



Gary Lee Humphreys

July 3, 1942 - October 17, 2016

Long-time Glen Lake resident, Gary L. Humphreys, died Sunday at his home in Glen Arbor. He was 74. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; their children: son John, his partner, Christine, daughter Christine, and daughter Kathryn; and seven grandchildren: Eva, Charles, Tessa, William, Henry, Harper, and Lucy. Also surviving are his brother Michael (Judy) Humphreys and many nieces and nephews. Though he was born downstate in Casnovia and worked most of his career at Ernst & Young and Harrow Industries in Grand Rapids, Glen Lake played a central role in the life of Gary and his family, with many summer holidays spent at the lake. Gary's retirement in 2000 prompted a permanent move "up north" where, as a year-round resident, Gary played an active role in the community volunteering at the library and serving on the Glen Lake Board, applying his expertise in finance and tax to help others.

Gary loved gathering his family around and watching them enjoy life at the lake. His favorite job was to fuel the fun - often quite literally - making several trips into town each day for boat gas, sweet corn and pies from local markets, and toys for the sand and water. Gary's happiest moments were spent watching the sun set over Alligator Hill while his family played on the beach or enjoyed a barbecue on the patio. Evenings meant time playing cards, dominoes, or working on a jigsaw puzzle late into the night. Every moment was an opportunity for a "lesson", recall Gary's children, who describe their father as principled, committed to "doing what is right, not what is fastest", teaching them to be thoughtful and limitless in all of their aspirations and goals. He was always encouraging his family "to get out there and challenge yourselves". Friends remember Gary's gentle spirit and calm nature, his sweet tooth, and his love for a good joke. His weekly poker sessions were a highlight for Gary, as was a Sunday afternoon sitting quietly in his office with his Labradors, one eye on the game, the other watching the birds flock to his feeders.

Gary will be remembered fondly by many in the community and beyond. In keeping with his wishes, his family will conduct a private memorial. For those interested in honoring Gary's memory, donations can be made in his name to the Glen Lake Community Library at 10115 Front Street Empire, Michigan 49630.

Please consider visiting www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com to share your condolences and memories with the Humphreys Family.

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home

Comments



“ Please accept my family's heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort in fond memories, and The Almighty God's promise in the Bible, to restore those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth.

Greene Family - October 28, 2016 at 10:26 AM



“ Gary is missed. He was always there to make everyone happy and loved to make things work so that others could have fun. I have great memories of the time spent with the family up at Glen Lake. I'm very sorry to hear about his passing and my thoughts go out to his family.

Matt Olmsted

Matthew Olmsted - October 28, 2016 at 08:53 AM



“ Sharon, John, Chris, Kathy and Family....I was so sorry to see in the obituaries about Gary's passing. I think about you guys often and what a wonderful family you were to know and babysit for. Many years have passed but please know that you are always in my thoughts and prayers. My sincere sympathies go out to all of you.
Janet Raap Novitsky

Janet Raap - October 25, 2016 at 12:35 PM



“ Gary was a great person in our community..great parent, spouse friend..low key but confident..he will be missed by many area residents..GOD BLESS..Ed Ricker

ed ricker - October 25, 2016 at 10:57 AM



“ Dear Sharon and family,
Bill and I were shocked and saddened to hear about Gary. Our hearts go out to all of you at this terrible time in your life. Gary was a family man in the deepest sense and I know what a void there will be. He was also so generous and fun-loving. I remember he was a man of faith, as well. I pray all your memories and joyous times will sustain you until you are all together again someday. Our prayers are with you all.
With our deepest sympathy,
Pat and Bill Bartlett

Pat Bartlett - October 23, 2016 at 06:46 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Sharon, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We remember the great swimming days at Northview. Hope all is doing well. Rick and Mary Gregg and family.

Mary Gregg - October 23, 2016 at 11:45 AM



“ Sharon-

I enjoyed working for Gary as his assistant his last several years with EY and was so sad to hear of the news. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Laura Leslie-

Laura Leslie - October 21, 2016 at 09:31 AM



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Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home - October 20, 2016 at 02:25 PM