



Gary Lee Engler

December 14, 1954 - May 2, 2024

Gary Lee Engler, 69, passed away at his home on Thursday, May 2, 2024 after a period of declining health.

Gary was born on December 14, 1954 in Waverly, NY to his loving parents Earl and Aline Engler. Gary grew up on State Street in Towanda in a neighborhood known for its abundance of kids. Most of his time was spent outdoors playing or swimming at the SCI pool with his sister and their friends. It was a great childhood!

He graduated from Towanda High School in 1972 and had various jobs until he started his career at Memorial Hospital in Towanda. He retired as the Director of Plant Operations in 2017 after 40 plus years of service.

Gary loved the outdoors. He loved spending a day fishing with his buddies. He was an avid hunter and had much success at it, which was evident from the many trophy mounts displayed in his home.

Gary also loved music. He played the trumpet in the Towanda High School Band for 4 years. Later he learned to play the guitar and was the bass guitar player in Em-Tee Pockets, a popular local rock band in the 1980's. He enjoyed impromptu jam sessions with his friends Jim Giffen and Lindsay Chamberlain when they would get together.

Gary is survived by his brother Stephen (Butch) and wife Graceanne of Sayre; sister Sherry and husband Bill Felten of Towanda; Nieces Shelly Selph, Stephanie Hoar; nephews Tyler Spencer and Ben Felten; and special friends Ron Wiles and David Slocum.

The family will hold a celebration of life for Gary in the near future.

Because of his deep love for dogs, the family requests donations be directed to the Bradford County Humane Society, PO Box 179, Ulster, PA 18850.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall

SS

“ Gary always had a smile and great story to tell. He was a good person.

Steven Sturdevant - May 11, 2024 at 06:28 AM

AR

“ I am so sorry to hear that Gary passed...my sincere sympathy to his family. I worked with Gary in the mid 80s to mid 90s and it was always a pleasure to be around him. He made the day better with his stories and laughter. You will be missed - peace be with you!!

Ann Marie Roof - May 09, 2024 at 11:13 AM



“ Julie Bump lit a candle in memory of Gary Engler



Julie Bump - May 09, 2024 at 03:44 AM

AB

“ I'm so sorry to hear that Gary died. I worked with him for 38 years at Memorial Hospital. He was a great friend and coworker. We always felt safe with Gary at the head of plant operations. There were a lot of good times with him. We had a mutual deep love of animals and always chatted about our critters. I hope that all of his dogs and cats that passed before him were waiting for him at the gates. Will miss you, Gary.

Anita Bennett - May 08, 2024 at 06:50 PM

MW

“ Our sincerest sympathies to his family. I remember him from high school and became facebook friends a few years ago. Loved seeing his puppies. So sorry Sherry & Steven! Hugs! Peggy & Richard Warfle

Margaret Peggy Warfle - May 07, 2024 at 07:35 PM

RB

“ I am shocked and deeply sad to see the notice of Gary's passing. I saw Gary, almost every day at Memorial Hospital, from 1978 until 2009. He was a very good friend.

Robert 'Bob' Benjamin

Robert W. Benjamin - May 07, 2024 at 11:30 AM

CH

“ My deepest sympathy to all of the family of Gary (Butch and Sherry)and his besties. We don't really die we just change worlds. Keep rockin', Gary. You will certain be miss at T Terrace. Glad you liked my chili with the corn in it. Goodbye.



Claire Holton-Lizon - May 07, 2024 at 11:07 AM

DH

“ Oh Sherry, I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was a great guy. I know the pain of losing a sibling. I have lost all of mine. I hope all the good memories will comfort you at this time. RIP Gary. Hugs my friend!!

Diane Gates Hagadorn - May 07, 2024 at 08:27 AM

JR

“ I enjoyed the privilege of working at Memorial Hospital along with Gary. Our offices were next to each other. Gary was kind, loyal, smart, supportive and trustworthy. He had the best most contagious laugh! He was always willing to help and would go out of his way to serve others. I will never forget him. RIP my friend.

Jeff Russell - May 06, 2024 at 02:43 PM

AC

“ Gary was a fixture in our house. He and my brother Jimmy have been friends forever. I remember all the antics and mischief they got into.. I know Jimmy will miss him. He was a really nice guy. Always said hello when I ran into him. Hope he is pain free and at peace now. May God wrap his arms around his family and give them strength during this time.



Agnes Cook - May 06, 2024 at 09:07 AM