



Mr. Gary Wayne VanLuven

October 22, 1947 - July 27, 2019

Mr. Gary Wayne VanLuven, age 71, of Kimball, passed away on July 27, 2019, in the Blue Water Hospice Home, after a long battle with COPD and Lung Cancer.

He was born on October 22, 1947, in Port Huron, to the late Murriel (Van) VanLuven and Phyllis H. Kreiger.

Gary married Gloria J. Singles on June 24, 1967, in Port Huron.

He attended Port Huron High School, was a 25-year employee of American Tape and was the owner and operator of Tawas Bay Dry Cleaners in East Tawas. Gary also sold real estate and retired from Alro Industrial Products in Jackson. He served in the Army National Guard for 8 years.

Gary is survived by his wife of 52 years, Gloria of Port Huron, son and daughter-in-law, Gary E. (Candace) VanLuven of Port Huron, son and daughter-in-law, Scott (Carah) VanLuven of Saginaw, daughter and son-in-law, Heather (Kevin) Schlagel of Lansing, grandsons, Connor Schlagel and Loudon VanLuven, granddaughter, Kaitlyn Schlagel, sister-in-law, Nancy (Larry) Durst, sister-in-law, Judy (Ted) Morrison, stepsister, Carolyn (Gale) Sims, his two precious dogs, Bailey and Jeremy, several special nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and stepfather, Jim Rix, sister, Judith Brooks and an infant son, Chad VanLuven.

Memorial services will be 1:00pm Thursday, August 1, 2019, in the Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron. Pastor Joseph DeHass the

Blue Water Hospice Chaplain will officiate. Burial to take place in Ruby Cemetery.

Visiting hours will be 12:00pm until the time of service at 1:00pm in the funeral home.

Memorial tributes may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Wounded Warriors of America.

Jowett Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family with arrangements.

To view the obituary and share memories, please visit www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Ruby Cemetery

5385 Abbottsford road
Clyde Township, MI 48049

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - Port Huron
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Tribute Wall

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“ I had the HONOR to work with Gary while employed with Mahar Tool Supply. Because our office was located in Cadillac and Gary and Gloria lived in Tawas City he would stay at our house when he came over to attend Sales meetings. During the summer months we would often take in a round of Golf. Gary was left handed and often would slice the ball hitting a few homes over the years. One summer we had an employee Golf outing. On the first tee part of the fun was announcing the participants name as they approached the Tee. We would announce; "Now at the Tee" and the employees name holding up posters that said "Applause".

Of course we had to set up Gary. So when we announced his name I had the Golf Pro run out of the Pro Shop with a White Motor cycle helmet. On the side of the helmet was an large Orange flag mounted on a rod sticking the flag about two feet above the helmet. The Pro stated to Gary because of his reputation of hitting homes on the coarse they wanted him to wear this helmet so they knew where he was at all times. Gary gladly played along and put it on (wearing it the whole round). The when we announced his name as he approached the Tee we flipped the posters around from the side that said Applause to the side that stated "DUCK"

We had an absolute blast that day and I don't know if anyone had more fun than Gary wearing the crazy helmet around the course. He was an amazing guy. I have share a lot of tears in writhing this as even though he and I hadn't seen each other in better than a dozen years I still considered him a close friend.

I always admired his love for Gloria and his boys and he was proud of them. He was a great team player and a true professional. I am sorry the business of life separated us Gary but you will always be in my heart. Love you my friend and looking forward to seeing you in Heaven. Love, Tom Gibbons

Tom Gibbons - July 31, 2019 at 10:56 PM

DS

“ So sorry for your families loss Gloria. Deb (Burns) Silver

Deb Silver - July 31, 2019 at 02:47 PM

BM

“ My condolences to Gloria and all of Gary's family.
I was lucky enough to get to know Gary during my time at Alro Industrial. He was a consummate professional, knowledgeable and respected by his customers and co-workers. May he Rest in Peace and watch over us all, until we meet again in heaven.
He will be missed.....Brad Mead

Brad Mead - July 31, 2019 at 02:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Wayne VanLuven.



July 31, 2019 at 12:39 PM



“ 43 files added to the album LifeTributes



Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - July 31, 2019 at 12:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Wayne VanLuven.*



July 30, 2019 at 07:37 PM



“ *Some day we will understand why god takes people like Gary off this planet too soon. Proud to have know this man and enjoyed the great memories of him taking me salmon fishing.*

Jeff Schlagel - July 30, 2019 at 07:03 PM



“ *I remember the only time in the 45yrs. I know Gary that he was really upset and scared. We were hunting and he went off on his own that morning. I sat in a spot and heard him shoot. About an hour later he came busting though the brush looking real bad. He yelled at me that he had lost his glasses back in the woods. After I got him relaxed we went back following the broken branches he broke to mark his trail. I found them on the ground. He said he couldn't see anything without them and glad it wasn't at evening time.. John Herber*

henry herber - July 30, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Wayne VanLuven.*



July 30, 2019 at 01:37 PM

NC

“ *Gloria I am sorry for your lost. Gary was always kind and friendly. Your children will bring you a lot of support and comfort.*

Nancy Bennett Cooney - July 30, 2019 at 01:05 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Wayne VanLuven.*



July 29, 2019 at 05:59 PM