



Gary Lee Drawbaugh

October 8, 1938 - December 24, 2013

Gary Lee Drawbaugh was born October 8, 1938 in Monroe, Nebraska to Fred and Lola (Taylor) Drawbaugh. He grew up in Monroe, and attended school there, graduating from Monroe High School in 1956. As a young boy, Gary was active in sports at school, including high school football and track. He spent the majority of his free time hunting and fishing.

Gary served his country in the United States Navy from November 1956 until his honorable discharge in September 1959 from active duty.

Gary married Judy Walgreen on March 11, 1961 in Columbus, Nebraska, and to this union, three children were born: Candi, Lori, and Scott. His job took the family from Columbus to Fremont, Nebraska, onto Sioux Falls, South Dakota, before finally settling in Omaha.

Gary worked for the Union Pacific Railroad, and Earl May Garden Center, before owning and operating his own store, Village Hardware in Omaha. For the past 28 years, he was employed by Westlake Ace Hardware. He was sought out by many customers who could always count on him to provide the help they needed. Gary maintained his love of hunting and fishing, and always looked forward to fishing vacations in Minnesota, or "Drawbaugh Day" (a special day Gary invented to get the kids out of school to hunt or fish). Scott does not recall attending school on a Friday in the fall. Those days were spent on the Platte River up around Schuyler, duck hunting with his dad. On those family fishing trips, he always kept everyone alert on the boat. He would ask, "Lori, where's your bobber?" (knowing she had a fish on the line, but she

hadn't noticed). On another occasion, Candi lost an entire pole when a fish pulled it over the side of the boat, and she sat quietly for an hour, afraid to tell her Dad what had happened.

He enjoyed cooking for his family, and when complimented on his dish, was known to reply, "not too good, not too bad". Gary loved sitting on the patio, reading (usually a western novel) and enjoying the beauty of the back yard. Candi could always count on him to bring her a glass of iced tea when she finished mowing. He cared deeply for Judy, even selling a favorite gun so he could take her to a Guy Lombardo concert. He would take her to get her hair done, and wait in the car, reading, until she was finished. He would tell her how beautiful she looked when she came out. The last few years, they enjoyed frequent trips to the casino. He was a Husker fan, who liked listening to country music or watching John Wayne movies. He enjoyed playing golf and played slow pitch softball for many years. Gary will be remembered as a loving and caring man, who cherished his family.

Gary passed away on Tuesday, December 24, 2013 at the Lakeside Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 75 years, 2 months, and 16 days. He is survived by his wife Judy, his son and daughter-in-law Scott and Debbie of Gardner, Kansas, daughters and sons-in-law: Candi and John Dennell and Lori and Vorace Packer, all of Omaha, and six grandchildren: Lindsey and husband Ryan Ueberrhein, Abby Dennell, Scott Packer, Jeff and wife, Kelsey Packer, Mason Drawbaugh, and Hailey Drawbaugh.

Drawbaugh, Gary age 75 years of Omaha, NE

Survived by wife Judy; son and daughter-in-law Scott and Debbie of Gardener, KS; daughters and sons-in-law Candi and John Dennell and Lori and Vorace Packer all of Omaha; 6 grandchildren; Memorial service Saturday 11 AM at the funeral home. Private interment.

Tribute Wall



“ some one on reddit found your business card 9 months ago in a car, bless you Gary



huy - July 22, 2024 at 06:27 AM



Not this Gary Drawbaugh. 🙄

Candi Dennell - January 19, 2025 at 08:54 PM



“ Gary Lee Drawbaugh

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM

DA

“ Uncle Gary, may God hold you close in his arms. Throughout the years, I'll never forget the Drawbaugh bunch coming to the farm when I was young as well as the Augustine bunch coming to visit Omaha. You always had the neatest gadgets from your business. I still recall how amazed I was at a police scanner you had when I was young. An amazing wife and family, you are a blessed man! There has been an amazing amount of talent that was raised in your family. America is a better place because of that. And from one Veteran to the next, THANKS for your service to our great country! Freedom isn't a right, it's something that has been earned for this nation on the backs of great veterans like you. My brother spoke of Taps at your funeral “ I wish I could have been there for you. But I will visit Judy, the family and your burial site on my next visit to Nebraska. So long Uncle, outdoorsman and friend. I'll keep you in my prayers. Say hi to my Dad when you get a chance!

Dave, Chavala and Family

David & Chavala Augustine - December 31, 2013 at 12:36 PM

SC

“ sorry to hear of your loss. I worked with Gary as his assistant manager at Earl May in Columbus. I had a good time working hunting and trapping with Gary. From an old friend Sam and Donna Christensen

sam christensen - December 30, 2013 at 02:19 PM

AK

“ Judy- My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Jim called to tell me and sends his regards. You are in my thoughts. Addie

Addie Kinghorn - December 28, 2013 at 10:49 AM

LJ

“ Judy,
I am so sorry for your sudden loss. I wish I could be with you.
Linda Johnson

Linda Johnson - December 27, 2013 at 09:04 PM

JD

“ Our deepest sympathy at this time of loss. Lots of memories of growing up years in Monroe - a special time. Sorry I can't be there tomorrow but our thoughts are with you.

Jay and Sandra Ditter - December 27, 2013 at 07:31 PM

SO

“ Very sincere condolence to Gary's Family and Friends.

Gary was a classmate beginning in 4th grade at Monroe through Graduation. Gary was stationed with me at Great Lakes while in Navy schools. He was also part of my Wedding Party in Columbus after we left active duty.

So many Memories; Though I shall be absent My thoughts will be with all of you tommorow.

Richard Oldigs: Huffman, Texas

Shelby & Richard Oldigs - December 27, 2013 at 02:59 PM

LT

“ Judy and Family,
Please accept our sincere condolence in your loss. Gary will be sorely missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Lou Ann and Tom

Lou Ann and Tom Terrell - December 27, 2013 at 11:47 AM

DB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed seeing him when he was working. He was so friendly and energetic. I know he is dearly loved and that you all will miss him so much. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Deborah

Deborah Bean - December 27, 2013 at 08:40 AM

SB

“ We am so sorry for your loss! I have very fond memories of visiting with your Dad, Scott! As Pastor Boehnke says, "he hasn't gone away, he has just gone ahead." I hope you find comfort in the many fond memories!

Susan & David Boehnke - December 26, 2013 at 11:32 PM

CL

“ Judy and family, So sorry to hear about Gary. I know him and dad have their wings on and they are talking about old times. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Clay&MarshaFisher - December 26, 2013 at 06:45 PM