



Gary D. Roberts

April 14, 1944 - December 21, 2025

Heaven gained an angel, Gary D. "Papa" Roberts, age 81, of Bourbonnais passed away Sunday, December 21, 2025 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was born April 14, 1944 in Du Quoin, IL, the son of Harvey and Elizabeth (Dorsey) Roberts. Gary married Gloria Saether on March 11, 1989 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Chicago.

Gary worked for ComEd, retiring in 1995. He was a published writer, an avid reader, and loved all music, and classic movies. Gary enjoyed traveling with his wife and loved hanging out with his grandsons.

He was a veteran of the United States Army.

Surviving are his wife of 36 years, Gloria Roberts of Bourbonnais; one son, Thomas (Michelle) Jones of Gilberts, IL; one daughter, Julie Conti of Bourbonnais; two brothers, Bruce (Elena) Roberts of Sugar Grove, IL and Kevin Roberts of Bourbonnais; four grandsons, Brandon, Alex, Conrad, and Michael; and two nephews, Brian and Michael. Gary is preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorials may be made to Make-a-Wish or Shriner's Children's.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ So sorry to hear of Garys passing. I have fond memories of both him and Gloria from growing up. Send you love and light. Shyla Domaracki Jannusch



Shyla - January 22 at 11:50 AM

CD

“ Charlotte Domaracki lit a candle in memory of Gary D. Roberts



Charlotte Domaracki - January 15 at 05:29 PM

DG

“ Dear Gloria, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Gary ; what a happy couple you made !
I pray that you find comfort with your family and the sweet memories of your happy marriage are always a fond remembrance .
I will always keep him in my prayers .

Deborah Wood Gaspari - January 04 at 12:02 PM

DJ

“ *It is with sincere sympathy that we extend our condolences for your loss. We pray that you will find healing, comfort and peace through our Lord Jesus Christ who loves you beyond measure!*

Death is something we will all encounter and if we don't make a decision now before we die, about giving our lives to Him, we will face serious consequences for rejecting Him and His love for us, after our departure from this world. Jesus paid a tremendous price for us by taking the wrath of God on the cross, on our behalf, for our sins and rebellion against God. God, being our Creator, sent Jesus, His Son, to lay down His life for us, so we would never have to face God's eternal judgement once we leave this earth. Death is not the end for any of us. We will all live on, but where is determined by whether or not we surrender our lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ who is the only way to God the Father and to our salvation from sin, death and destruction. Jesus is only a prayer away. A simple prayer like "Lord Jesus, I believe you are God's Son who He sent to pay the price for my mistakes, sins, and rebellion against God. Please forgive me for all I have done in rebelling against you, Lord.

I now give and surrender my life to you and ask that you be my Lord and Savior. Thank you for saving me from God's eternal judgement and allowing me to now be a part of you and your royal family forever. In your name, I pray. Amen. " God bless you and keep you always during this hour of your grief. I pray you will realize that you're never alone when you're in Christ Jesus. His Word guarantees us He will never leave or forsake us.

DJ - January 02 at 09:22 AM

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DJ - January 02 at 09:16 AM

BB

“ Gloria we are so sorry to hear of the passing of Gary. You two were a great couple. Prayers for you and your family. Gary will be missed, he was a great guy💔💔💔😞😞
Love Barb and Bob

Barb Blake - December 25, 2025 at 09:00 PM

AC

“ Alex Conti lit a candle in memory of Gary D. Roberts



Alex Conti - December 23, 2025 at 07:28 PM

UD

My heartfelt condolences to you Gloria 😊 Gary was a gentle soul with a wonderful smile always willing to help! Prayers forthcoming may he Rest in Eternal Peace with the Lord ✨🙏

Ursula Drangsholt - December 24, 2025 at 01:21 PM

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Anutie Gloria & Family,
I send you all my deepest and most sincere condolences Uncle Gary was such a kind and loving soul & will deeply be missed, but will be eternally Loved. Sending you all my Love, Always.

Rosemary Bouchard-Gibson

Rosemary Bouchard -Gibson - December 24, 2025 at 10:51 PM

MI

Gloria, I pray the comforter keeps you as promised. there are times i go and read the notes wishing me a pleasant retirement. I may mistakes when texting. I send peace,, I send the love of Christ to you. Rev. Joy

ministerjoy!@aol.com - January 07 at 03:49 PM