



Gary Eugene Gowan

December 30, 1957 - February 23, 2023

Gary Eugene Gowan, 65, of Athens, PA passed away Thursday, February 23, 2023, at the Darway Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Forksville, PA. Gary was born in Williamsport, PA on December 30, 1957. the son of Clifford E. Gowan and Marie H. Slocum Gowan. He was a graduate of Athens Area High School and later served with the U.S. Navy from 1976 to 1985. Following completion of his military service, Gary was employed by Soncada Farms in Sheshequin Township, PA and Applebee's Restaurant in Athens Township, PA. Gary was a member of Athens American Legion Post No. 246, Beirne-Webster VFW Post No. 1568, Towanda, and Rural Amity Lodge No. 70 F. & A.M., Athens. He enjoyed spending time with friends, trips to Vermont, and attending the Bradford County Veterans Picnic and Christmas worship at the Litchfield United Methodist Church. Gary is survived by several aunts, uncles, cousins, and special friends, Don Burgess and Emily Walker, Norm and Rita Flanders, Chad and Brian Bean, Ron and Barb Reed, Jack and Mindy Coats, Austin Saxer, Cory Rote, and Larry Williams of Vermont.

A graveside service will be held Friday, April 28, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Bradford County Memorial Park, Burlington Township, PA with full military honors accorded by Beirne-Webster VFW Post No. 1568 and Towanda American Legion Post No. 42. Following the graveside service, a Celebration of Life will be held at American Legion Post No. 246, Athens, PA. Bequests may be directed to American Legion Post No. 246, 103 Public St., Athens, PA 18810 in Gary's memory. Arrangements are under the direction of the Maryott-

Bowen Funeral Home, Towanda, PA. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Bradford County Memorial Park

20452 Route 6
Towanda, PA 18848

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gary Eugene Gowan

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Gary Eugene Gowan

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ Gary Eugene Gowan

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ Gary Eugene Gowan

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ Gary Eugene Gowan

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

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“ It's with an aching heart that the news of Gary's passing comes with great sadness.

Our deepest heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

I met Gary while we serving in the United States Navy, assigned to the Pre-commissioning Unit of the USS DWIGHT E. EISENHOWER (CVN 69). What great times we had on IKE.

I'll never forget my visits to his family farm, the kindness of his Mom and Dad, our tours around the area, trips to Piphers and Nesbit Bar in Wysox, Pa. / up to Sayre, NY and Tioga Downs to the horse races. (No gambling back then).

Gary was such a warm hearted outgoing individual and would do anything for anyone. That trait never left his side throughout his life. As with anyone in the service, friends come and friends go, this to happened with Gary and I, but we got reunited {after years of looking} became better friends n more like family. My family and grandchildren became his family and vise versa. We became a very big part of his life and he always sent out birthday and Christmas cards. He made my children and grandchildren his lost nieces & nephews.

For over 20 years he traveled to Vermont to visit, be with my family and make many friends. His visits became longer and longer through the years which we loved and made him right at home.... but the late fall & early spring were not his favorite time to visit, to cold is what he always told us.

Gary always looked forward to us coming to Athens to visit and to pick him up for the travel back to Vermont for an extended visit, the tours, hikes and road trips to see a "Swamp Donkey" aka MOOSE, but it never happened.

During one visit he asked if we could pull off a small Eisenhower/IKE S5 Div. Reunion.... and that spring after he researched and called other shipmates, it became a tradition. Our Navy Reunion Home Away from Home was "The Victorian Charm Inn", Towanda, Pa. The owners Jack & Mindy Coates always looked forward to our visits and made us feel so welcomed. Thru the years the re-union crew has gotten down to a very few of us.

We became reunited with a very dear shipmate we all called "Papi",

Ron Reed and his wife Barbara. Papi was our shipboard Dad and mentor and was Gary's dearest friend. They remained so throughout Gary's life. He had the greatest respect and admiration for Papi and Barb and always talked about his visits to Indiana with Papi and his family.

Gary will never be forgotten, but will be deeply missed especially every summer. Every heart is built stronger with family and very dear friends like Gary. It becomes a jigsaw puzzle of life's joys, love, family and very dear friends. Sadly another pc of my jigsaw has become missing, but will forever remain a strong part of my heart. Rest In Peace dear friend and brother, "FAIR WINDS AND CALM SEAS"

we have the watch from here. Keep a watchful eye on us all until we meet again.

*Norman & Rita Flanders & Family
Clarendon, Vermont
Shipmate & Fellow Plank Owner
USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69)*

Norman Flanders - March 08, 2023 at 01:53 PM

VS

“ *Please accept our deepest sympathies.*

VFW Post 1536 Sayre - March 08, 2023 at 07:41 AM

DW

“ *Deborah Wanck lit a candle in memory of Gary Gowan*



Deborah L Wanck - March 07, 2023 at 02:07 PM

CH

“ *RIP, Gary . My deepest condolences to all of the family in your loss. I remember Gary fondly.*



Claire Holton-Lizon - March 07, 2023 at 09:31 AM

JC

“ *I was so sorry to learn of Gary's passing. Gary worked for me as a mail carrier at the Rome Post Office. He made me his great egg nog every Christmas. He was a light hearted good guy.*

Judy chandler - March 07, 2023 at 08:11 AM