



## Gary Kay

April 14, 1944 - May 29, 2020

Gary M. Kay 76 of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away peacefully on May 29, 2020 at UP Medical Center in Marquette with his dear wife by his side, and his loving family in the parking lot (darn Covid-19)

Gary was born on April 14, 1944 to John Raymond & Elda Kay. He graduated from Sault Area High School in 1962, and went on to graduate from Lake State College. He proudly served his country from 1968 to 1977, defending our freedom in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal as well as the Meritorious Service Medal. Gary began his work career at Neville's Superette his Senior year of High School and was later a partner of Prescription Oxygen. He was employed with the Social Security Administration, where he retired after 30 years of service. He then continued working as a realtor for Century 21 until his untimely death.

Gary was a member of the Lake Superior State University Alumni Board, life member of Ducks Unlimited, American Legion, Elks Lodge #552, and National Association of Realtors. He was an avid sports fan of the Detroit Red Wings, loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and dear friends, who will all miss him greatly.

Gary is survived by his life partner of 25 years, his beloved and caring wife, Patti. Her children Bill (Susie) Cobb of Bark River, MI and Jennifer (Heather)

Hopkins of Sault Ste. Marie, MI. His 5 grandchildren whom he loved dearly, Justin (Ellie O'Neal) Cobb & Jillian Cobb, Jocelynn (Brad Woloszyk) Morley, Hayley (Ben Damron) Morley, and Carson Kronemeyer, as well as his 3 granddogs Flynn, Maya and Lou. His siblings, Linda Countryman of Bellaire, MI, Earl (Tina) Kay of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, and Richard (Sheryl) Kay of Williamsburg, MI. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews as well as great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents John Raymond & Elda Kay as well as a brother in law Charlie Countryman.

A Military service and burial will be held graveside at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens Saturday June 27, 2020 at 1:00pm.

Memorials may be left to the following: Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 180, PO Box 180 Sault Ste. Marie, MI or LSSU Foundation, Golden Grad Scholarship, 650 W. Easterday Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI

# Tribute Wall

TM

“ So sorry to hear about Gary. He and I met while he was stationed at Ft. Greeley in Alaska. He was a good hearted man, and compassionate towards the people that he came in contact with. He helped my father-in-law with his Social Security claim and later with his oxygen needs. I will never forget you my friend. The world lost a angel when you left us.

THOMAS MCBRYDE - June 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I'm so sorry about Gary's passing....you 2 were a wonderful couple and my heart goes out to you.Patti you have my thoughts and prayers. Danny Sarns

Danny Sarns - June 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ Sincere sympathy to family and friends.  
Linda Payment  
Lacey, WA

Linda - June 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Gary and I crossed paths many times over the years, especially through the Social Security office and Ducks Unlimited events and his photo says it all...always pleasant, happy and friendly. God Bless him!



Jim Langendorf - June 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KS

*“ I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was always very nice and helpful. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



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**Karen Salo** - June 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GB

*“ Patti and family,*

*We are so sorry to hear that Gary has passed away. Gary was a lifelong friend of our family and one of my Dad's best friends. I was actually named after Gary. He was always "Big Gary" to me. I know my Dad and he are now together again. We will miss him greatly and always remember his commitment to his family and his friends. Rest in Peace Gary, and Welcome Home. All the best, Gary, Calli, and Eliana Borg*

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**Gary Borg** - June 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

VM

*“ So sorry to hear of Gary's passing , such a kind man, always wore a smile. RIP Gary. Prayers for his family.*

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**Victoria Manfrin** - June 05, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BH

*“ You are in my thoughts and prayers*

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**Bonnie Hewer** - June 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ One of the finest gentlemen I've ever met and worked with. I was lucky enough to have Gary as my boss when I transferred to the Sault Ste. Marie Social Security office. I will always remember your kindness. May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Deborah MacDonald - June 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Sault Ste Marie will not be the same for many of us who knew Gary.

Thomas Haley - June 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Our sincere condolences to the whole family at this difficult time. Love and hugs  
Sheri and Ted



Cheryl Szynal - June 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ I have known Gary for many years. He was always such a nice man. Sorry for your loss.

Pamela Fournier - June 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ In Loving Memory R.I.P.



Sharon Desormeaux Covey - June 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ So sorry to hear of Gary's passing. I will always remember when he came into the County Clerks Office with his smile and funny jokes. He will be missed by many.

Diane Cork - June 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ The world has lost a real gentleman. Our prayers to Patti and all his family who will miss him dearly.

Tim and Joan Hall - June 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ To the family of Gary,  
During Gary's time here on earth, he shared his kindness and love to all who knew him, or even just crossed paths with him. His devotion to family and friends is evident as he has a huge circle of friends (and classmates) who will miss him greatly. Gary and I have been friends since kindergarten, was in my wedding, and my son is named for him. A true friend. Miss you, Gar!



Sandy Borg - June 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM