



Gary A. Schweizer

February 28, 1947 - March 20, 2015

Gary A. Schweizer, age 68, of Bourbonnais, passed away Friday, March 20, 2015 at River North in Bradley. He was born February 28, 1947 in Bloomington, the son of Harry A. & Joyce J. Oyler Schweizer. Gary was the retired business owner of Clean Sweep cleaning service. He was an avid fisherman and belonged to the Border Town Bass Club. He also enjoyed camping at Lake Shelbyville. Gary was a talented artist and liked to sing karaoke. He also enjoyed gardening and cooking.

Surviving are his children, Chris Schweizer (Candy), Jennifer Thomas (Brian), and Melissa Weaver (Paula); nine grandchildren, Kyle Schweizer, Andrew Thomas, Jason Thomas, Michael Hanekamp, Zachary Schweizer, Samantha Schweizer, Peyton Halliday, Drew Weaver, and Logan Weaver; nine siblings, Rhonda Hudson (Ron), Carolynne Shear (Doug), Lana Carraher, Mitch Schweizer (Cindy), Rosalind Marten (Rick), Jeff Schweizer (Connie), Randy Schweizer (Donna), Monte Schweizer (Donna), and Todd Schweizer (Noelle); his special partner, Anita Steele; Anita's children, Valerie Steele-Davis (Robert), Chuck Steele Jr. (Dana), and Lisa Thompson-Kline; Anita's eight grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will be held 10:00 a.m. until the 1:00 p.m. funeral service on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. Gary's brother, Randy Schweizer, will officiate the service. Cremation Rites will be accorded following the services. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be

made to the family wishes. Gary's family would like to express their sincere appreciation to all that provided strength, love, and support during this difficult time; especially Paula Hertz, Randy Schweizer, and Carolynne Shear.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

MAR 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LM

“ *Lanny & Chris Magruder lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Schweizer*



Lanny & Chris Magruder - March 28, 2015 at 12:44 PM

BU

“ *Pappy will always be remembered. you where a great cook and an amazing person. there will never be anyone like you you touched so many people and made an impact in so many peoples life. we all love and miss you.*
Bubby

Bubby - March 28, 2015 at 12:16 PM

DA

“ *You always had a smile and you always made me smile :) Love you Gary, you will be missed! Rest In Peace....*
My deepest sympathy to the family.

Dawn Akerman - March 27, 2015 at 10:37 AM

TS

“ *If I could only share the stories of my beloved brother and the rest of the clan of Schweizer children growing up, as well as the neighborhood kids. Does anyone know the "Statute of Limitations"? I love you brother! RIP*

Todd Schweizer - March 25, 2015 at 05:54 PM

RG

RIP Gary, I still tell the fun story of how on Thursday nights you and I along with 6 other friends would pile into your family's 66 Oldsmobile and head to Cicero to get your Fathers check. Him being a over the road truck driver not able to get his check. We would all look forward to the trip as the White Castle at 95th an Cicero was are first stop. We would all get a Bakers dozen sack with fries and large Coke and enjoy the hot summer night as a teenage right of passage. I will miss you old friend say hi to the others up in Heaven for me see ya soon... Rod Girard

Rodney Girard - March 26, 2015 at 05:00 PM

DW

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the Schweizer family. I first got to know Gary when he became our football coach with the Bradley Lions Peewee team. I had seen him sparingly over the years as I had moved out of state, but had the pleasure of performing my only karaoke performance with Gary and several of his brothers in Bradley 15 years ago, I guess you could have called us a quintet. RIP Coach.*

Doug and Linda Wright - March 25, 2015 at 04:45 PM



“ *He won't be alone..my dad (Butch Falkenhan) will welcome him home and tell stories and laugh just like before. My thoughts and prayers are with you..take comfort in knowing how very much he was loved by many..Erinn Falkenhan*

Erinn Falkenhan - March 25, 2015 at 01:57 PM

TL

“ I am very sorry to hear of Gary's passing, he was a wonderful person & I always enjoyed seeing him & sharing stories with my buddy.. He had a awesome sense of humor & truly loved life, his family & friends. My condolences to you all & R.I.P my dear friend~~ You will be missed~~ God Bless, Tammy Landis

Tammy Landis - March 25, 2015 at 11:28 AM

CB

“ Roger and Gary what more needs to be said. What a pair!



Cindy Niedert Bittmann - March 25, 2015 at 08:48 AM

GW

“ Where to start, its hard to remember the the very first time, being 1300 miles away, but there were summers I came to Il. and always had a few nights at the Schweizer house. I was maybe 13-14 and Gary took me for a ride in his car, it was all primer up and a real HOT ROD. In later years I always tried to look him up when I got up there. He was and is a Great Guy and will be missed by many. To the Family I send my thoughts and prayers during this time, but know his is in Loving hand still.



Glen Wrisley - March 25, 2015 at 07:33 AM



“ *Marc Wilson lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Schweizer*



Marc Wilson - March 25, 2015 at 06:25 AM



“ *'Faith, Hope, and Peace' Comfort Candle was purchased for the family of Gary A. Schweizer.*



March 25, 2015 at 05:03 AM



“ *Thinking of you all,
Michael Hanekamp
and Diane and John Hanekamp*



Michael Hanekamp - March 25, 2015 at 04:47 AM



“ *We love and miss you dearly uncle Gary. I know you will leave a big hole in our lives but we will fill it with loving memories of you. Give grandma and grandpa love for us*

Kristin Bessette - March 25, 2015 at 03:44 AM

Katie Peppin

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Melissa and Drew let us know if you need anything. I loved your dad! He was a good man and a wonderful patient and I'm honored that I got to meet him and get a chance to know him!! Love always.
Jason & Katie Peppin



Katie Peppin - March 25, 2015 at 01:31 AM

TR

“ Terri Ross lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Schweizer



Terri Ross - March 25, 2015 at 12:11 AM

KT

“ Krystal Tofari lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Schweizer



Krystal Tofari - March 24, 2015 at 11:51 PM

KE

“ Kim Gorbet Ezell lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Schweizer



Kim Gorbet Ezell - March 24, 2015 at 10:17 PM

LL

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Gary was a kind man that knew how to laugh, and his smile lit up a room. I will miss him tremendously. My deepest sympathies to you, God speed



Laurie Lewis - March 24, 2015 at 06:45 PM

DR

“ I've known Gary for years and will miss him singing and all his jokes. He always put a smile on my face. My prayers and sympathy go out to his family and all those who cared for and loved Gary. He will be missed! God Bless.

Dawn Ryan

dawn ryan - March 24, 2015 at 02:43 PM

MF

“ Sincere condolences to the Schweizer family. RIP my friend. Say hello to my Dad, Uncle Butch, and Uncle Don for my me.

Marc Falkenhan - March 24, 2015 at 02:30 PM

JS

Marc,

How can you describe in just a few words the connection and history enjoyed by the Falkenhan and Schweizer families over the years? You really can't because we could fill a book (or several!).

Your Dad, Uncle Butch and Uncle Don are probably sitting with Harry and Joyce looking down at us fools and having a good chuckle!

Because when we get together there's always a lot of smiles, stories and laughter! Our families will be forever linked in friendship and spirit!

Thank You for your kind words and your friendship!

Love You!

"The Schweizer Tribe"

Jeff Schweizer - March 24, 2015 at 08:56 PM

LC

“ Sending deepest sympathies to the Schweizer family. Ole Fulton Memories and playing euchre. Thoughts and prayers. Brian & Linda Curtis

Linda Curtis - March 24, 2015 at 02:02 PM

CE

“ Melissa and Paula, You are dearly loved and precious in his sight. Peace be with you. Aunt Connie Eaker



Connie Eaker - March 23, 2015 at 02:52 PM

CM

“ i was so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. We were buds as kids and through high school. he helped me when my Mom was pregnant with Kris, assured me it's no big deal, look at what my Mom's got. He drew me a "rail racer" which I still have buried in my box of stuff! we used to call him buffalo buns! Thoughts and prayers are with all of you. don't know if i'll make service, not supposed to drive distances but would love to see the switzer gang! HUGS to all of you

carolyn trombley milss - March 23, 2015 at 12:20 PM

JS

“ To Christopher, Jennifer and Melissa,

Your father was dad to three great kids...2 beautiful, sweet daughters and a handsome, talented son! You gave him a flock of grandchildren that he adored. He loved each of you and cherished all of his grandchildren that you graced him with! We love you and have you in our prayers.

Uncle Jeff and Aunt Connie



Jeff Schweizer - March 23, 2015 at 10:31 AM

JS

“ To Anita,

Gary was so blessed to have such a wonderful, caring woman in his life! You have become a cherished part of our family as well. Our only regret is that you didn't come into his and our lives sooner. You will always be in our hearts and part of "The Tribe"! May God bless you and warm you...you are in our prayers!!

Jeff and Connie



Jeff Schweizer - March 23, 2015 at 10:10 AM

RC

“ To the entire Schweizer family,
We are so sorry to learn of Gary's passing. He is at piece now, may your memories keep you strong during this difficult time. We are in Florida and will not make services. We will keep you in our hearts and prayers.

Love,
Rick & Marla Coy

Rick & Marla Coy - March 22, 2015 at 03:22 PM

JS

Rick & Marla,

Thank You for your kindness and thoughtfulness. The Coy and Schweizer families have a long and storied history! The friendship is time-tested and cherished...your family will be forever linked with and appreciated by the Schweizer family!!

With Love and Respect,
Jeff

Jeff Schweizer - March 23, 2015 at 10:53 AM

MS

I want to say a special thank you to Anita. You were there for Gary when he needed someone special. You are that someone. To my family, I love you all, and know full well how you are feeling. My heart just aches. To the Schweizer family friends, we are so thankful for the respect and love shown through our difficult time. We have many family friends, so it's difficult to mention everybody, but the Coy, Kravat, and Schweizer families were especially close growing up. Again, there are so many people I could mention. Chris, Melissa, Jennifer, I love you all. You need me, call me. I will always try to be there.

Mitch Schweizer - March 24, 2015 at 02:28 PM

SR

I'm so sorry to hear of Gary passing. I have so many great memories of living next to your fun and crazy family. You all were my family also. My prayers and thoughts are with you all. Sue Russell (Kravat)

sue russell-kravat - March 24, 2015 at 10:36 PM

MR

To the Schweizer family so sorry to hear of Gary's death. He will be missed by many great man. You are in our prayers. Pete & Mary Ann Redmond

mary ann redmond - March 25, 2015 at 08:20 AM