



GARY L GOMIA

October 14, 1948 - October 22, 2020

GOMIA, Gary L., age 72, of Middletown, Ohio, passed away Thursday, October 22, 2020 at Hospice of Butler and Warren Counties where he had been a patient for 1 ½ days. He was born October 14, 1948 in Middletown and lived here most of his life. He served in the U. S. Navy during the Vietnam War aboard the USS Enterprise CVAN-65 from 1967-1971. Over the years he had been employed at Aeronca, Gates Lear Jet, Dason's Hardware Store and served as the Desk Clerk at Hope House. Preceding him in death were his parents, Joseph Lee and Dolores (Shockey) Gomia; and his wife Vickie Gomia in 1979. He is survived by his son, Shawn M. Gomia; two granddaughters, Casey Lynn Gomia and Hannah Nicole Gomia; one brother Paul Gomia; one sister, Pam (Chris) Hunter; and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Visitation will be Wednesday, November 4, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Herr-Riggs Funeral Home, 210 S. Main St., Middletown, Ohio 45055. Graveside services will be Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Section, Woodside Cemetery, Middletown, Ohio with Dr. Dan Flory officiating. Military services at the graveside by the Middletown Combined Honor Guard. Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Herr-Riggs Funeral Home, 210 S. Main St., Middletown, Ohio 45044. Phone: 513-422-4545. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.herr-riggs.com

Tribute Wall



“ GARY L GOMIA

September 13, 2022 at 09:07 PM



“ *We were young and carefree in the 70's, the guys were in the Navy and we made so many friends. Some of us married and became members of the same family group. Gary was one of those people, he married my cousin. He was fun, full of energy and always made us laugh and I am sure that with Vickie, Gary and John are up in heaven now, still best friends, watching us from above.*

Janice Dixon - November 04, 2020 at 08:48 PM



“ *It was such an honor to be Gary's home health nurse. He was such a pleasure to see every week and always in good spirits. My heart and prayers go out to his family during this difficult time.*

Shannon - November 04, 2020 at 08:08 PM

DS

“ I remember Gary from a very early age, he was second cousin of mine as are his sister Pam and brother Paul, they were the children of Joe and Dolly Gomia who were my first cousins , Joe's mother Kate was my dads sister! Gary i think most of his life he always was happy, he had a family and he served in the NAVY like his father! which i know made his dad proud! later on in life he some problems but still could make you laugh and cry! I will miss him as the man i knew, happy go lucky kind of guy! My prayers go out Pam and Paul and all his family! May he rest in peace, no more pain and suffering, as they say in the Navy ahoy mate your headed for heaven! God bless you all!

DONALD E STOKES - November 01, 2020 at 06:01 PM

CA

“ Papaw, I will miss our phone calls from states apart. You always made me laugh joking about politics and I can still here you scoff and say “well yeah!” when I’d say something you agree with. And how right before we would hang up, you always told me “thank you for calling just to talk about nothing”. Damn, will I sure miss all those ‘nothings’. You will be missed at every holiday, with your plate full of deviled eggs and you being the first to eat the cheese ball & crackers while nobody was looking (I was looking). I hope you’re out there enjoying that nice vacation to Hawaii you wanted. I imagine you in your daisy dukes, tan as ever, with the biggest smile on your face. Rest easy, papaw. I love you too.

casey - November 01, 2020 at 03:06 AM

PG

“ *My Brother Gary... I already miss our political discussions, and trips taking you to the VA. Great times growing up on Baltimore Street, you helping me with the Meadowlawn Paper Route in the "paper boys" days... You have given us all good memories, fun thoughts, and grinning as we share experiences about your stubbornness. Rest in peace... Walk like you have not walked in years... and say hi to our family who has gone before you, and a shout out to our lone time friend Tabor.*

Paul Gomia - October 31, 2020 at 03:26 PM

DS

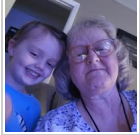
Deepest sympathy for you Gary and your family! You were our first paper boy in Meadowlawn ! You were great at delivering it everyday! Plus , I remember you taking us fora ride on your motorcycle, Plus my husband bought your Ford Fairmont when you were living on Brown ! You will be missed but not forgotten! Deepest sympathy for you and your family!

Diane. and Jeff Salmon - October 31, 2020 at 11:40 PM

DS

May you Rest In Peace!

Diane. and Jeff Salmon - October 31, 2020 at 11:44 PM



“ I lift up the family to my Lord to keep them and give them comfort during this time.

I met Gary in 2002. I was working and I came around the corner and there he stood. Needless to say we both were in shock. My first words were how did you get in here, he very calmly looks at me and said the door was unlocked. Gary became my best buddy as my husband would say.. We hired Gary to work for us and our friendship grew. He always had a smile and a kind word and his laugh was full of joy. Everyone loved Gary so much. There was some things we as staff would do that drove Gary crazy. Folding the laundry. He did it military style and he would go through the linen closet and refold and tell us it's not that hard. We would laugh and go on.

Gary was and always be my only buddy. My love is with the family and friends

Love Vicki Sparks

Vicki Sparks - October 27, 2020 at 03:39 PM

CA

Vicki, I am his granddaughter and while going through his belongings this weekend, I found a photo album and book of notes that people from the hope house wrote for him for his surprise housewarming party in 2005. He kept them all those years and it was beautiful to see what the hope house did for him and to read such kind words from strangers (to me) about my papaw. Thank you for your love & support of him. He loved you guys very much.

casey - October 29, 2020 at 02:06 AM

CG

“ My prayers for comfort and peace are with each and everyone of you ❤️

So many sweet memories of Gary fill my heart, he was such a loving man. He was definitely one to wear his heart on his sleeve, so to know Gary was to actually know his heart. So many sweet memories of him enjoying the Papaw life, full of pure joy around you girls. (Casey, Hannah) He is with you still, looking down on you with Grandma's Vickie and Patty and with Grandpa. that brings some comfort to my heart and knowing he's at peace. I love you both so much.

Shawn, my heart is breaking for you, I feel so blessed to have shared time in your life with your Dad and to see his love for you and to have been loved by him myself. I'm going to miss him and I'm here for you.

Pam and Paul, my heart and prayers are with you. I can't imagine the grief of losing a sibling, a love one whom you share a lifetime of memories with. May God bring both of you comfort during your time grief. Chris my prayers of comfort are with you as well ❤️

To all Gary's family, I'm sorry for your loss and I pray in time God will bring peace to your hearts.

Love, Cheri

Cheri Gomia - October 26, 2020 at 02:28 PM

CG

“ Cheri Gomia lit a candle in memory of GARY
L GOMIA



Cheri Gomia - October 26, 2020 at 02:08 PM

PH

“ Well I sure am going to miss my dear brother. We had lots of fun together, spent a lot of our lives with each other. He was ALWAYS there to help with anything we needed him to help us with. I love you Gary ... You already know that, but life will not be the same without you. You took some of my heart with you. I pray you are now with Mom and Dad and Vickie and everyone else who went before you, and our pets ... kiss them all for me.



Pam Gomia - Hunter - October 25, 2020 at 12:16 AM