



Gary Michael Butler

August 6, 1953 - September 27, 2016

Gary Michael Butler, 63, of Charlotte, formerly of Beloit, WI, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 27, 2016. Gary was born August 6, 1953, in Beloit, WI, the son of Robert Morris and Virginia Mae (Peterson) Butler. He graduated from Beloit Memorial High School in 1971 before proudly serving in the U.S. Navy from 1972-1977. He was stationed in Pearl Harbor and the Naval Amphibious Base in California. Gary married the love of his life, Vicki Payne, on January 11, 1974, in Hawaii, and the two started their family.

He graduated from Blackhawk Technical College with an Industrial Engineering Degree and worked as a faithful employee of Isuzu Motors America, retiring after 20 years. Gary was a skilled woodworker, belonging to the Mid-Michigan Woodworkers Guild, and creating many beautiful works. He also enjoyed traveling with his family and friends, especially many vacations in Door County, WI. Gary and Vicki travelled throughout the world, including memorable trips to Alaska, Hawaii, the Caribbean, Ireland, Scotland and Mexico. Time spent boating was sacred to Gary, especially on the Rock River. He was a former member of Star Zenith Boat Club and Past Commodore in Beloit, WI. Gary was also civically involved in his community. He served on the Tyrone Township Planning Commission until 2011 before moving to Charlotte, where he was currently serving on the Eaton Township Planning Commission. He was an avid Chicago Bears and Wisconsin Badgers fan, attending many games. Above all, Gary was most proud of his family.

Gary is survived by his wife of 42 years, Vicki Butler of Charlotte, MI; daughters, Christine (Adam Hainzinger) Butler of Antioch, IL, and Nicole Butler of Janesville, WI; granddaughters, GraceLynn Carlson and Ava Hainzinger; brother, Steve (Sharon) Butler of Ft. Wayne, IN; and many loving nieces, cousins, and friends. He was predeceased by his parents, grandparents, and aunts and uncles.

Funeral services will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 2016 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte with Rev. Rich Mitterling officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 2016 at the funeral home, just prior to the service. Funeral services will also be held at Daley Murphy Wisch Funeral Home in Beloit, WI, on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., with visitation from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. just prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care in thanks for their wonderful care of Gary in his last days. Friends and family are encouraged to visit Gary's tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com to share memories and condolences. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Beloit, WI

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Michael Butler*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - September 30, 2016 at 07:47 AM

BL

*This is such a beautiful tribute to Gary...Thank you for sharing these memories!
Barb Luedtke <3*

Barb Luedtke - October 03, 2016 at 09:32 AM

TP

Beautiful ❤️

Tim and Linda Peacock - October 03, 2016 at 12:48 PM

DO

“ *Deepest sympathies to the entire family.....May he be welcomed into his Heavenly abode.....
Dominic Pinto.*

Dom - October 15, 2016 at 10:52 PM

TP

“ Teresa Poff,Frye lit a candle in memory of Gary Michael Butler



Teresa Poff,Frye - October 03, 2016 at 08:31 AM

PA

“ Vicki, Christine & Nicole & "grand-daughters",

My deepest & heartfelt sympathy to all of you in the recent loss of such a truly wonderful & great guy.....known to you all as a loving Husband, Dad & Grandpa. (Remember Vicki, I use to say that you had the "good" Gary?!?!) My thoughts & prayers are with each & everyone of you!! In sympathy & friendship, Patrice Alfaro. (Milton, WI)

Patrice Alfaro - October 02, 2016 at 08:46 AM



“ 43 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - September 30, 2016 at 07:38 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gary Michael Butler .*



September 29, 2016 at 10:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Michael Butler .*



September 29, 2016 at 07:24 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Michael Butler .*



September 29, 2016 at 02:14 PM

KK

“ Dear Vicki and Family,

I was very sad to hear of Gary's passing. He had such a warm smile and was such a good guy. I remember how he sailed us down the Rock River all those years ago before one of our class reunions, and how much fun we had.

Prayers are being said for your whole family, and my thoughts are with you.

*Love,
Karen Kant*

Karen Kant - September 29, 2016 at 01:10 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Michael Butler .



September 29, 2016 at 12:10 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Michael Butler .



September 29, 2016 at 11:39 AM

LL

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Gary's passing.
My thoughts and prayers to is family.

A friend from Isuzu,

Linda Lesnau



Linda Lesnau - September 29, 2016 at 10:16 AM

GM

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family . May God with you.

gayla miller - September 29, 2016 at 12:06 PM

JM

“ Vicki, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Jennifer McDaniels

Jennifer McDaniels - September 29, 2016 at 08:36 AM

SY

“ Vicki, Christine, Nicole and all of Gary's family....I am truly saddened to learn of Gary's passing. He was just the nicest person! Please know my thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Susan Yeotis

susan Yeotis - September 28, 2016 at 10:42 PM

CB

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Christine Butler - September 28, 2016 at 08:32 PM

Sandy
Graff

“ *Sandy Graff lit a candle in memory of Gary Michael Butler*



Sandy Graff - September 28, 2016 at 06:55 PM

EH

“ *Ed And Debbie Hoeglund lit a candle in memory of Gary Michael Butler*



Ed and Debbie Hoeglund - September 28, 2016 at 06:36 PM

Anne
Sullivan

“ Anne Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Gary
Michael Butler



Anne Sullivan - September 28, 2016 at 05:20 PM

PL

“ Pamela Lawson lit a candle in memory of
Gary Michael Butler



Pamela Lawson - September 28, 2016 at 05:08 PM