



Gary Joseph Socia

January 17, 1956 - April 18, 2017

Gary Joseph Socia, age 61, of Pickford, Michigan, died after a battle with cancer, on April 18, 2017, at his home. He was born January 17, 1956 in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, to Albert and Geraldine (Labinski) Socia.

Gary was raised in Michigan and was one of seven siblings. As a young man he began working in the excavating industry. He and Brenda Moore were married on June 25, 1987 and together they built their home in Pickford and raised their family.

Gary was a hardworking man and was lucky enough to have a passion for what he did, excavating. He woke up every morning with a smile and was truly grateful for what he had. He would be the first person that would help anyone. With a simple hello he would befriend everyone. Gary was very proud of his family and the love for his family was endless.

Gary is survived by his wife, Brenda Socia; mother, Geraldine Andrzejewski of Pickford; children, Jordon (Sasha) Moore of Marquette, Michigan, Jamie (Matthew) Hamilton of Charlotte, North Carolina, Joseph (Jamie) Socia of Pickford, and Heather (Mike) Verrico of Plum, Pennsylvania; grandchildren, Nathon, Auston, Haedyn, Makayla, Jeromy, Joseph Jr., Quinn, and Annie Mae; brothers, Daniel (Kathy) Socia of Pickford, Michael (Paula) Socia of Oscoda, Michigan; sisters, Karen Lacklin of Pickford, Denise (Darrell) Harp of

Pickford, and his twin sister, Gail Kovak of Pickford; and brother-in-law, Robert Reinhardt of New Haven, Michigan.

Gary was preceded in death by his father, Albert Socia; and sister, Susan Reinhardt, step-father, Ron Andrzejewski.

No services are planned at this time.

R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan is serving the family.
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Gary Joseph Socia

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Gary Joseph Socia

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Gary Joseph Socia

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



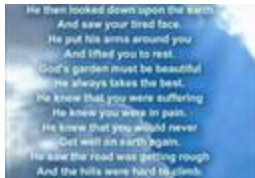
“ You are missed each and every day.



Sasha - April 28, 2017 at 10:27 AM



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Sasha - April 28, 2017 at 10:25 AM

SA

“ Gary was a rare kind, he was the type of person to put everyone else before himself even when he did not have to. It was in his nature to put smiles on everyone's face, to match the smile he wore so often.



"One day, a son asked his father, 'Why is it always the best people who die?' The father answered, 'Son, if you are in a meadow, which flowers do you pick? The worst ones or the best?'"

Gary you were one of the best. You will be missed and remembered always.

Sasha - April 28, 2017 at 10:21 AM



“ This is a huge loss. My dad (Kendall) will definitely miss the friendship and stopping by to see what Gary was working on. Gary was the first one to lend a hand with a smile on his face. He will be greatly missed. May God bless your family, and bring peace and comfort to you.

Bethany Meyer-Vokoviak - April 27, 2017 at 07:38 PM



“ Back in our day when we had to call each other on landlines I would call Heather and Gary would always answer and say "Hey Heather it's your boyfriend." I have many fond memories of Gary. I remember going into the bait shop to get minnows from Gary and he would tell me that the minnows were a special order and were part piranha... "if the fish didn't bite them, they would bite the fish." He was a great man and will be missed by many. My condolences to the family. 💕

Cortnie Parish - April 20, 2017 at 06:10 PM

HV

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heather verrico - April 20, 2017 at 01:54 PM

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heather verrico - April 20, 2017 at 01:51 PM

MV

“ *Made this bed and planted this eastern redbud tree In loving memory of the great Gary Joseph Socia*



Michael R. Verrico - April 19, 2017 at 08:26 PM

MV

“ I feel as though I was robbed, i have spent only 3 short visits with you and love the man I got to know. I will miss, yet cherish the time I spent with you. Gary you will always be in my heart, you are a great man.

Your son- in- law
Mike verrico

mike verrico - April 19, 2017 at 07:59 PM

MH

“ A story of a generous man: I Moved to Pickford with Jamie and during the end of my shift I realized my car wouldn't go into gear. I had to call family to come pick me up and deal with my car after I woke up (I worked the overnight 3rd shift at the casino) once I woke up I started to stress about my car when Gary tells me he went and picked up my car, took it to the garage and already had it fixed for me to go to work that night. I couldn't believe he took time out of his day to do all that for me. Gary had one of the biggest hearts in a person and did all he could to make someone else's day a little brighter, he will be greatly missed. You may now REST in peace! Matt



Matt Hamilton - April 19, 2017 at 07:26 PM

JH

“ *I would give up anything to have you back.....
An Angel - taken to soon.... This may be the
end of your chapter in time but the beginning
of your chapter in eternity. You will forever be
remembered and emdeded in every ones
heart that you have touched. It's not every day you meet a person
that's as caring, generous, happy, loving, and amazing as you were.
Until we meet again..... you will be cherished, remembered and
celebrated through each passing memory. Love you Dad - forever
and eternity!!!!* ♥ Jamie



Jamie Hamilton - April 19, 2017 at 07:13 PM