



Gary M Lear

July 21, 1938 - August 1, 2016

Gary M. Lear, age 78 of Carterville, passed away, Monday, August 1, 2016 in Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

He was born July 21, 1938 to Frank and Maxine (Howard) Lear in Marion.

Gary married Linda Barringer on May 25, 2000. Together they shared 16 years.

He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force.

He was retired from GTE after 32 years of faithful service. He loved to work outside and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was a member of the American Legion in Carterville and IBEW Union.

Gary is survived by his loving wife, Linda Lear of Carterville; a son, Kirk Lear of Lexington, KY; a daughter, Kay Buff of Atlanta, GA; grandchildren, Derek; Gary; Taylor; Lanell and Christian; a brother, Lowell (Billie) Lear of Marion; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Lois Krivanko.

Visitation will be Thursday, August 4, 2016 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Funeral Service will follow at 7:00 pm with Rev. Ralph Brandon officiating. Full Military Rites will be accorded.

Inurnment will be at a later date in Herrin City Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ Gary M Lear

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ So sorry to hear about this. Remembering the laughs and how much fun he used to have on the bowling league. He made everyone around him happy. There are few people that you can truly say you were better for having met. Gary is one of those few. Sending warmest thoughts! De Powell

De Powell - August 05, 2016 at 02:54 PM



“ Condolences and prayers from Betty Jacobson Cox

Betty Jacobson Cox - August 05, 2016 at 01:06 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Gary's death. Our condolences and prayers are with you, Linda. Such a bittersweet time. He was a wonderful guy. We were so blessed and lucky to know him. God bless and love, Jo Anne Evans and the Evans family

jo anne evans - August 04, 2016 at 12:36 PM



“ Linda, sorry to hear about Gary's passing. Our prayers are with you. Love Sharon and Charlie Barnes...

sharon barnes - August 03, 2016 at 01:52 PM

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“ I'll always remember how Gary spun the phrase when life gives you lemons, make lemonade. He was so sweet and loving that he never needed to alter his lemons, he ate them straight and enjoyed them. He found a sweetness in even the most sour of things. A lesson in life I will never forget. I love you Gary and I'll eat a lemon in your honor.

Amber Szabo - August 03, 2016 at 01:05 PM