



Gary Karl

November 4, 1947 - March 16, 2020

Gary Karl, 72, of Edwards, IL, died on March 16, 2020 while surrounded by family after a battle with cancer due to his service in the Navy during the Vietnam War. During his 43 yr. long career at Caterpillar he started in the factory and pursued his engineering interests until he finally retired as Sr. Engineering Specialist/Sr. Editor for Worldwide Fluids & Filters Publications. His biggest hobby was photography. He leaves behind his wife, Margie, four kids, Stefanie Karl Crawford (Dan), Peoria Heights; Tony Karl, Peoria; Bob Murphy, Peoria; and Mike Murphy (Tina), Dunlap. Gary is also survived by nine grandkids, six great-grandchildren, seven brothers, and five sisters. Gary will be sorely missed by those who knew him. His humor was sometimes questionable. His knowledge about a variety of issues was immense. His love and dedication for his family, friends, and country was immeasurable. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Jude or the Ronald McDonald House. Because he liked to do everything his own way, his death during a pandemic will mean that there will be a private memorial for immediate family only. We're hopeful a celebration of life will be possible this summer. Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services in Peoria is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am very saddened to know of Gary's passing. He was dedicated, knowledgeable and caring. I learned a lot from him and took over some of his duties when he retired. His influence and legacy certainly continues. My sincere condolences and very sorry for your loss.

Hind Abi-Akar

Hind Abi-Akar - May 20, 2020 at 11:52 AM

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“ Margie and family, we are very sorry for your loss. Gary was very bright and focused on the right products and processes to benefit the company. He had a dry sense of humor and I always found him to be an interesting friend. Larry (and Linda) Wood

Larry Wood - March 22, 2020 at 03:36 PM

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“ So sorry to see Gary passed. I truly enjoyed seeing Gary and Margie at Market Grille. Glad he's no longer suffering. God bless him and the family. Linda McCoy

Linda McCoy - March 20, 2020 at 02:01 PM