



Gary E. Schonert

January 7, 1941 - December 13, 2025

Gary Enger Schonert, of Caledonia, WI, passed away on December 13, 2025, at the age of 84. Gary was born on January 7, 1941, in Morris, IL.

He graduated from Horlick High School in 1959. It was there that he met Sharon DenHartigh—where he famously got Sharon in trouble by smoking in her house. Gary married Sharon on May 26, 1990.

Gary is survived by his wife, Sharon Schonert (DenHartigh); his children, Donald (Annette) Anderson Jr., Cheryl Anderson, Christopher (Virginia) Anderson; his grandchildren, Joel Anderson, Kailin (Benjamin) Virden, Kyleigh Anderson, and Nicholas Anderson, Jacob (Tarah) McBride, Hannah Morin, Nathan (Annette) McBride; and his great-grandchildren, Lillie Morin, Patrick Morin, Joshua Morin, Isaac Morin, Zoey Virden, and Arya Virden. He is also survived by his brothers, Lee (Gail) Schonert, and John (Cheryl) Schonert; his nieces and nephews, Steven (Trina) Schonert, Margene (Ron) Wilson, Trina (Tory) Prudhomme, Barry (Joan) Schonert, Andrew Schonert; and many other nieces, nephews, and friends.

Throughout his career, Gary worked at American Skein Foundry, Johnson Wax, Racine Plating, Acme Die Casting, and Personnel Inc. He also ran Schonert's Inc., a sports tavern, with his brother John for 15 years. Schonert's was the go-to place back in the day. Gary retired in 2009 and worked post-

retirement at O&H Bakery. Gary was a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, the Alumni House, and the Moose Lodge. He enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing, golfing, watching sports as a diehard Bears and Cubs fan, watching Hallmark movies with Sharon, taking vacations, walking the dogs, and keeping his yard looking amazing.

As a passionate Chicago Bears and Cubs fan, Gary proudly flew a "W" flag on his garage or raised a Bears or Cubs flag on his flagpole after a win. To honor his love for his teams, the family respectfully requests that no Packers clothing be worn at his service. Bears and Cubs clothing is welcome.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Marjorie (Enger) Schonert; his in-laws, Geraldine (Warner) and George Kapluck; his sisters-in-law, LaDonna Schonert and Carol Geisler; and his daughter-in-law, Pamela (Brow) Anderson.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Racine's Veterans Outreach, the Community Meal Program, or the charity of your choice.

Services will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Thursday, December 18, 2025 with visitation from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, followed by a 12:00 p.m. service. On Monday, December 22, 10 a.m., the family will meet at the West Lawn Memorial Park for prayer, after which Gary will be laid to rest. All are welcome to join.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary E. Schonert*



Sturino Funeral Home - December 17, 2025 at 12:15 PM

ER

Dear Sharon and family, I just learned the very sad news of Gary's passing. He was always so upbeat. He sure loved you Sharon I will miss seeing him at the Estate sales. May God Bless you and your family at this very difficult time. Very Sincerely, Liz Rash

Elizabeth Rash - January 18 at 09:46 AM

SH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Sharon - December 18, 2025 at 01:02 PM

DC

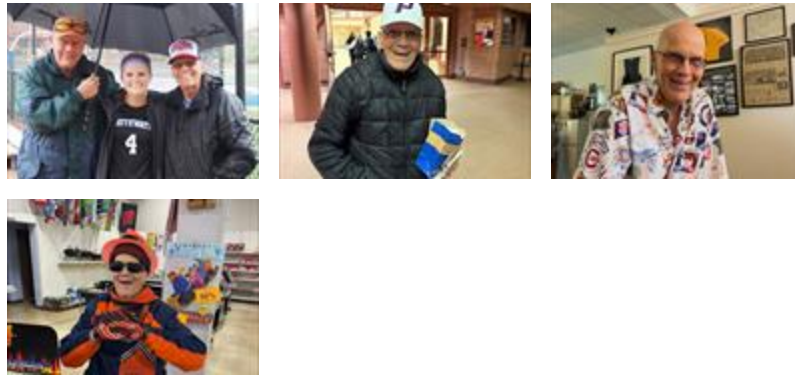
“ Dave Clope lit a candle in memory of Gary Schonert



Dave Clope - December 18, 2025 at 09:21 AM

SS

“ 4 files added to the album Life Tribute



Steve Schonert - December 17, 2025 at 11:15 PM

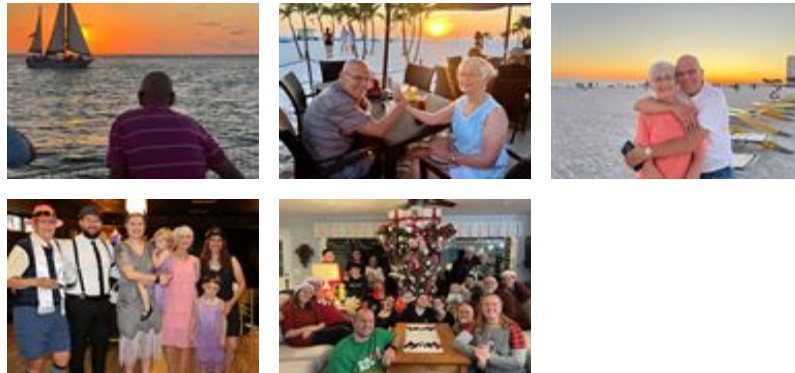
DA

“ sorry for your loss, did get to visit with gary over the years, my memory goes back to our days with the racine rebirds and fastpitch softball. even tho i was not in contact much, i consider gary a good friend and will miss him

Del Alton - December 17, 2025 at 09:34 PM



“ 114 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Sturino Funeral Home - December 17, 2025 at 12:10 PM

JM

“ *No more aches or pains rest in the arms of our Savior. You will be missed but not forgotten.*

John Meshenky - December 17, 2025 at 09:51 AM



“ *Gary was more than a cousin we shared what mischiefs' preteen boys were always into. we may have drifted apart over the year's but always had something good to say to each other. Gary never judged you for the mistakes you may have had he was always positive. He will be missed to many who knew him.*

Pat Meshenky - December 16, 2025 at 09:39 PM

MB

“ *Gary was the most wonderful, lovable cousin I had and I'm going to miss his smile and hugs.*

Mary Ada Bernal-Geiss - December 16, 2025 at 08:49 PM

CG

“ Sharon, my deepest sympathies to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Cheryl Garrity - December 16, 2025 at 08:35 PM

DL

“ Gary and I go back a long way...he was a year ahead of me in High School (Horlick),,,we played football together...later on we played golf together...he always wore shorts regardless of the weather and he had a great sense of humor...I will miss him deeply...good bye my Friend

David S Litrenta - December 16, 2025 at 03:52 PM

PT

“ Gary, my friend. Rest in the arms of God.



Pete Toler - December 16, 2025 at 02:19 PM



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



December 16, 2025 at 02:16 PM

OL

“ Old Dominion Freight Line planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary E. Schonert.

Old Dominion Freight Line - December 16, 2025 at 02:16 PM

LP

“ L P. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary E. Schonert.

L P. - December 16, 2025 at 02:13 PM

MK

“ Mary Kinnear-Howard lit a candle in memory of Gary Schonert



Mary Kinnear-Howard - December 16, 2025 at 01:51 PM