

Gary F. Geurts

June 19, 1935 - April 27, 2015

Gary F. Geurts, 79, passed unexpectedly at home on April 27th 2015. He was born in Green Bay, WI on June 19th 1935. The son of the late Frank and Ophelia (Maternoski) Geurts. He loved the outdoors, he was a devoted and loving father and grandfather. He served in the Marines and was an active member of the Lions Club and the VFW. Gary owned the Stein Supper Club in Green Bay, WI for 46 years and Guides Inn in Boulder Junction, WI. He was a very unique individual who loved and hugged everybody, who will be sadly missed by all. Gary is survived by his wife Patricia (Zeise) Geurts, his 4 children, Peggy (Jim) Larson, Marc and Jean Geurts, Steve Geurts, Pam (Jeff) Warner; 3 sisters, Kay (Jim) Bowersox, Anne Sweeney, Dee Geurts-Bengtson and his 9 grandchildren. Visitation Saturday, May 9th from 10-12pm, service 12pm at St. Anne Parish Boulder Junction, WI.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Anne's Catholic Church
Boulder Junction, WI 54512

Memorial Mass

MAY 9. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LW


“ He was such an amazing grandpa to me. It has been a little over 4 years since he passed and I still think about him everyday. I remember how he would always give us sloppy kisses and the tightest hugs. He also had probably the loudest sneezes that I've ever heard. I miss him more every day but I know that he's in a better place watching over all of us.

Libby Warner - August 19, 2019 at 11:00 PM



What a beautiful tribute to your Grandpa Gary, Libby. I miss him, too, and think of him often with love.

Dee Geurts-Bengtson - August 20, 2019 at 11:05 AM

 Daniel Young

“ Our family from San Diego had some great trips to Boulder Junction to visit with Gary and Pat, fishing, swimming, making smores, and other fun activities. We will miss Gary very much and am sorry for your loss. I originally met Gary when he was doing guard duty at the gate as a volunteer, and he ended up loaning us some fishing poles I believe. When we found two snapping turtles stuck in our window well we went to see Gary to get his expertise. With a large stick and plastic garbage can he apprehended the snapping turtles and brought back to his property to prepare turtle soup. We formed a nice friendship and my family will always think fondly of the Geurts. The Geurts were wonderful to my wife, Virginia, and sons, John, Thomas and Michael. Dan Young, San Diego, CA

Daniel Young - June 30, 2015 at 07:07 PM

PO

“ I am so sorry to hear about Gary. I remember working for Gary at the guides inn. That was a time I will never forget, how kind of man Gary was.

preston overshiner - May 12, 2015 at 08:17 AM

BN

“ Pat and Family, I am very sorry to hear about Garry's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.

Bruce Nimz and familynimzer127

Bruce Nimz - May 11, 2015 at 08:43 PM

KC

“ Dear Geurts family,

I am saddened myself and for the family to learn of your loss of Gary. The times spent fishing on Morton, McCollough, and Beaver Lakes are to this day one of my greater stories to tell, especially when someone thinks they have a fishing hot spot to boast about! I have many fond memories of Steve and I going out fishing with Gary even in the rain to swing big spoons for big pike! I can also recall one of Gary's favorite baits as being the Mepps #4 bucktail. He'd get a large pike boat side, then hoist it right up on deck w/o the use of a net! Steve and I would regularly bring up then laugh hard at those stories about being out fishing with him, and it would make others laugh too.

Gary taught me some key tactics about successful bass fishing, the most important one of being silent while in the boat! I would later go on to pass that advice on to my niece and nephews, but I learned it all from him. Another thing I learned from Gary, was how to filet a fish as a kid and I don't recall scaling one since!

I am very fortunate to still have the opportunity to fish those great lakes now and then, by knowing some landowners on Natural Lakes, and get up there to camp on Trout Lake too. I have driven my companions around the area on tours and am amazed how things have changed!

A funny quip from Gary; Steve said, "dad, do you think we should move back in closer to those reeds"? and his dad said, "sure, unless you want to play punt, pass and kick all day"!

*My sincere condolences,
Kevin Conley, and Em (95 years old)*

Kevin K Conley - May 08, 2015 at 07:18 AM

CP

“ Pat and family, I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Colleen Pasterski

Colleen Pasterski - May 07, 2015 at 06:14 PM

RM

“ Pat and family, our deepest sympathy for your loss of Gary. Our prayers are with you. Gary will be sadly missed. Robert and Janet Moran

Robert and Janet Moran - May 07, 2015 at 07:49 AM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Gary F. Geurts.



May 06, 2015 at 02:18 PM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Gary F. Geurts.



May 06, 2015 at 01:04 PM

AS

“ Dear brother Gary,

My heart is so saddened by your passing. How you will be missed by those who knew and loved you. You touched many hearts on your journey through this life and will be remembered always.

Thank you for being my big brother, my first child's godfather and sharing that love of family with me and my children. There never will be another Uncle Gary to equal you.

I am unable to travel to be there for the final farewell. You know your spirit will be in my heart and prayers as you are right now dear brother.

Love you forever,

Anne

Anne Sweeney - May 05, 2015 at 06:36 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Gary F. Geurts.*



May 04, 2015 at 01:00 PM



“ *Peg, Jim and family. I have been thinking of you and am so sorry for your loss. Love you. Amy Larson*

Amy Larson - May 04, 2015 at 09:25 AM

MH

“ Pat and family, I was so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. I have many fond memories of my summers in De Pere and the Geurts family was at the top of the list. I will keep you all in my prayers.
Mary Lynn Haen Huss

Mary Lynn Haen Huss - May 03, 2015 at 08:22 PM

KB

Mary Lynn, Thank you so much for remembering Gary. You always were one of my favorite Haen kids. I loved spending part of the summer visiting your family in Kaukauna. Such nice memories. God Bless! Love, Kay

Kay Bowersox - May 04, 2015 at 10:43 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Gary F. Geurts.



May 03, 2015 at 05:30 PM

MT

“ Peggy, Jim and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. We are so sorry for your loss. Love,
Tom and Mutz and family

Mutz and Tom - May 03, 2015 at 12:11 PM

SG

“ Our hearts are heavy. The life lessons 'uncle' Gary taught us will live on, to work hard, enjoy life, and laugh...but most importantly - to love.
We love you Geurts family!!

Stephanie and Todd Geurts - May 02, 2015 at 07:55 AM

KB

“ Gary, I am so sad to think you are not here with us any more. I will miss your emails and phone calls. You were well loved by every one who you were close to as family or friend.



I will be coming to say my last goodbye. Love you always, Kay

Kay Bowersox - May 01, 2015 at 11:31 PM

 Sue Larson

“ Pat, Peggy, Jim and family,
We are so very sad for your lose. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

All our love, Rick and Sue Larson

Sue Larson - May 01, 2015 at 09:50 PM

SS

“ *My prayers and condolences to the entire Geurts family. I was saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Geurts. I had the pleasure of being invited along with my father, Pat Smith and my brother, Kevin up to the Turkey Farm for several years to go deer hunting.*

I will fondly carry the memories of Gary and my dad having a HUGE impact on my love for dear hunting. Although I never really had much luck in landing that buck (or anything else in those days), I did learn discipline, respect for nature, and built some priceless memories during those trips.

God bless,

Sean Smith

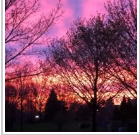
Sean Smith - May 01, 2015 at 06:23 PM

DG

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Dee Geurts-Bengtson - May 01, 2015 at 02:16 PM



“ Pat, I haven't talked with you since this happened to Gary, but please know my heart is breaking. Like all who knew Gary, I loved seeing him, listening to him and laughing with him. He would light up the room. Our faith assures us Gary is being cared for and is free of pain and discomfort. But, I feel a void...I'm not as whole as I was before that day. And yet, I know I'm better for knowing Gary and your wonderful family. I thank God that He allowed our paths to cross 10 years on our pier, Memorial Day Weekend, 2005. Gary and the boys, sons and sons-in-law, paused at our pier while we were putting our pontoon boat in...new residents of Natural Lakes, Timber Wolf Road and Beaver Lake! With a wide smile, a hearty laugh and a sincere and loving, " Welcome, neighbors!..I knew I had just met a new friend. How lucky for me! I will always cherish my memories of this man...one of the good ones! I will see you, Pat, next week. You all are in my prayers. Jan Thompson

Jan Thompson - May 01, 2015 at 01:19 PM

DG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dee Geurts-Bengtson - May 01, 2015 at 01:09 PM

DG

“ On Monday afternoon, my healthy, exuberant, funny, caring and life-loving brother died unexpectedly. It was a surprise and shock for all of his family and friends. Of course, I’ve been thinking of Gary all week and the huge void his death has left. One thing is for certain, I have lost a loving and caring “gem” of a brother, but Heaven has gained an awesome new citizen. I know how happy Mom and Dad are to see you again, Gary...you were their favorite! I’m kidding...I know that I was their favorite!

You may be gone from this earth physically, Gary; but spiritually and emotionally, you will always be engraved in my heart, constantly in my thoughts and embossed in my memory. Until we meet again, I love you big brother...your baby sister, Dee

“I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.” Luke 23:43

Dee Geurts-Bengtson - May 01, 2015 at 01:06 PM

SN

With a heavy heart, I want to express my deepest sympathy to Gary's family. I have wonderful memories of Gary. Rest in Peace. Heaven is a happier place.

Sharon VanGruensven Neeley - May 02, 2015 at 01:20 PM

TG

“ Pat & Family

Although I didn't know Gary very well, I was always so proud to say that he was my cousin when people asked if we were related. My dad Bob told many great stories of his adventures fishing with Gary. My condolences.

Tom Geurts

Tom Geurts - May 01, 2015 at 12:47 PM

PW

“ This is Peg Wolf, right down on Bear Trail in Bear's Den. We love Gary so much and have so many fond memories of him and his big voice and big laugh, and he and I (Peg) joking around, and with my son James, too. We are heartbroken. We will miss him here on earth, but the joy is knowing where he is, that being with our Father God and His Son Jesus! Glory be to the Father! He is probably making everyone laugh up in Heaven. He will be waiting for all of us, along with all the Saints that have gone before us. Natural Lakes and community will never be the same without Gary, but we are so blessed and better off to have known him and shared his life with him. His memory will live on and on. Pat, we pray for your peace and comfort and strength in this time. We pray this for all the Geurts's and family. We love you. Peace be with you. Love, Peg Wolf

Peg Wolf - May 01, 2015 at 10:48 AM

AL

“ So sorry to hear of his passing. He truly taught me the value of hard work. RIP Mister G.

Alex - April 30, 2015 at 10:26 PM

DG

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



Dee Geurts-Bengtson - April 30, 2015 at 02:07 PM

DG

“ 6 files added to the album New Album Name



Dee Geurts-Bengtson - April 30, 2015 at 01:57 PM

PM

“ The morning swimming will not be the same without Gary. He brought smiles with him every day, always cheerful and joking with everyone, interested in our lives though we only met those few times a week poolside. Our early morning swim 'family' will miss him very much! I hope we will still see you, Pat, at the pool!
love from Pam

Pam Montz - April 30, 2015 at 08:55 AM

AB

“ I will miss those wonderful “rib crushing” hugs from my dear uncle. Aunt Pat, Peggy, Mark, Steve and Pam – I love you all. Anne Baeten

Anne Baeten - April 29, 2015 at 06:28 PM

MA

Dee is a long time friend of our family. We love her like family. I didn't know Gary, but if they're anything alike then he was a kind, loving, friendly, wonderful man. My heart goes out to all of you.

marcia - April 30, 2015 at 11:00 PM

DG

So beautiful, Marcia, thank you! I love you, Jen, Lisa, your Mom and the entire Sterr family so very, very much. God's blessings and much love! Dee

Dee Geurts-Bengtson - May 01, 2015 at 02:27 PM

BL

Last time I saw Gary was two years ago when I was fishing in Minocqua. lots of hugs and talk about the OLD times. Very sorry for your lose. God bless you all. BOB LEITERMAN

BOB LEITERMAN - May 06, 2015 at 05:35 AM

FS

Please accept our heartfelt condolences, words cannot begin to express the sadness you are feeling right now. Some of my fondest memories of my dear Uncle were his unplanned fishing adventures with me in Boulder Junction. He was a great Uncle and my child hood would have been very different if he and my dear Aunt Pat were not in it. God bless Aunt Pat and all my cousins. We love you all very much.

Frank & Denise Sweeney - May 07, 2015 at 04:10 PM

MM

My sincerest sympathy to you Pat and the whole Guerts family. .I am so sorry to learn of Gary's passing. Although we have not stayed in touch since the fun Stein years, I remember you both fondly and admired how hard you both worked at making it the best place in Green Bay to meet new and old friends. We remember the many pool parties at your house. May all these fun memories bring you peace and comfort. My thoughts and prayers are for you now as we mourn the passing of one fine gentleman. Marilyn Kane Miller

marilyn kane miller - May 07, 2015 at 07:34 PM