



## Gary Lee Copenhaver

December 28, 2022

Gary Lee Copenhaver, 73 of Charlotte, currently living in Lake Park, Georgia, an avid outdoorsman, passed away on December 28, 2022. Gary was born December 9, 1949 in Lansing, Michigan to Gerald and Arlene (Parks) Copenhaver, although he was born 40 years too late, it is said he died right on time. He started work at Bracy's Gulf Station in Charlotte, then began working at Oldsmobile (later General Motors). During this time, he enlisted in the Marines during Vietnam. After proudly serving his country, he returned home and worked for Oldsmobile until his retirement in 1998. While he had many hobbies, his favorites kept him outdoors as a master gardener, as well as hunting, fishing, trapping, and dog trainer with the best trained hunting dogs. He also enjoyed sharing a good joke, genealogy (serving as his family's historian), collecting stamps, coins, serving as a scout leader, along with many other hobbies.

Gary is survived by his children, Troy (Patricia) Copenhaver, Lenard (Jody Nail) Copenhaver, and Wendy (Dave Skidmore) Copenhaver; grandchildren Troy II (Raquel), Victoria (Zach), Austin, Katie, Laci, Amanda (Tim), Levi (Kaeleigh), Erica, Neva, Troy Jr., Megan, and Cassidy; along with 7 great-grandchildren; and sister, Sue (Marty) Latchaw. He was preceded in death by his wife of 28 years, Neva in 1995; his parents; and his mother-in-law, Virginia Jones.

Friends are encouraged to support Gary's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Visitation is Sunday, January 1, 2023, 6-8:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte, MI. Funeral services are Monday, January 2, 11:00 AM at Pray Funeral Home with Pastor Charles Jenson officiating. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on Gary's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to a Veteran's Hospital. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Perry Cemetery

2688 Stevens Hwy.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral

JAN 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Gary Lee Copenhaver*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 02, 2023 at 09:13 AM

JM

*Thank you for doing this as I couldn't attend in person being in AZ. Gary was one of my favorite cousins and our family's did a lot together when I was younger.*

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**Jill Parks Montoya** - January 02, 2023 at 04:21 PM

ST

*So sorry I couldn't make it to Gary's funeral but my thoughts and prayers are with the family. Many memories will remain in my heart of trips to the cottage, picnics and reunions our family shared. Gary will be missed*

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**Sherry (Parks) Tefft** - January 03, 2023 at 07:21 PM



*He was my Den master in Cub scouts, he was always good to us.*

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**David Remi** - August 11, 2025 at 07:56 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Lee Copenhaver*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 31, 2022 at 01:08 PM



“ *I always enjoyed my conversations with Gary when we met with the Eaton County Genealogical Society. He was so knowledgeable and eager to share information or help with research. God bless you as you walk through this valley.*

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**Judy Chamberlain** - December 31, 2022 at 08:28 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Copenhaver.*

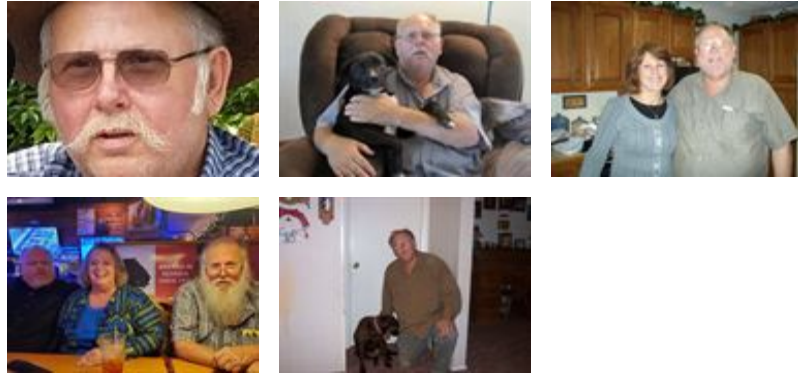


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December 31, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 31, 2022 at 01:07 PM

LM

“ Love Jill and Tim Montoya purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gary Lee Copenhaver.



**Love Jill and Tim Montoya** - December 30, 2022 at 12:42 PM

CB

“ Chuck Brandon lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Copenhaver



**Chuck Brandon** - December 30, 2022 at 10:30 AM