



Kerry L. Gipple

August 10, 1959 - January 25, 2017

Kerry L. Gipple, age 57, of Minocqua, passed away on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at his home. He was born on August 10, 1959 in Merrill, the son of Bunsen and Joan (nee Fleischfresser) Gipple. Kerry worked for over 30 years as the head of maintenance at Lakeland Union High School; he was proud of his job and enjoyed the people he worked with. He enjoyed his Harley and Camero, snowmobiles, helping others with their cars and remodeling/renovating his home. Kerry had the attitude that if he was going to do a job it had to be done right or it wasn't going to be done at all. He was a kind man who took satisfaction in helping others whenever he could. Kerry was preceded in death by his mother, Joan Gipple and his grandparents. He is survived by his father, Bunsen Gipple; sister, Kim Chase (Dean); nephew, BJ (Katie) Chase and his grand nephew and niece, Nolan and Molly. Kerry is further survived by an uncle and cousins. Private family services will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Kerry Gipple Scholarship Fund c/o Lakeland Union High School.

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ *Mr. Gip, I always enjoyed your company at our family home in Pike Lake. You were a real friend, today Wednesday November 20th, 2019 I once again am deeply saddened that you are gone. This day every year You would come down to our hobby farm, we would get all set up for the big deer hunt, Grille going up in the barn recreation room, crown Royal and coke on tap, playing pool, Cribbage, double checking guns, talking about our lives and being real. No words can ever explain the deep loss Beth & I along with our daughter Ashley feel to this day. You were a big part of my life, our lives, my Shop, riding Harley Davidsons, I even sold you my Blue FLH and showed you how to ride side by side on countless road trips. Brother, my heart will never forget what you & I accomplished. Ride on, see you on the other side.*

*Scott Jagodzinski
Milo*

scott jagodzinski - November 20, 2019 at 07:40 PM

WT

“ *My condolences to the Gipple family. I worked with Kerry for many years at the high school. He was a good man. He had that great smile. Rest in peace, Gip. God Bless, Bill Testin*

William Testin - February 03, 2017 at 12:03 PM



“ *Hi Kim and family,*

Sorry to hear about your brother. I was very surprised when my sister told me.

May he rest in peace.

Your friend and classmate.

Julie Sieja (Swan)

Julie Sieja - February 01, 2017 at 11:43 AM

ST

“ *I didn't want to do this but as I read these it is clear this is for the family. I would explain to them that if the crew that he worked with at Lakeland had to pick a Captain, like they do in hockey, Gip would be wearing the "C" on his shirt. I was teaching auto shop when Gip got hired. He let my kids change a "U" joint on his car. To this day I still can't believe he let me do that, but he liked the kids. The grease fitting was not where he wanted it. I said it will work just fine, Gip says..."I'll decide". If you were good or something was good then it was "Top Shelf". He was a "shack guy" and hunted with us for many years. It was always nice when we could haul the deer home legally with the tailgate down rather than stuffing them behind the seat. He enjoyed the mechanics of the shack probably more than hunting as I recall watching my brother and Gip mount a satellite dish on the back of my 4x4 and it worked.! My girls remember all the Harley rides they got.*

Not enough room to say all the things you want to say.I will truly miss a great friend.

Sam Tijan

Sam Tijan - January 30, 2017 at 09:39 AM



“ I have know mr. Gip since I was a young child!! When he used to help the wildman on his racecar!! He will be deeply missed.

Kristin (Tresness) - January 29, 2017 at 07:18 PM



“ Kerry was a good man in so many ways. The talent and the knowledge he shared, both professionally and socially, will be sorely missed! My deepest condolences to the family and friends of Kerry, rest in peace Mr. Gip.

Jim Hunt

Jim Hunt - January 29, 2017 at 08:46 AM



“ I've known Kerry since I started teaching at Lakeland 27 years ago. He was a gentleman, always greeting me with a huge, beautiful smile and a kind word. He was smart and funny and knew crap when he saw it! He would do anything, anytime to help me at school. I loved passing him in the hall because I always felt better when I walked away. We should all know someone like him in our lifetimes, and I will miss him. My condolences to all the family for your great loss.

Martha Handrick - January 27, 2017 at 06:23 PM

GK

“ I can't remember the first time I saw Kerry, but I know it scared the hell out of me. He didn't ever seem to smile and looked meaner than a badger. I was determined to get to know this man. As our paths crossed at school, I always said hi and asked him questions about himself. I really got to know him and all the other wonderful maintenance men and women when I would take my lunch down and eat with them. Eventually, Kerry and I became friends. He had the most wonderful smile and always shared it with me whenever we would bump into each other in the hallways. If my room was ever too hot or too cold he was always there immediately. If you knew Kerry, you knew he really liked to complain. There were so many times he would be complaining about something and then start smiling, and then we would be laughing. Thank you Kerry for being a friend and doing such a wonderful job taking care of LUHS. Your passing has left a big empty place in a lot of hearts and I miss you.

Kemo

gary kmiecik - January 27, 2017 at 02:47 PM

RI

“ Rest in peace Kerry , (Mr.Gip). You will be missed by many, but the many good memories you helped create with everyone you ever met , will live on forever. Sometime in the future , I know we will ride together again. Red , Bev , Jeremy, and Jake Ingman

Red Ingman - January 27, 2017 at 01:05 PM

RW

“ Have known Kerry for 18 years and worked at LUHS for 8 of those years. Kerry was super sharp on fixing just about anything. Never hesitated to help solve problems and was great advice on fixing cars. Thank you for being a friend to my wife for the past 16 years as a custodian at LUHS. Rest In Peace our dear friend. The saying goes, "The Lord Only Takes The Best" and you truly deserve that honor.

Rich Wagendorf - January 27, 2017 at 11:56 AM

TH

“ I've known Gip for many years. He was a good neighbor. His lawn was always perfect. He didn't say much but when he did he was funny. I only wish he would have smiled and enjoyed life a little more.
RIP Gip

Tom Handrick

Tom Handrick - January 27, 2017 at 10:19 AM

SJ

“ Mr.Gip, it has been an honor to have been your good Friend for 30 years, Beth , Ashley and I hold you dear to Our hearts, we have a big hole in Our heart ,one that will not be filled until we see You in Heaven. I promise to help Your Family get thru this. We learned so much about life together as Good Friends, experienced many unbelievable things that Life put into Our path, cherished the mechanical beauty of the world around Us and tried to perfect it to Our liking. I look forward to seeing and talking to You and Greg when that time comes. You will be truly missed Brother.....

Scott, Beth and Ashley Jagodzinski

Scott Jagodzinski - January 27, 2017 at 10:05 AM

JJ

“ My heart felt condolences to the Gipple family. I worked with Kerry for 32 years. You really get to know a person after spending a lot of time with them. Kerry was a one of a kind guy. Very, very talented, witty, helping, knowing, intelligent, naughty, grumpy, funny, and loved his cycles and autos with a great passion..! He will be missed I'm sure of that. We had some great times and he was best when he was smiling and laughing.....

Jeffrey (Zuke) and Lori Janusz

jeff janusz - January 27, 2017 at 09:17 AM

RT

Gonna miss the Gipster!! Our last conversation we had the day before you left us was about health! I mentioned I had a physical on Monday and that I was overdue on the colonoscopy! You mentioned to me about a buddy who you knew that died from colon cancer and that I really needed to go get one! As we walked from the lunchroom with our trays together down the hall, and I headed up the incline and we parted ways, your last words to me were " hey ya never know" Glad to have know ya for 30 years and your gear head, guns and political discussions! Rest In Peace my friend and oh by the way, I scheduled my colonoscopy!

Richard Trottier - January 27, 2017 at 11:51 AM

SO

“ I worked with Kerry in the Maintenance Dept at LUHS for over 23 years. He knew so much about so much and will be greatly missed. I know he will still be hanging around the halls somewhere, watching over everyone! RIP Gip!!

Sherry Organ - January 27, 2017 at 08:40 AM

LH

“ I worked in the kitchen at LUHS and got to know Kerry.
He always had a smile and liked to kid.He was a very nice person
and he will be
Missed.He was a good friend of my husband Jay.
Rest in Peace Our Dear Friend.Forever in our Hearts❤️

Linda Hinz - January 26, 2017 at 08:35 PM

CN

“ My family was deeply saddend by the news of Kerry's passing. I
had meet Kerry on a fishing trip with my father almost 5 years ago.
He was a great man and would have done anything for me and my
family. He will surely be missed.

Crystal Newport - January 26, 2017 at 08:15 PM

JH

“ knew kerry for 40 years ,we recently went across lake tomahawk
august 2016 at 100 mph in my boat he was a true friend will be
sadly missed

Jason Hinz - January 26, 2017 at 06:23 PM

DS

“ His Camaro blew the doors off my Grandmas Dart this last
October.But there are so many other memories all of which relate to
his GREAT kindness.....

Dan Stevens - January 26, 2017 at 01:13 PM

TW

I grew up in the same neighborhood as Kerry. He always was a
pleasure to be around. My thoughts are with his family and friends.

Timothy White - January 30, 2017 at 06:45 AM

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“ Boo (Tammy) lit a candle in memory of Kerry
L. Gipple



Boo (Tammy) - January 26, 2017 at 12:35 PM

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“ I don't know how I can go on without you... All our future plans ended before they got to begin... left with our incredible memories of our years together of so long ago... Who would have thought our road started together then we each took a different fork to only end sharing the same path again... We were friends way back and friends again now... I miss you Kerry so much... Safe travels to you until we meet up again... Long sad days for me now missing what should have been... I loved you yesterday... I love you today and I love you more tomorrow...

Boo (Tammy) - January 26, 2017 at 12:35 PM