



## Garry Dean McKinley

April 20, 1947 - August 9, 2018

Garry Dean McKinley of Fife Lake passed away August 9, 2018 at his home. He was 71. Garry was born on April 20, 1947 in Cadillac to Walter G. & Viola I. (Guest) McKinley and they preceded him in death.

Garry attended school in Cadillac and later worked in some foundries early in his career and also helped his father in his plumbing business. Later in his working career he owned and operated McKinley's Wrecker Service where he also did mechanic work.

Racing was Garry's passion. It was a part of his life for 45 years and he was Late Model Track Champion in 1978 and Modified Track Champion in 1997 at Merritt Speedway. Later in life he enjoyed hunting and Bass fishing.

Survivors include his children: Angela (Lewis) Barber of Mount Pleasant, Michigan and Jason (Shannon) McKinley of Houghton Lake, Michigan; 3 grandchildren: Noah Barber, Kayleigh McKinley and Shawn McKinley; 1 great grandchild, Mason Barber.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Garry's final resting place will be Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com)



# Tribute Wall

LV

“ *RIP cousin. I will miss our occasional talks and laughs.*

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**Lana Vincent** - September 05, 2018 at 04:59 PM

LL

“ *Rest in peace my friend, until we see each other again*

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**Louie Lohrke** - September 02, 2018 at 11:46 PM

LF

“ *Racing was a part of your life as it was a part of Richard and my life. Merritt is where we met you and many great memories were made. Now are now with the racing family that had went before you. Dean Whaley, Ed VanDuinen, Rod Ancel, Bob Croton and many others. May you R.I.P. Garry and God's speed.*

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**Lois Mead Frantz** - September 01, 2018 at 09:12 PM

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“ *Here's to the old days and lots of fun. You are a great guy will be missed. Haven't seen you in years ...glad we got to connect before this happened . RIP My friend*

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**Sue Strange Parker** - September 01, 2018 at 08:36 PM

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“ *Hey Garry you will be sadly missed. You always had a good story to tell with plenty of laughs. You always were helpful to others. We sure drank a lot of beers together, so with memories like that you will never be forgotten. RIP Buddy we will meet again.*

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**Wayne & Roxann** - August 31, 2018 at 12:55 PM