurnment with a service of committal for Gary, will be held at Southwest Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. followed by full military honors. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Children's Wisconsin.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Joyce residence in Gary's garage on July 3rd from 4 p.m. until the fireworks.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Gary's little sister-in-law Candy Luxem and nurse Thomas Payne for their wonderful care of Gary.

I Thessalonians 4:13-14

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

Cemetery Details

Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery

21731 Spring Street
Union Grove, WI 53182

Previous Events

Committal Service

JUN 14. 9:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Kim Beckett lit a candle in memory of Gary Joyce*



Kim Beckett - June 07, 2023 at 07:31 PM

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“ *So many many memories of all the years when the kids were younger and Denny and Gary were always building cars and dragging us to car show lol Its hard but focus on all that crazy stuff we did and just smile Kim*

Kim Beckett - June 07, 2023 at 03:22 PM

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“ *Kim Beckett lit a candle in memory of Gary Joyce*



Kim Beckett - June 07, 2023 at 03:10 PM

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“ *We are so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Its a sad thing, but there is no more pain. Our deepest sympathies. Tim & Jackie Reid*

timothy reid - June 06, 2023 at 06:54 PM

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“ Dena I don't have a memory other than what you told me about you and your dad. But I am so sorry for your loss. I know when you , Kevin and Joey were here we talked and you were so worried. You had him for a couple more months and sometimes that's everything.



Kathy Dunkerson - June 05, 2023 at 06:55 PM

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Dena McCormick - June 05, 2023 at 04:05 PM



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David Herbst - June 05, 2023 at 03:36 PM