



Gary J. Christopherson

March 26, 1955 - February 7, 2014

Gary J. Christopherson, 58 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Friday, February 7, 2014 at his home in Little Falls. A memorial service will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN with Rev. David Sperstad officiating. Friends may call from 4-7 P.M. on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Gary John Christopherson was born in Little Falls to the late Arvid and Merced (Hellickson) Christopherson on March 26th, 1955. Gary was a member of First Lutheran Church his entire life. Gary graduated from Little Falls Community High School in 1973, and attended Bemidji State University. In his professional career, Gary was a Baker, having started work at Sanitary Bakery while still in high school. It is interesting to note that his last work position was as head baker at Pete and Joy's Bakery, the same location as his first job. Gary was also a Butcher, working at Hunstigers in St. Cloud, and later for grocery chains in South Dakota before moving back to Little Falls. Gary was also a bit of a Candlestick Maker in his personal life. The light of kindness and generosity was innate within his character. We were all touched by his gentle spirit. Gary's droll sense of humor will be remembered and appreciated by all those who knew him. When our Mother's mobility declined, Gary stepped in to be primary caretaker for her. His gesture was greatly appreciated by Mom and the rest of the family. He was especially proud of the lawn at the house. Meticulous care made it look like a golf course. Gary was an avid fisherman,

and over the years spent good quality time in his boat on the water. He was a successful fisherman as well, and family and friends will certainly attest to his skill. Gary had a deep love of reading. His interest lay in non-fiction, primarily the Civil War. He was a source of knowledge we could count on. Gary found joy in music throughout his life. His guitar and amp were always close at hand. Gary was blessed with the gift of making enduring friendships. He was beloved and will be remembered well.

Gary is survived by his siblings: Jeffrey (Meri-Jac), Jill (John Malcolm), Alan (Rebecca), and Peter (Tammy). He was Uncle to eight, and Great Uncle to twelve and very proud of them all. Gary was preceded in death by his father, Arvid in 1977, and his mother, Merced in 2012. We honor Gary for his presence in our lives, and wish him Godspeed to his new home.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

14820 138TH ST
Little Falls, MN 56345

Tribute Wall



“ Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary J. Christopherson

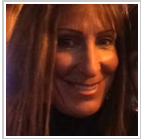


Lemieur Funeral Homes - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Gary J. Christopherson

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ I still can't believe we lost our precious Gary! I loved him so much; he was my best friend. My heart pours out to his beloved sibs; whom I love, growing up side by side as neighbors. I can't begin to enumerate all the wonderful memories Gary n I had together from childhood, teen and adult years. He was always there for me. He was part of our family; he joined us for virtually every Schmidt family party. Dad and Gary would have a beer after mowing their lawns and look w/ satisfaction on their beautiful accomplishments. I think my dad was a father to Gary all the years after his dear father died. I hope my dad is embracing Gary right now as I miss them both tremendously. We will see them again Keep that hope beloved friends and family of Christ; God willing, we will see Gary again.



Ramona Flod - February 25, 2014 at 01:33 PM

BP

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Birdie Pederson - February 24, 2014 at 12:06 PM

CM

“ *Claudette Moran lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Christopherson*



Claudette Moran - February 19, 2014 at 12:21 PM

PV

“ *If there is a Rock -n- Roll heaven, Gary is now Leading the Band! Many great memories playing in Jr. High / High School Rock bands with Gary, Tom Martin and Steve Borgstrom...along with Erica Middlestead and Al Swenson from time to time.*

Gary taught me to 'keep the beat going'.

The Bands Name(s) were... Phase Five (with Erica), The "Committe", and most interesting The Hobbitts" with Al Swenson on lead vocals Rock'n out Eddy's Bar in Genola.

Gary will be missed my all,

Paul VanRisseghem

Paul VanRisseghem - February 17, 2014 at 11:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Christopherson Family,

My sincere condolences to your family, during this time of sorrow, may family and friends help you through your grief in the days ahead and may the God of all comfort bring hope to your hearts with his promise of a future resurrection, Psalm 147:3 and Acts 24:15.

With my deepest sympathy,

The Munro Family

The Munro Family - February 12, 2014 at 04:54 PM

JS

“ *To have as many as one friend like Gary in our lifetime is a blessing. I don't remember meeting Gary, I think we were in diapers at the time. I've known him and stayed in touch with him all my life. We talked to each other last month. Its hard to realize that was the last time. So many memories, church, high school, "Jubileers, foosball, Frisbee, just hanging out and so many more. Godspeed Gary.*

Jon Sandberg

Jon Sandberg - February 11, 2014 at 10:03 PM

LT

“ Christopherson family-
I was sad to hear of the loss of your
brother/brother-in-law/uncle. Though I never
really had a chance to know him personally
just reading his obituary was a wonderful
tribute to him. Whoever did it really focused on who he was. Cherish
all the memories.

Sincerely,
Lucy Tanner



Lucy Tanner - February 11, 2014 at 09:32 PM

KS

“ We will miss your laugh and sense of humor. Your kindness and
love of family and friends will always be remembered. Kevin and
Deb Schumacher

Kevin Schumacher - February 11, 2014 at 08:17 PM

DJ

“ Debbie Jelinski-Harakel lit a candle in
memory of Gary J. Christopherson



Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - February 10, 2014 at 05:54 PM

DJ

I was so saddened to hear that the Class of 1973 lost another member.
My sympathy to his family. God Bless.

Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - February 10, 2014 at 06:01 PM

JG

“ *Jill and Family, sorry for the loss of Gary. Prayers and Thoughts to all of you at this time.* ”



jenny gran - February 10, 2014 at 08:55 AM

JG

“ *Jenny Gran lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Christopherson* ”



jenny gran - February 10, 2014 at 08:52 AM

TM

“ *8 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Tom Martin - February 09, 2014 at 09:30 PM

TM

We had some really great times together these fifty eight last years. I am really going to miss you bud.

Tom Martin - February 09, 2014 at 09:38 PM

SW

Tom , thank you for posting these pictures, lots of good memories, he will be missed, Sandy {Bzdok} Wright-Olson

sandy wright-olson - February 10, 2014 at 11:13 AM

JB

“ Hearing about Gary was a very sad moment for me! Del and Gary were definitely good fishing buddies!We spent many hours on Crow Wing River fishing for sunnies with Gary. Some Great memories were made there! I miss that ALOT! Also the all the times that I cleaned the fish while Del and Gary had a "few" beers watching me do it. Now they are together again and they'll have to clean their own fish,LOL



Joyce Bauers - February 09, 2014 at 08:07 PM

SB

“ I remember playing two songs with Gary, Paul van Risseghem, and Tom Martin at a talent show on the old Belle Prairie School stage. We won! "Proud Mary" and "Overture to Tommy" were the tunes. We were so loud, it was crazy! I thank Gary for opening up my eyes to the possibility of being a musician; it has been my life's work. I mourn his passing, he was much too young!

Steve Borgstrom - February 09, 2014 at 06:18 PM

KW

“ I was very sad to hear of Gary's passing. Growing up with Gary, I remember many winter days when we would drag our toboggan's to "The Bluffs", to go tobogganing. So many fun memories, from riding our bikes to the county fair, to going with he and his Dad to Twins games at the old Met Stadium, to just playing "catch". Rest in Peace, Gary.

Kent B. Warnberg

Kent B. Warnberg - February 08, 2014 at 04:36 PM

JF

“ Jon & Wendi Fogelberg lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Christopherson



Jon & Wendi Fogelberg - February 08, 2014 at 12:44 PM

BP

“ Brad & Birdie Pederson lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Christopherson



Brad & Birdie Pederson - February 07, 2014 at 10:44 PM

BP

“ Bruce And Deb Pederson lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Christopherson



Bruce and Deb Pederson - February 07, 2014 at 10:15 PM

SW

“ Sandy Wright-Olson lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Christopherson



Sandy Wright-Olson - February 07, 2014 at 04:18 PM

SW

I am saddened to hear of Gary's passing. I have known him since kindergarten and we have been friends ever since. He was a kind man and I will miss him. RIP Gary!

Sandy Wright-Olson - February 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM