



Gary Arthur Gavin

June 30, 1960 - February 19, 2019

“Sweetie! Read this obituary! It’s a good one!”

Gavin, Gary Arthur, age 58 of Minneapolis, died of a sudden heart attack on February 19, 2019.

Preceded into death by his father, Arthur; niece, Alexandra; grandparents.

Survived by his mother, Dolores; siblings: Irene (Earl) Shoenberg, Laura Walstein, Barb (Bob) Gadbois, Tracy (Jim) Gavin-Passe, Tom Gavin, Russ (Kim) Gavin; numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Gary was born in Becker, MN, lived most of his adult life in Minneapolis, and worked as a clinical data abstractor nurse for Allina.

Gary was one of the funniest people you have ever met. “Oh, gawd. What’s THAT? EWWWW!” (pointing at your sweater) before laughing so hard he would go into a coughing fit. “Meanwhile....” (referring to someone walking by). “Just a sipper, sweetie” (meaning a shot of Fireball). “Have you seen that apartment building on 44th? I think when we retire, we should all get apartments there. We’ll be like The Golden Girls.”

Gary loved his cats: Mary Agnes, Eartha Kitty, and Fredi Mercury. He could turn any song or poem into a kitty version without even thinking. “You are my kitty, my Critty Cratty. You make me happy when skies are blue...” and “Just another manic meow-meow. Wish it were meow-meow...” and when there were two or more kitties in the house: “Pussums, pussums in my hair. Pussums, pussums EVERYWHERE.”

Gary lived life on his own terms, and we should all take a lesson. He made an impact on everyone that knew him, and loved his family and friends dearly. His favorite place in the world was north of Grand Marais at his friends’ cabins. It will be quiet next summer without the hours and hours of cribbage on the deck, the awful light beer and 750 of the Doctor he would bring, the many pontoon booze cruises, his pureed chopped salads, and him spraying fake butter spray on everything within spray range.

The world has lost a lively one...and way too soon. Gary, you will be missed dearly! Goodbye, sweetie. You were absolutely fabulous. Save us a seat at the bar. Meowsy, meow!

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation or sponsoring a cat at Feline Rescue, Inc., a no-kill cat shelter (593 Fairview Ave N, St. Paul, MN, 55104).

Memorial celebration Saturday, March 16, 1-4 p.m., Leaning Tower of Pizza, Minneapolis.

Memorial Service will be 11AM, Saturday, April 27th with visitation one hour prior all at:

www.Washburn-McReavy.com

Eden Prairie Chapel 952-975-0400

7625 Mitchell Rd, Eden Prairie

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
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Eden Prairie, MN 55344
(952) 975-0400
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Chapel Service

APR 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *I enjoyed many conversations with Gary and the privilege of cat sitting and sharing our Netflix movies. Everyone loved to see his smile when he arrived and loved his quirky sense of humor. Minneapolis was a better place with him in our world.*



Grant Olson - December 11, 2021 at 10:43 PM

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“ *Gary was a great guy! I worked with him years ago at HRM and ran into him around town over the years. So funny! He would hit me over the head with a stack of papers and walk away laughing and let me read his newspaper every morning at work. So nice, wicked sense of humor, loved his friends. I will remember him always.*

Jane - August 17, 2019 at 11:37 PM