



Gary Glenn Crawford

March 30, 1941 - November 23, 2025

Gary Glenn Crawford, age 84, of Harrisville, Michigan, passed away peacefully on November 23, 2025, surrounded by the love of his family. He was born on March 30, 1941, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Glenn and Marion (Wilson) Crawford.

Gary grew up in Pickford, Michigan, where he spent most of his life until 1986, when he and his family relocated to Gaylord, Michigan. He attended Northern Michigan University before beginning his career with General Telephone Company, where he dedicated twenty-nine years of service.

On October 20, 1962, Gary married the love of his life, Karlene Rae Materna, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sault Ste. Marie. Together they built a life filled with devotion, laughter, and a deep love for their children.

Gary will be remembered for his humor, warmth, and the way he could fill a room with conversation. A natural storyteller, he loved connecting with others and especially treasured his Friday phone calls with his grandchildren. He was always ready for a good drink and a spirited game of cribbage.

Gary loved watching “ball games”, always bringing his trademark humor and competitive spirit to everything he did. He also enjoyed pheasant hunting, spending many of his wedding anniversaries on memorable hunting trips. He

was also known for his impeccable travel-planning skills, armed with his trusty Rand McNally, he could plot the perfect route for anyone headed anywhere.

He was a member of the Gaylord Eagles Club and attended Family Heritage Baptist Church in Harrisville. His faith, friendships, and family were the pillars of his life.

Gary is survived by his beloved wife of sixty-three years, Karlene; children, Steven (Cynthia) Crawford, Gary Randall (Helen) Crawford, and Kari (John) Smith; grandchildren, Ashton (D.J.) Faber, Joanna (T.J.) Griffin, John (Aubrey) Smith, Stephanie (Colin) Savage, Glenn (Carlana) Crawford, Cassandra (Cole Sitzberger) Crawford, Daniel Crawford, Jake (Krystle) Crawford, and Luke (Jennifer) Crawford; and fourteen great-grandchildren, all of whom he cherished dearly; and sister, Joyce Henderson of Sault Ste. Marie.

He was preceded in death by his father, Glenn Earl Crawford; mother, Marion Janette (Wilson) Crawford Clark; brother, Lawrence Dean Crawford; and sister, Linda Faye Crawford.

Visitation will be held on November 28, 2025 at 1:30 PM at Family Life Funeral Homes, 24549 S. M-129, Pickford, MI, 49774, with the Funeral Service to follow beginning at 2:30 PM.

James Bullis will be officiating.

Gary's legacy is one of love, laughter, and unwavering devotion to those he held dear. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Condolences may be given to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Obituary as submitted by family.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **28**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
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Tribute Wall

RR

“*Karlene and family, Pat and I send our deepest condolences upon the passing of Gary. Gary and I were personal buds in high school. In fact, one winter I lived out at the Crawford residence on M-129 and spent part of the winter with the family. Gary and I would go to the barn to do the chores, and we would end up wrestling in the hay mow to decide who did which chores. We had a special bond with each other. He will be missed. Love, Roger and Pat Roe*

Roger Roe - November 28, 2025 at 05:05 PM

SS

“*Shari + Shari Sitzberger purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gary Glenn Crawford.*



Shari + Shari Sitzberger - November 27, 2025 at 08:00 PM

JM

“*Jorja, Clay, Ruby, and Graham McFadden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Glenn Crawford.*

Jorja, Clay, Ruby, and Graham McFadden - November 27, 2025 at 06:58 PM

JM

“*Jorja, Clay, Ruby, and Graham McFadden purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gary Glenn Crawford.*



Jorja, Clay, Ruby, and Graham McFadden - November 27, 2025 at 06:58 PM

MF

“*Magley Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Glenn Crawford.*

Magley Family - November 27, 2025 at 10:57 AM

MF

“*Magley Family purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Gary Glenn Crawford.*



Magley Family - November 27, 2025 at 10:57 AM

GF

“*Gerry Hewer and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Glenn Crawford.*

Gerry Hewer and Family - November 26, 2025 at 02:26 PM

GF

“ *Gerry Hewer and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gary Glenn Crawford.*



Gerry Hewer and Family - November 26, 2025 at 02:26 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Gary Glenn Crawford.*



November 26, 2025 at 10:10 AM

SO

“ *Karlene and family,*

Gary was such a special guy! He had the biggest heart, told the best stories, played a mean game of cribbage, and gave the best hugs! I am forever grateful that he was a part of our lives and such a great friend to my Dad. Those two! So many memories to cherish. I hope you all are finding comfort in your memories and knowing that he is resting peacefully.

Much love-Sherri & Bill O'Neil

Sherri O'Neil - November 26, 2025 at 09:15 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Glenn Crawford.*



November 26, 2025 at 07:41 AM



“ *Tom, Kate, Micah and Caleb Miller purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Gary Glenn Crawford.*



Tom, Kate, Micah and Caleb Miller - November 26, 2025 at 07:40 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary Glenn Crawford.*



November 25, 2025 at 08:45 PM



“ *Bud & Mary Sylvester & The Lundy kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Glenn Crawford.*

Bud & Mary Sylvester & The Lundy kids - November 25, 2025 at 08:45 PM

SS

“ GARYS BROTHER Larry was a good friend of my past husband JackStevenson, class of 1953 Pickford

Sharyll Harrison Stevenson - November 25, 2025 at 06:28 PM

SS

Larry died way to young

Sharyll Harrison Stevenson - November 25, 2025 at 06:29 PM

ST

“ Shannon & Theresa purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Glenn Crawford.



Shannon & Theresa - November 25, 2025 at 05:53 PM

DF

“ Dave & Jennifer Forrest purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Gary Glenn Crawford.



Dave & Jennifer Forrest - November 25, 2025 at 05:43 PM

DM

“ To Gary's Family,

So sorry for your loss. Gary was a friend from back in our high school and college days. I last saw him at Chuck Bennin's funeral and we had a good chat about old times. He was a likable guy and a lot of fun to be around.

RIP Gary, you will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Dave Miller

DeTour Village. MI.

David F. Miller - November 25, 2025 at 05:37 PM

JH

“ *There is so much good to say about my special brother, Gary. He was my shield and protector and we shared many challenges in our life early on with the death of our father and brother both at young ages. (45 and 18). I will miss our calls...now I will call to you in heaven. Rest in Peace. Love, Joyce*

Joyce Henderson - November 25, 2025 at 05:07 PM

BL

Karlene and family:

There is no loss greater than the loss of loved one!!

We didn't see you often but when we did it was like old friends coming together. When Everett Lines, Bert and Gary got together - lookout. Something was about to happen. Usually a good laugh!

Our heart goes out to you all; from all of us --

Bert & Ellen

Everett & Loretta (Loretta is suffering from severe dementia)



Bert & Ellen; Everett & Loretta - November 27, 2025 at 10:31 AM

CK

Karlene & Joyce, we will miss Gary so much. He was a special Man. He was always so good, caring, and joyful. We loved our cousin get together a few years ago. Wish we had done more of them. Your loving Cousins in Texas, Carol & Jerry and family

Carol & Jerry Knott - November 27, 2025 at 02:29 PM

KF

Fleda, Tommy & Michelle Key

We were so saddened to learn of our cousin, Gary passing to heaven. He is with his parents and brother and sister along with aunts, uncles and cousins. He is also with his Heavenly Father. What a great man he was. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. May God Bless all who are left behind. We loved you and will miss you.

Key, Fleda - November 28, 2025 at 01:28 PM

AH

“ *i dont think there was a back road in the UP that Gary had not been on. He did not like paved roads.I will miss the many summer travels we made with him and the YAYAs Al and Jeanne Howard*

Al Howard - November 25, 2025 at 04:49 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Gary Glenn Crawford.*



November 25, 2025 at 03:56 PM