



Gary David Belles

February 4, 1951 - November 10, 2020

Gary David Belles, 69, of Murphysboro, Illinois, peacefully passed away at home in the company of his wife and children, on November 10, 2020.

Gary was born on February 4, 1951 in Kingston, Pennsylvania to Art and Ruth (Morgan) Belles.

Gary graduated from Penn State University with his bachelor's degree. He worked for Consolidated Coal Company for 23 years and then went on to become an engineer for the City of Carbondale. He was dedicated to many projects while with the city including building a new fire station, police station and water treatment plant. In his spare time, he loved spending time with his grandchildren, hunting, horseback riding, attending his grandchildren's sporting events and spending time with his family.

He was a member at St. Andrew Parrish and the Knights of Columbus, where he served as a Grand Knight.

Gary married Janet on October 25, 1985. He was a kind and loving husband, as well as a devoted father to his children and grandchildren. All who knew him describe him as someone who would give you the shirt off of his back. He always enjoyed a good joke or tease to make others laugh.

Aside from being survived by his wife Janet, Gary leaves behind 5 children and 7 grandchildren; Tara (Nick) Walker and their children Evan and Chloe, Lori (Chad) Buchanan and their children Cole and Liam, Eric (Kristen) Stein and their child Madilynn, Ryan Stein and Amy (Scott) Stewart and their children Trevor and Allie. Gary additionally leaves behind his faithful dog Jazzy.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents Art and Ruth Belles and his brother Rick Belles. Gary has three surviving brothers, Art (Kay) Belles, Ralph (Irm) Belles, and Don (Carole) Belles. He is also survived by his sister in law, Mary Belles, along with several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 5-8 pm Sunday, November 15, 2020 at Pettett Funeral Home in Murphysboro, IL. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 am on Monday, November 16, 2020, at St. Andrew Catholic Church and burial at St. Andrew Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of sending flowers, the family ask that donations be made to the St. Andrew Catholic Church in Murphysboro, IL. For more information please visit our web site at www.pettettfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Crain Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary David Belles*



Crain Funeral Home - November 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gary David Belles*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Janet sorry to hear about Gary's passing. Sending prayers for you and your family*

Tom Davis - November 15, 2020 at 09:10 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy and condolences, Janet, to you and your family. May you find solace in happy memories and the love of your family. Sincerely, Theresa Stearns*

Theresa Stearns - November 15, 2020 at 11:04 AM

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“ *My deepest sympathy and sincere condolence, Janet, to you and your family for your loss of Gary. May you soon find solace in happy memories and the love of your family. Sincerely, Theresa Stearns*

Theresa Stearns - November 15, 2020 at 11:02 AM

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“ *I was a close friend of Gary's brother Rick. Rick and I were in the same class in High School. Gary was a year older than us. Gary was a good student, and a quiet and kind person. I remember one time our school had a semi-formal dance. Rick and I got dates for the dance, BUT neither of us had our driver's license yet. Gary HAD his license and drove Rick, his date, me, and my date along with he and his date to the dance. I got to believe his parents may have told him to do that. HOWEVER, he treated us kindly and never complained about having to have Rick, myself, and our dates join him. It's something I never forgot to this day. Rick always looked up to Gary and all his brothers, and always talked about what great guys they were.*

Mike Breakstone - November 12, 2020 at 10:10 PM