



Gary Steven Elmore

December 16, 1948 - July 7, 2022

Gary Steven Elmore (73) of Cadillac, MI, passed away at his home on Pleasant Lake Thursday July 7, 2022.

He was born December 16, 1948 in Kalamazoo, MI, to Cecil Clayton Elmore and Mary Ethel Faunce Elmore. The Elmore and Faunce families have called Wexford and Missaukee home for five generations. Gary graduated from East Lansing High School, lettering in track(pole vault)and football. He later attended Lansing Community College.

His brothers, Ward Douglas(Tina) and David Brian Elmore of Cadillac survive him.

They vacationed with their parents on Lake Cadillac during the summers and several summers Gary was a life guard at Kenwood Beach. Gary married his first wife Janice Kay (Moomey) Ransom of Cadillac when she was 18 and he was 21. They divorced after 25 years, but remained friends.

Gary was also a veteran of the U.S. Army and served at Fort Meade, MD. He spent much of his work life as a Christmas Tree farmer, co-owner of The Pines, and inspector for Michigan Department of Transportation.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 12 years Barbara Lea Comeaux Elmore; his sons Judge Jason Jeremy Elmore and wife Dr. Alicia T. Elmore of Cadillac, and Joshua James Elmore and partner Johanna O'Leary of Marietta, GA; as well as his much loved Elmore/Faunce and Comeaux/Moss extended families. He was a beloved grandfather to Zachary, Anna, Andrew, Elliot, Emmett, Emma, and Maddie.

Gary lived on land owned and farmed by the Elmores for over 100 years. He was a warm and tender hearted man who beamed with pride over his children and grandchildren. He had a great sense of humor and loved to play guitar. He was a participant at Cadillac Christian Reformed Church.

Visitation will be held at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and Thursday July 14, 2022 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. Memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday at the funeral home. Gary will then be laid to rest in Selma Township Cemetery.

An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Selma Township Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services
205 East Cass Street
Cadillac, MI 49601

Memorial Service

JUL 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ES

“ I'm embarrassed I'm over year late to hear of Gary's passing. Condolences to his family as we've lost a great man. I was just a Seasonal with MDOT, but Gary had much patience getting me up to speed. I would like to thank Gary specifically for giving my life back after Dunbar's largest pile of sand collapsed on me, kayaked w/range rod on top until 2nd section broke off, then swam inside pile, hopefully up, until collapse complete. Mr. Lanny Gott found my eye & wrist on slope, Gary drove around mess, raced up side of pile tying cloth tape to wrist, saying, "Only way to be sure", a comedic quote from Ripley in Aliens Movie then playing! Gary led charge w/Lanny & truckers diggin' me out. With trucker under each arm scooted down slope until rumbling behind heard & felt. Entire pile had final collapse right to Drivers' feet w/25' of sand where was just dug out! Gary himself tossed me into Suburban, Lanny jumped in, and to Frosty Cup Hospital in minutes. They knocked much sand off me, each hooked an arm as was frozen, carried me in, & Gary ordered 2 Pots of Hot Coffee STAT. We had almost all died together and Gary still had his sense of humor! We all got Reprimand for taking 2 hr coffee break, but all knew who our friends were from that point on! So, so, so sorry to hear of your passing Mr. Gary, I'll forever miss you for stand-up kinda guy you were!!
Erwin Schmidt - Lake Alfred Florida

Erwin W Schmidt - September 08, 2023 at 12:59 PM

CS

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Gary's passing, and my heartfelt condolences to his family. Gary was a close friend way back when we were lifeguards at community beach. He was funny and kind ,and many of the happiest times in my life were those times I spent with the Elmore family so long ago. I treasure those memories.
C. Salisbury

C. Salisbury - August 02, 2022 at 11:11 AM

GS

“ Gary was a good friend of mine. I remember that one year after my wife Beckie and I got married we moved into our first home and Gary was there to help out. He had a pickup truck and trailer and helped me move. Beckie went to work in the morning on that day and when she came home Gary and I had moved everything we had to our new home. Making us neighbors down the street on Shelby.

I couldn't have done it without Gary's help.

Gary and I worked together at MDOT. We had good times together.

I was there on the job with Gary when he found out that one of his sons was born. Gary ran his truck down the grade to tell me.

So sorry for your loss. With our sympathy.

Gary and Beckie Swanson

Gary L Swanson - July 19, 2022 at 08:11 AM

BL

“ I only wish we had had more opportunities to get to know Gary better. The few times we did have together were always so special. Our prayers are with you Barbara and all the Elmore clan. May God give you comfort in this time.

Blaine - July 13, 2022 at 07:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Steven Elmore.



July 13, 2022 at 07:25 PM

DP

“ I worked with Gary over the years at MDOT. His kind heart and easy laugh are things I'll remember him by. That, and of course, the MDOT vs contractors basketball game we had “way back when” at what's now The Wex, and softball at The Pines - Gary pointing to his skinny legs and announcing “these legs don't slide!” Remember always the good times!

David Pax - July 13, 2022 at 05:46 PM

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“ Olivia Comeaux, and all our family purchased the Mrs. Fields Crimson Nibbler Trunk for the family of Gary Steven Elmore.



Olivia Comeaux, and all our family - July 12, 2022 at 09:18 PM

VW

“ Gary & David used to come to the YMCA and I always told them when they came in "the boys are back". He was a great guy and will be missed greatly. Virginia



Virginia Whitt - July 12, 2022 at 02:47 PM

SD

“ I am very sorry to learn of Gary's passing. He was a good man and will be missed by all who knew him.



Samantha Dassance - July 11, 2022 at 10:14 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary Steven Elmore.*



July 11, 2022 at 12:00 PM



“ *Gary as a young child working the Christmas Trees or his tree cutting business would treat me so special as a nephew. He always while going home from the tree field would buy me a pop and chips. He was fun to be with and a blessings and always fun to be with. Prayers for all the family at this time of your loss.*

Brian Moomey - July 11, 2022 at 09:16 AM



“ *Barbara, my childhood neighbor and cousin, I am so deeply sorry for the loss of your beloved Gary. I only met Gary once at your Mom's funeral. May he Rest In Peace and May you cherish the many memories that the two of you made. Marlene Comeaux*

Marlene Comeaux - July 11, 2022 at 02:03 AM



“ *Roy, Jill, John, Courtney, Nick purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Steven Elmore.*



Roy, Jill, John, Courtney, Nick - July 10, 2022 at 07:21 PM

JB

“ There are so many great memories I have of Gary, playing backgammon, going out on a spontane on pleasant lake, sitting by the fire so many stories Gary had. I will always remember his saying and I will quote though the wind May blow east to west but the waves always blow to shore. I will truly miss Gary.

Janine Boatright - July 10, 2022 at 10:13 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary Steven Elmore.



July 10, 2022 at 10:12 AM

JS

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to the Elmore family in the loss of your beloved Gary Elmore. You are in our hearts and warm thoughts.
Jill and John Stromberg



Jill and John Stromberg - July 10, 2022 at 05:42 AM