



Gary Wayne Carpenter

August 1, 1962 - March 25, 2026

Gary Wayne Carpenter, 63, of Vermontville, a man who would help anyone in need and carried the best banter, passed away on Wednesday, March 25, 2026. Gary was born on August 1, 1962, in Charlotte, the son of Oren and Dorothy (Wood) Carpenter. He proudly worked for 10 plus years at East Jordan Iron Works as a forklift operator until he had to retire due to his declining health. When Gary was not working, he enjoyed mowing, fishing, hunting, playing golf, watching wildlife, and talking on the phone with his son, Nathan.

Gary is survived by his son, Nathan (Kaitlyn) Carpenter of San Angelo, TX; grandchildren, Alaina and Nathan Carpenter; siblings, Dale (Penny) Carpenter of Vermontville, Susan Carpenter of Woodland, and Frances Spencer of Vermontville; dear friends, Debbie Thomason, Kirt and Lori Kendall. He was predeceased by his parents; and brother-in-law, Dave Spencer.

Friends are encouraged to support Gary's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. The family is holding a Celebration of Life for Gary on Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 3-6:00 p.m. at 740 Mixer Rd. Hastings, MI. 49058. His family encourages you to bring your memories and any photos you have to share of Gary. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Henry Ford Hospital. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **28**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall

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TnA Energy Services - March 27 at 03:43 PM

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“ Amy lit a candle in memory of Gary Wayne Carpenter



Amy - March 26 at 04:02 PM

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He will be sadly missed.

Deborah Thomason - March 27 at 12:05 AM

KR

Had slot of FUN times with Gary & my sister many yrs ago..Non stop laughing & yes his laugh is one ill never forget..Great guy...Give my Momma A big squeeze for me Gary as I know she met you at the pearly gates of Heaven to Welcome you Home...

Kris - April 05 at 10:02 AM

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“ Gary was my brother-in-law at one time and father to my nephew Nathan, so I've know Gary since he was a young man. I can honestly say that his smile and unique giggle never changed. I appreciated that about Gary and would leave laughing normally from any conversation. I am sorry that he had to go through so many years of health challenges, but showed to be stronger than most. The greatest gift Gary gave to the world is his son Nathan who has that same smile, easy laugh and has blessed our family from day one. Thank you Gary! I know you are loving reuniting with your parents, Dave and friends; may God Bless you all.

Amy - March 26 at 04:02 PM