



## Gary Lynn Nelson

June 1, 1945 - November 25, 2021

Gary Lynn Nelson, age 76, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, died November 25, 2021, at McKinley Manor in Sault Ste. Marie. He was born on June 1, 1945, in Ladysmith, Wisconsin, to parents Carl and Erleen (Duca) Nelson.

Gary spent his childhood in Sault Ste. Marie and graduated from Soo High School. He joined the Navy after high school. After the Vietnam War, he came back to the area and became a Police Officer for the Sault Ste. Marie and Pennsylvania Johnstown Police Departments. He served as a police officer for a couple of years before going back to active duty with the Navy once more. He served over twenty years with the US Navy and retired as a Signalman. He worked a short time as a lineman for the Soo Locks before enjoying his retired life.

Gary was a member of the Moose Lodge #717 where he obtained the title of Pilgrim Degree of Merit. He was also a member of the American Legion, Post 3 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 477.

Gary valued his time with his friends gathering on his porch, as well as at the Moose and the American Legion. He spent many hours doing wood working projects, watching NASCAR, and football.

Gary is survived by his daughter, Michele Randolph of Salem, Ohio;

grandchildren, Aaron (Dana) Bowles and Brandon Bowles; nephews, Todd (Joy) Nelson, Tom (Kim) Nelson; niece, Tracy (Brandon) McKerchie; brother, Gene (MaryLou) Nelson of Sault Ste. Marie; sister-in-law, MaryAnn Nelson of Sault Ste. Marie; and also a good buddy, John (Susan) Belsito of Sault Ste. Marie.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Erleen, and brother, Glen Nelson.

A celebration of life will be planned in the spring.

Clark Hovie Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.galerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.galerfuneralhomes.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ Gary Lynn Nelson

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Gary Lynn Nelson

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Gary Lynn Nelson

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ We send our deepest sympathy on your loss of an incredible father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend in Gary. Thank you for sharing his life with the Moose Fraternity all these years. His wisdom, generous heart and spirit of service blessed so many, including the children at Mooseheart and seniors at Moosehaven. You remain in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of mourning.

Scott Hart - December 08, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ Ann Marie Brunk lit a candle in memory of Gary Lynn Nelson



Ann Marie Brunk - December 02, 2021 at 06:36 PM