



Gary Carr

August 1, 1944 - September 26, 2019

Gary Carr, 75, of Kankakee, passed away on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was born on August 1, 1944 in DeKalb, the son of Elmer and Mildred Buyalski Carr.

Gary was a graduate of DeKalb High School, Elgin Community College, as well as Illinois State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in economics and political science. Gary was a veteran of the United States Army, having served as a Rank E-5 Infantry Platoon Sergeant from 1969 until 1975. He was a member of the Aroma Park American Legion. Gary worked at H&R Block since 2002, where he was an Enrolled Agent Master Tax Advisor. He had also been a retail manager at K-Mart from 1975 until 2001. Gary enjoyed following his favorite sports teams, the Chicago Bears and Chicago White Sox, as well as politics. He also enjoyed playing in a pool league, his 1967 Pontiac vintage car, and driving his Ford truck. His drink of choice was Busch beer. He especially loved spending time with his two dogs, Daphne and Jasmine.

Gary is survived by his life partner of 46 years, Carol Anderson; his mom, Mildred, who is 101 years old; one sister, Carol (Charles) Scidmore, of Cortland; one sister-in-law, Janet Carr, of Des Moines, IA; four nephews and two nieces, Charles Scidmore, of Chicago, Michael Scidmore, of San Diego, Joe and Jeremy Carr, of Des Moines, IA, Kelly (Dan) Sievers, of Byron, and

Sara (Adam) Smith, of Des Moines, IA; three special friends, Glenn (Vicki) Smith, of St. Anne, Kristy (Leotis) Davenport, of Kankakee, and Anwar Hakim, of Chicago; and his two dogs, Daphne and Jasmine.

Gary was preceded in death by his father, Elmer Carr; one brother, Gail Carr; and four dogs, his babies, Maggie, Sadie, Nikita, and Natasha.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 am until the time of the 12:00 pm funeral service on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at First Presbyterian Church in St. Anne. Rev. Mike Seed will officiate the service. Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday October 3, 2019 at Mound Rest Cemetery in Cortland.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Kankakee County Humane Foundation or First Presbyterian Church in St. Anne.

Cemetery Details

Mound Rest Cemetery

Cortland, IL 60112

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
334 St. Louis Avenue
St. Anne, IL 60964
(815) 427-8430

Funeral Service

OCT 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

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334 St. Louis Avenue
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Graveside Service

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mound Rest Cemetery
Cortland, IL 60112

Tribute Wall

AF

“ We think of Gary often and are still so sad to hear of his passing. Gary was a very intelligent, kind, and special person. He help my mom to understand her taxes during retirement and had been tax advisor for my husband and I for many years. He was always sure to share some of his neat, light up pens with our 2 young children. We always looked forward to meeting with Gary and will always miss him. He was a very special, compassionate, thorough, graceful, thoughtful, kind professional friend. Gary is thought of not only during tax season, but ALWAYS. We miss him, and our hearts ♥♥ go out to his love. He spoke of you often.

Annette Findlay - February 29, 2020 at 10:03 AM

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“ I will always be thankful for you for helping my mom through the stress of learning to do financial things without my dad. Thank you for always being kind and honest with her & I. You were a one of a kind.



Patricia Acevedo (PAGE) - December 16, 2019 at 03:00 PM

DL

“ Carol I am so sorry to hear about Gary. My uncle just texted me yesterday. Gary was such a Good Friend of my Dad! Gary was always there for Dad even when we moved to Florida. I will miss Gary Very Much 😞 God Bless You Carol 🙏🙏🙏

Dawn Lijoi - October 07, 2019 at 09:31 AM

GH

“ Gary was our families tax guy for many years. He was intelligent, funny and always did his best for you. We will miss him.

Larry and Gloria Hines

Gloria Hines - October 03, 2019 at 08:42 PM

RK

“ Very sorry about Gary's passing. I have known him since meeting him at ECC and have shared many good times together. Will always remember our get togethers at the Walnut Inn in Elgin each year in April, and it was special that he made the trip from Kankakee to Genoa for my 70th birthday, even more special that he wore a Trump shirt. He will be missed by many.


ROBERT KURPIUS - October 02, 2019 at 04:42 PM

 Jo Ann Davis

“ I was lucky enough to call Gary my lifetime friend. We grew up together, got into trouble together, and I loved him. I will miss him terribly. Such a warm, generous person, good to the core!

Larry Davis

Jo Ann Davis - October 01, 2019 at 12:51 PM

 Michelle Jones

“ I have a drawer full of his special pens. Always a pleasure to file my taxes with him. Always so personable. Went above and beyond his duties. RIP Gary, you will be missed by many.



Michelle Jones - September 29, 2019 at 02:36 AM

BF

“ I worked with Gary several years ago at Lowe’s and more recently had him as my “go to tax guy” for the past few years. He was a funny and lighthearted man and I’m truly saddened by his loss. My condolences go out to his loved ones.

Bill Ford - September 28, 2019 at 12:03 PM

MD

“ I loved having Gary as my manager in Sporting Goods at KMart! He was always so kind, helpful and funny! I hope him and Dana can enjoy the White Sox games, together, in Heaven ❤️ more than they enjoyed them here in Chicago! RIP Gary 🙏

Megan Andreina Denault - September 28, 2019 at 11:16 AM

RC

“ "Cuz"

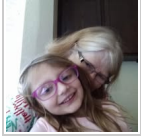
Thanks for a life time of memories. The many Chess games, hunting trips, even double dating. The years of "Youth Group" work which also included your time as president of the club.

Later in life I enjoyed the many stories we would relive, taking your mother to Dinner when we were both visiting Cortland, and enjoying a beer together. Also a big thank you for maintaining my grandparents graves for many, many years.

You will be missed!

Your "Cuz" Bob Carr

Robert Carr - September 27, 2019 at 08:35 PM



“ *I loved working with Gary. One of my favorite people. He always had a great story to tell and had a big smile on his face. He loved to laugh too. He will be truly missed. Prayers for comfort Carol .*

Barb Sain-Richey - September 27, 2019 at 05:32 PM

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“ *I worked with Gary for several years at the Kankakee and Bradley Kmarts!Some of my favorite memories were listening to the funny stories he would always tell!!!Rest in peace Gary,I hope your having a beer with your Dad and brother 🍺🍺*

Nancy Richcreek - September 27, 2019 at 04:32 PM