



## Gary A. Schlenz

July 26, 1955 - May 10, 2023

Gary A. Schlenz, 67 year old resident of Little Falls, MN, passed away on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at his residence. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 A.M. on Monday, May 22, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN with Father Patrick Hoeft officiating. Private burial will take place at St. John's Parish Cemetery in Swanville, MN. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Caring for Gary and his family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Gary was born in Joliet, Illinois to the late Ervin and Augusta (Bollino) Schlenz on July 26, 1955. He grew up in Swanville, graduating from Swanville High School in 1973. Gary went on to finish 1 year at Brainerd Vo-tech. Gary married his high school sweetheart, Kathy Welters on August 20, 1977 at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church in Swanville, MN. The couple made their home in Little Falls, Minnesota. Gary worked in the restaurant business in many capacities. He started his career working at the Country Kitchen Restaurant in Little Falls. In the early 80's, he purchased and ran The Falls Cafe. After a few years he sold the cafe and began working at the Golden Eagle Supper Club in Grey Eagle. He worked at the Eagle for 24 years. When he left the Eagle, he went on to work at The Main Gate and the Little Falls American Legion. Gary had a natural gift for interior design. He took pride in his house, yard and gardens. He had a special place in his heart for animals,

especially his dogs.

Gary is survived by his wife, Kathy and his dog, Isabella; mother-in-law, Rosina Welters; brothers-in-law, Richard Welters, Al and (Kim) Welters, Roger and (Connie) Welters, and John & (Glenda) Welters; sister-in-law, Margaret and (Randy) Mettler and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ervin and Augusta Schlenz; father-in-law, Lawrence Welters and sister-in-law, Doris Welters.

# Cemetery Details

## St. John the Baptist Cemetery - Swanville, MN

Swanville, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 22. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Little Falls  
305 4th Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 22. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Little Falls  
305 4th Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

# Tribute Wall

DP

“ Gary was an awesome boss! So many good memories from working at the Falls Cafe! RIP Gary and give Lenny a hug for me. So sorry for your loss Kathy.

Denise Ploof - May 25, 2023 at 05:30 AM

PK

“ Pat Kasella lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Schlenz



Pat Kasella - May 17, 2023 at 04:29 PM

JB

“ Jim & Jeneva Bellefeuille lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Schlenz



Jim & Jeneva Bellefeuille - May 16, 2023 at 10:56 AM

CE

“ Collette Ehrenberg lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Schlenz



collette Ehrenberg - May 14, 2023 at 08:05 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Gary A. Schlenz.*



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May 13, 2023 at 07:38 PM



“ *Kathy you have my deepest sympathy.*



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**Laurie (Hayes) Ochoa** - May 13, 2023 at 02:55 PM



“ *Michelle Dreiling lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Schlenz*



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**Michelle Dreiling** - May 13, 2023 at 01:42 AM



“ *My prayers to you and your family he left too soon*

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**REBECCA F WOTZKA** - May 12, 2023 at 06:27 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy Kathy.  
The Swanville class of 1973 has lost a dear  
friend.*



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**Nona** - May 12, 2023 at 04:27 PM

ML

“ *Missy LeMieur lit a candle in memory of Gary  
A. Schlenz*



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**Missy leMieur** - May 12, 2023 at 04:04 PM

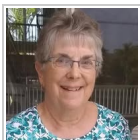
JF

“ *Judith Ficek lit a candle in memory of Gary A.  
Schlenz*



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**Judith Ficek** - May 12, 2023 at 09:22 AM



“ *Kathy I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers  
will be with you in the upcoming months.*

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**Karen Haaland** - May 12, 2023 at 08:29 AM

DT

“ I am blessed to have had Gary in my life and am truly thankful! His love and the memories of the times we shared will always keep me 😊  
RIP Brother!

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**Derrick Taylor** - May 11, 2023 at 11:17 PM

PF

“ Kathy, Our deepest sympathies. RIP Gary.



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**Patrick & Teckla Fitzgerald** - May 11, 2023 at 08:53 PM

SN

“ Sandy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Gary  
A. Schlenz



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**Sandy Nelson** - May 11, 2023 at 06:16 PM