



Gary R. Schwanke

May 7, 1951 - November 22, 2023

Gary R. Schwanke, 72 year old resident of Staples, MN passed away Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at the Staples Hospital. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, November 27, 2023 at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls, MN. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples, MN. Friends and family can gather from 10-11 A.M. on Tuesday at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples, MN. Caring for Gary and his family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Gary was born on May 7, 1951 in Minneapolis, MN to the late Raymond and Jeanette (Copley) Schwanke. He grew up on the family farm west of Randall, MN. Gary loved growing up and helping on the family farm. He enlisted in the US Navy and served overseas for 4 years until he was honorably discharged. Gary was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was also an animal lover who enjoyed the company of his pets. Gary was a faithful member of Faith Lutheran Church in Staples, MN.

He is survived by children, Jacob Schwanke, Jeremiah Schwanke, Collette Eastman and Claudette Schwanke; siblings, Cindy Lange and Terry Schwanke and several grandchildren.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Jeanette Schwanke.

Cemetery Details

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115
Little Falls, MN

Previous Events

Committal Service

NOV 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery
15550 Highway 115
Little Falls, MN

Visitation

NOV 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church - Staples
430 12th Street NE
Staples, MN 56479

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

PD

“ *Patti L Dickmann lit a candle in memory of Gary R. Schwanke*



patti l dickmann - November 27, 2023 at 11:55 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary R. Schwanke.*



November 26, 2023 at 05:58 PM

JB

“ *Jim & Jeneva Bellefeuille lit a candle in memory of Gary R. Schwanke*



Jim & Jeneva Bellefeuille - November 23, 2023 at 12:27 PM

RS

“ *Terry Schwanke a family: our deepest sympathy & condolences, thoughts and prayers in the loss of your brother Gary. He was a great guy. May he rest in peace with our Heavenly Father in Jesus name.*

Richard R. Schneider - November 23, 2023 at 10:52 AM

AA

“ Annie Adamski lit a candle in memory of Gary R. Schwanke



Annie Adamski - November 23, 2023 at 09:44 AM

LH

“ Lois A Herman lit a candle in memory of Gary R. Schwanke



Lois A Herman - November 23, 2023 at 02:12 AM

SB

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



sharon Ballou - November 22, 2023 at 10:20 PM



“ Judy Berger lit a candle in memory of Gary R. Schwanke



Judy Berger - November 22, 2023 at 06:54 PM