



Gary Dean Wishard

April 14, 1944 - January 22, 2022

Wishard, Gary Dean (77) passed away peacefully on January 22, 2022 surrounded by family after a 14 year battle with cancer.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 38 years Micheline, son Jean-Claude, parents Orville and Gloria Wishard, and sister Sandra Strohfus. Gary is survived by his daughters Veronique (Joe) and Danielle (Jonathan), daughter-in-law Liza, 10 grandchildren (Collin, Austin, Grayson, Anna, Madeline, Brianna, Audra, Lily, Jean-Luc and Violet), sister Bonnie, brother Doug (Barb) and brother-in-law LaVerne Strohfus. He is also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews, extended family, friends, and neighbors.

Gary was born in Covina, CA and grew up in Watertown, SD. He was stationed in France, serving in the US Army as a Military Police Officer, where he met his wife Micheline. They settled in Minnetonka, MN where they raised their three children. When he wasn't attending a youth sporting event or dance recital for his grandchildren, Gary loved to hunt, fish, repair cars and do home improvement projects. He also spent a lot of free time at the family farm in Henry, SD; not just hunting but planting and tending thousands of trees.

A special thanks to the wonderful staff at the VA Hospital in Minneapolis over the years, as well as North Memorial Hospice Services.

A burial at Fort Snelling is scheduled for Monday March 21st at 10 AM and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date in South Dakota.

Previous Events

Burial

MAR 21. 10:00 AM.

Fort Snelling is scheduled for Monday March

Tribute Wall

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“ I was stationed with Gary in Toul (Nancy) France, we went on many a patrol together , he was a good friend and a great guy. Very sad to see he passed.

. Courtney Benson , Owosso,michigan

Courtney Benson - April 15, 2022 at 05:15 AM

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“ I only met Gary once in person several years ago. I was working as a victim advocate and he and his daughter Danielle had come to the Hennepin County Attorney Office to meet with a prosecutor regarding the tragic loss of his son Jean Claude. Gary was the kind of guy you remember. Here was this dignified, kind man in the Chevy cap who had just endured a horrendous loss of his beloved son. He spoke of his late wife who he missed and his current battle with cancer. He spoke lovingly of his son who helped him out as they lived together and of the loss and sadness. He was a man who wore the love of his son and family for all to see. I knew within a few minutes of meeting Gary Wishard that he was a good man. A truly good man. My condolences to Danielle and his family.

lisa eder - January 31, 2022 at 04:03 PM



“ As a father-in-law I couldn't have wished for a better person. This man taught me a lot about how inclusive and supportive a good father should be. Gary was always there for anyone at any time. People would pull up to his house with car or building problems and he would always drop what he was doing to be there to help.

The world needs people like Gary and he will be missed. Lots of love

Jonathan Tudor - January 29, 2022 at 09:44 AM

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“ Gary has been our neighbor for over 31 years. He was such a nice man and will be greatly missed. He was a hard worker and he loved his family. Joan and Chris Ayd

Joan Ayd - January 28, 2022 at 06:14 PM