



Gary L. Anderson

May 1, 1943 - April 10, 2024

Gary L. Anderson, 80, of New Castle, passed away peacefully at University Hospital in Indianapolis on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 surrounded by his family following a brief illness.

He was born on May 1, 1943, New Castle, the only child of Max R. and Ellen M. (Shelley) Anderson.

Gary was a 1961 graduate of New Castle Chrysler High School and a 1968 graduate of Ball State University. He was employed as an accountant at Chrysler Corporation in New Castle, IN, before retiring in 2000.

He was a 60 year member of the First United Methodist Church in New Castle, where he tirelessly served the church for the last several years serving on the board of directors. He also was a past member of the Spiceland Lions Club and Elks Lodge of New Castle, IN.

Gary enjoyed all sports, including Cincinnati Reds baseball, New Castle Trojans basketball, Ball State University basketball, IU basketball and more recently, Purdue University basketball. As his children and grandchildren were growing up, he could always be found at their events, traveling anywhere to watch a baseball tournament.

Gary had a dry wit and sense of humor that was beyond compare. He had countless friends and recently enjoyed his Monday breakfasts with his friends and his Tuesday Euchre card club. Although he was an accountant by trade, he was a farmer at heart, always busy maintaining and mowing his mini-farm, known as Double G Ranch.

Gary is survived by his wife, Gayle (Elliott) Anderson, whom he married on June 28, 1963; two children, Karen (Bryan) Hammond of Indianapolis and John (Michelle) Anderson of New Castle; four grandchildren, Dr. Kevin (Mary Anne) Hammond of Cincinnati, OH, Kristin Hammond of Indianapolis, Logan Anderson and Allyson (Ryan) Clark all of New Castle; one great grandchild Theo Clark arriving in July 2024; several cousins; dozens of friends, including special friend, Margaret Johnson of Wilmington, OH and dog Sadie Ann.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents; infant stillborn daughter, LeeAnn; special friend Robert Johnson and countless animal companions over the years, including dogs, cats, horses, and cows.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 pm, Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Rev Michelle White officiating. Entombment will follow at Green Hills Memory Gardens.

Friends may call from 10 – 12 pm prior to the service at the funeral home.

You may send the family a personal condolence online at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Gary Anderson.

Cemetery Details

Green Hills Memory Gardens

3578 W State Road 38
New Castle, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **16**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Funeral Service

APR **16**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PM

“ *phil marsh lit a candle in memory of Gary Anderson*



phil marsh - April 17, 2024 at 06:25 PM

JE

“ *Gary always greeted people with a smile and quick wit. His service to the Church is a great example to be followed. He will be missed.*

James Eckerty - April 16, 2024 at 10:41 AM

KJ

“ *Gary and Gayle were like an Uncle and Aunt to our kids when they were growing up and such wonderful friends to all of us Johnson kids when we came to visit Mom and Dad (Margaret and Bob Johnson) when they lived in New Castle. We appreciated so much when Karen and Bryan brought Gary and Gayle over to Troy, Ohio for Tim's and My 50th anniversary in December. Gary, you were loved and will be greatly missed. But we know we will see you again. ❤️ Love, Tim and Kathy Johnson*

kathy Johnson - April 16, 2024 at 10:15 AM



“ 86 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - April 15, 2024 at 03:27 PM

MS

“ I've know Gary since I started to attend First Church in 2002. Over the years Gary was my go to man when I needed info on what was going on in the county. My go to man to chat about life or just to chat. I taught him a lot about euchre. LOL!!! He was my building inspector on the remodel of our 1896 Victorian in Lewisville. He saw the house all the time and still would come to our open house each year. I figured out why. We severed HMIC. He loved it!!! You are one of my best friends since high school. You will be missed but you will always be in our hearts. Mike Spade

Mike Spade- - April 15, 2024 at 12:25 PM

DD

“ Gary was always helping others if he could !

Donnie A Davis - April 14, 2024 at 07:14 PM

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Donnie A Davis - April 14, 2024 at 07:12 PM



“ *Enduring Grace* was purchased for the family of Gary L. Anderson.



April 12, 2024 at 10:08 PM

JE

“ Gayle, Karen and John-

Marsha and I were deeply saddened to learn of Gary's passing. We are thinking about all of you as we reminisce about all the great family gatherings that we have shared over years.

I always looked up to Gary and thought of him as the "alpha" of the Shelley cousins. He was the oldest and leader of this motley crew but also, in his understated way, loved to tease and prank. I remember how he convinced us that Frankenstein's Monster was alive and had taken up residence in Grandpa Shelley's barn. We knew this was true because of the two green "Frankenstein eyes" that shown down from the hayloft (they were actually trouble lights from an electrical junction box but we didn't know any different). For the longest time no cousin would enter the barn wiithout the company of Grandpa Shelley. We all marveled at Gary's bravery when he would enter the barn alone! This is just one example of the fun we enjoyed as cousins growing up and the farm on Dublin Pike provided many spooky settings to capture our young imaginations.

Gary's passing, the passing of the alpha cousin, really hits home for me. Marsha and I deeply regret that we will be unable to attend the service. Our travel is restricted at this time but we will be there in spirit and praying for Gary and all of your family.

Gary, rest in peace. You were a good man.

Jon and Marsha Ervin

Jon D Ervin - April 12, 2024 at 04:17 PM

BM

“ Barry and Nancy Miller purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gary L. Anderson.



Barry and Nancy Miller - April 12, 2024 at 10:34 AM

LG

“ My prayers are with Gayle and the family at this time. I will miss Gary's warm greetings Sunday mornings at church, as well as his sense of humor. I appreciate his dedication to serving our church for many years.

Lisa Garvin - April 12, 2024 at 10:24 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Gary L. Anderson.



April 12, 2024 at 10:18 AM

RD

“ So sorry to of Gary's passing, got to talk to him recently as he was leaving Culver's . I'm glad I stopped him John .Fine gentlemen condolences to your family John . 🙏❤️ Isaiah 41:10

Ricky Davis - April 11, 2024 at 08:12 PM