



Gary Funk

July 17, 1959 - December 12, 2020

Gary Leo Funk passed December 12, 2020 at his home after a two year battle with cancer. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Buckman, MN with Father Ken Popp officiating. Burial will take place in the St. Michael's Parish Cemetery in Buckman, MN. A visitation will be held from 3-7 P.M. on Wednesday and from 9-10:30 A.M. on Thursday at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Buckman, MN. Funeral arrangements for Gary are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Pierz, MN.

Gary was born July 17, 1959 to Theodore "Teddy" and Leona (Brausen) Funk. He grew up on the family farm, until moving to Pierz with his family when he was 12. He worked many jobs, starting at a young age. He worked for his family and many neighbors in town and from the country on a wide variety of things. Among the many jobs were milking, fieldwork, shoveling snow, product inventory rotation, and cook. At a young age, he even ran the whole farm of a neighbor, as he stayed on while they recuperated from sickness. He also did quite a bit of trapping.

After graduating from Pierz Healy High, he moved to the cities to work as a forklift operator. He had great fun with the many friends who he stayed with. He also worked as a traveling sheet rocker before coming home to work with his brothers on the family farm. Together with his brothers and their families,

he helped to run Funk Brothers. He worked hard at the farm. There was a great herd of milking cows, but also beef cows over the years. He also enjoyed raising and helping raise a variety of other farm animals. Many, many memories were made there. After selling the animals, Gary continued on farming the land until a year before his death. While farming, and up until his sickness, he was a great bartender for the Red Rooster in Genola. He was well-liked by his coworkers and many patrons.

In the meantime, after moving back home to the farm, Gary married Debbie Veith. Together they had one son, Tony. The couple later divorced. In 2014, Gary married Stacy (Thomas) Herold. From the marriage, he gained a stepson, Thomas Herold. The couple lived down the road from the family farm until his passing.

Gary was loved by many. He was often termed to be the “best man in the world”, which he was darn close to. He was so generous and caring. He’d do anything for anyone. He was a master gardener, hunter, and fisherman. He was the first to get his produce in and had loads of trophy game, including the fifth-largest bear in Minnesota, that hangs on the wall in his basement. He shared all the wealth of his endeavors with his big family and many friends. He was also dubbed as the “best bartender”. Many people from miles and miles around new Gary and his great smile, laugh, and full drinks. Gary was always up for a good time and was always right in the middle of the fun. Tons of fun stories of Gary will be shared a million times over, many from his hunting trips out west.

Gary is survived by his wife Stacy, stepson Tom, (both at home in Pierz), and biological son Tony. From Tony, Gary has three grandchildren, Tony “TJ”, Raelynn, and Riley Funk. He is survived by siblings, Gerald “Jerry” (Jane) Funk, James “Jimmy” (Lori) Funk, Kenny (Cherri) Funk, Mary (Gary) Meyer, Linda (Dennis/Hup) Hoheisel, Lois Leidenfrost, and David (Gina) Funk. He is also survived by sisters-in-law, Barbara (Babs) Funk, Debbie Funk, and many,

many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Theodore “Teddy” and Leona Funk, brothers Alvin and Francis, niece, Pam Funk and nephew, Tommy Funk.

Cemetery Details

St. Michael's Parish Cemetery

Buckman, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **16**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Michael's Catholic Church - Buckman
9251 Hwy 25
Buckman, MN 56317

Visitation

DEC **17**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

DEC **17**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gary Funk

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ -Adam, Wendy, Tristan and Morgan Otterness purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gary Funk.



-Adam, Wendy, Tristan and Morgan Otterness - December 16, 2020 at 08:47 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Funk.



December 15, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ Cheri and Kenny so sorry to hear your brother past. He is at peace and no more pain. God Bless You All.



Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - December 15, 2020 at 12:37 PM

BM

“ Our deepest sympathy on the passing of Gary. Our memories of Gary are of him with a smile on his face and a friendly greeting. He was such a nice guy, with a great sense of humor. Now he is free of pain, and at peace. Our thoughts and prayers for Gary and family.
Jeff and Bonnie Meyer

Bonnie and Jeff Meyer - December 14, 2020 at 10:09 PM

JS

“ We're sorry for your loss. From Adam and Aaron Wrobel too



Jenny Stout - December 14, 2020 at 08:15 PM

GT

“ Grandma Dorothy and the Thomas's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Funk.



Grandma Dorothy and the Thomas's - December 14, 2020 at 04:54 PM

 Kathy Brausen DeGraw

“ Kathy Brausen DeGraw lit a candle in memory of Gary Funk



Kathy Brausen DeGraw - December 14, 2020 at 03:23 PM

RB

“ Rick And Sue Brausen lit a candle in memory of Gary Funk



Rick and Sue Brausen - December 14, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Gary.

Randy Gulden and Ruthann Jensen



Ruthann Jensen - December 14, 2020 at 02:47 PM

FB

“ Gary was one of the friendliest and easy going people i knew from high school.plus one of the funniest people i got to know. we will miss him at our upcoming class reunions in the future. May Jesus bless his soul and take him to heaven. God Bless you Gary and your family . Frances(malinowski) Bakken 605 East Robert Street #3 Crookston, Mn 56716.

Frances Bakken - December 14, 2020 at 01:59 PM

LD

Prayers to the family. I grew up with Gary (one of my classmates) and friend. He had the cutest smile and personality . Rest In Peace Gary .God has another Angel in heaven. Linda (Girtz) Dirks.

linda dirks - December 15, 2020 at 10:30 AM

NG

“ *Natalie Jim Gritzmacher sent a virtual gift in memory of Gary Funk*



Natalie jim Gritzmacher - December 14, 2020 at 07:56 AM

TN

“ *Theresa (Otremba) Nelson lit a candle in memory of Gary Funk*



Theresa (Otremba) Nelson - December 13, 2020 at 05:59 PM

DH

“ *Dennis & Janice Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Gary Funk*



Dennis & Janice Hoffman - December 13, 2020 at 01:14 PM

SK

“ *Sending prayers for Gary and his family*



Susan & James Kasper - December 13, 2020 at 01:06 PM

KT

“ *Sending prayers to his family.*”



Kelly Voltin Thomsen - December 13, 2020 at 10:40 AM