



Gary Duane Wilmore

August 18, 1937 - December 19, 2013

Gary Duane Wilmore, 76, of Charlotte, passed away December 19, 2013 at Eaton Community Palliative Care with his family by his side. Gary was born August 18, 1937, the son of Clifford Cleland and Gladys Rix (Davis) Wilmore in Charlotte, MI. He graduated from Charlotte High School in 1955 and attended LCC for 2 years learning tool and die. He worked as an electrician for Owen Illinois in Charlotte for 31 years, retiring in 1994. He was a member of the UAW and the Glass Molders and Pottery Union of America. Gary served his country in the U.S. Navy and was either stationed in, or deployed to, 27 countries overall. In 1958, Gary married the love of his life, Anne Marie Stiver, and together they raised 2 daughters and 3 sons. He was a very active person and deeply involved in the draft horse community. He raised Percheron horses and was a member of the Percheron Horse Assoc. of America, Percheron Horse Assoc. of MI, MI Draft Horse Breeders Assoc., Eaton Co. Draft Horse and Pony Club, and the Belgium Corp of America. He was a flat track motorcycle racer and was a member of the Motorcycle Assoc. He enjoyed playing drums and guitar in the Country 6 country band and was active in softball, baseball and bowling, either playing or managing. Gary is survived by his daughters Cary Ann (Bill) Smith of Alma and Kimberly (John Chris) Wood of Holt, MI sons, Darin (Susan), Michael, and Devin, all of Charlotte; 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He will be missed by his brother Clare (Joyce) Wilmore; sister Marilyn Sullivan; sister-in-law Joan Wilmore; many nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. He was preceded in

death by his wife of 52 years, Anne Marie in 2010. Visitation will be held Friday, December 27, 2013 from 4pm to 8pm at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. A Memorial service will be held Saturday, December 28 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastors Bryce Fieghner officiating. Interment will be in Gresham Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Eaton Community Palliative Care or to the Michigan Draft Horse Breeders Association. Family and friends may leave condolences and stories in Gary's Book of Memories at www.PrayFuneral.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Duane Wilmore*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 02, 2015 at 12:53 PM

TS

“ *I was saddened to hear of Gary's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to you. Your cousin, Tina.*

Tina Stiver - January 11, 2014 at 07:17 PM

DA

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. My prayers are with all of you. Cousin Debbie Angell*

Deborah Angell - January 03, 2014 at 05:26 PM

JR

“ *I am so sorry to hear we have lost Gary. He was a treasure chest of knowledge and a great champion of the Percheron breed. To me he was a friend, mentor, and partner in crime. When ever he was done with me, I always had one leg lots longer than the other (because he was pulling on it). Gary just loved to tease and laugh. Gary will be greatly missed by all he touched.*

June Rollins - December 30, 2013 at 09:21 AM

KM

“ Gary was a friend of my brothers, so I knew him for about 60 yrs or so, I ran into him now and then and he was always a friend, I remember when Gary and Blake went to the Navy I was about 9 or 10. He was such a nice person, so sorry for his family. He will be missed by all.

Karen Bosworth McGlaughlin - December 28, 2013 at 12:16 PM

LG

“ Darin im sorry for your loss. I worked with your dad for a few years at Owens Illinois. My heart goes out to you and your family at this time of loss.

Lynn Garvie - December 27, 2013 at 08:05 AM



“ This old Indian once told me that winter is a special time, everything is dormant, resting. The nights are long, silent so you can rest and have peace of mind. Mother Nature, the old Indian said, breathes her frosty breath of peacefulness and lays her earth to bed. Your unique and down to earth way of looking at life; A true son of this earth, I have no doubt she has welcomed you home with loving arms. Thank you for the love, support, music and laughter for my family and I. We truly cherish the experiences. Although I have not seen your presence in sometime, I will miss your presence for all times.

December 26, 2013 at 11:07 PM

MS

“ God Bless Uncle Gary and my cousins Cary Ann, Darin, Kim, Devin and Michael. You know how happy he is to be with Aunt Ann, Grandma and Grandpa, Norman, Cleland, Margie, Carroll and Max once again. Love to all the Wilmores far and near. Matt

Matthew W Sullivan - December 26, 2013 at 12:38 PM

TB

“ My first remembrance of Uncle Gary was when he was in the Navy and he came to Summerville to visit. I remember standing in the bathroom watching him shave. I thought he was the most fascinating person in the world! My first big airplane ride was when Uncle Gary took me back to Michigan. Uncle Gary could talk my parents into just about anything, which leads me to my next favorite Uncle Gary and Aunt Ann memory. For most of my childhood, my family would drive to Michigan every other summer to visit. We would spend time on our grandparent's farm and, as we got older, we would stay at Uncle Norman's farm or in town with Aunt Margie. We loved our visits to Charlotte. We all have different stories I am sure, but the best story of all for me was when Uncle Gary convinced my parents to let us bring a puppy home to South Carolina. Now mind you, we were in a station wagon full of at least 4 children, lots of luggage and a two day drive ahead of us in August. I remember stopping by Uncle Gary and Aunt Ann's house on the way out of town and leaving with a puppy! As I grew older and came to visit, I especially enjoyed my time on their farm. The coffee was always on and arms were always open. Charlotte is a special place with very special folks, and I am proud to be a member of the Wimore family. I love all of you and will see you soon. Theresa Sullivan Blitch, daughter of Thomas and Marilyn Wimore Sullivan

Theresa Sullivan Blitch - December 25, 2013 at 08:35 AM

JW

“ Sorry to hear of Gary's passing

Jeff & Lyn Wilmore - December 23, 2013 at 10:06 PM

CW

“ *The Old Farmers Prayer-- Time just keeps moving on Many years have come and gone But I grow older without regret My hopes are in what may come yet. On the farm I work each day This is where I wish to stay I watch the seeds each season sprout From the soil as the plants rise out. I study Nature and I learn To know the earth and feel her turn I love her dearly and all the seasons For I have learned her secret reasons. All that will live is in the bosom of earth She is the loving mother of all birth But all that lives must pass away And go back again to her someday. My life too will pass from Earth But do not grieve, I say, there will be other birth When my body is old and all spent And my soul to heaven has went. Please compost and spread me on this plain So my body Mother Earth can claim That is where I wish to be Then Nature can nourish new life with me. So do not for me grieve and weep I did not leave, I only sleep I am with the soil here below Where I can nourish life of beauty and glow. Here I can help the falling rain Grow golden fields of ripening grain From here I can join the winds that blow And meet the softly falling snow. Here I can help the sun’s warming light Grow food for birds of gliding flight I can be in the beautiful flowers of spring And in every other lovely thing. So do not for me weep and cry I am here, I do not die*

Candice Wilmore - December 22, 2013 at 11:03 AM

CW

“ *I've been dreading this news. We just lost Norman, now Gary. Big losses. So sad for his kids, grandkids. Sending you all much love. Too sad to say much more than this, for now.*

Candice Wilmore - December 22, 2013 at 10:47 AM

TW

“No more dying there, we are going to see the King.” We struggled through the ups and downs of life along with Gary, creating memories we now share. He is at peace now so we grieve not for him but for those he loved and who loved him. Our love and prayers go out to them.

Todd and Pat Wilmore - December 22, 2013 at 09:35 AM

KT

“Every time in look at my Percheron, Sunshine Eclipse, I think of Gary. He was a great person and a wonderful horseman. I will never forget him.

KimberLee Freed Torkko - December 22, 2013 at 08:37 AM

BP

“So very sorry to hear of Gary's passing. We will miss him, we have alot of good memories of him. He is playing music in heaven I am sure.you are all in our prayers and thoughts love Bill & Bonnie Partridge

Bill&Bonnie Partridge - December 22, 2013 at 07:14 AM

DH

“Gary Wilmer was a great guy who loved Percheron Horses. He will be missed. We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

Dawn Hirsch - December 21, 2013 at 10:15 PM

JD

“We were so saddened to hear of Gary's passing. Enjoyed so much talking to Gary through the years about bloodlines and great stories about John Welti. He will truly be missed.

Jim and Peg Day - December 21, 2013 at 07:59 PM

KS

“ We knew and respected Gary for many years, all of his many horse friends will miss him.

Kraig and Carole Steaub - December 21, 2013 at 07:35 PM

RW

“ To the entire Wilmore family, our deepest condolences on the loss of your Dad, Grandpa, Uncle, Brother. We lost our Dad last September, and miss him terribly, but know he is still with us, watching over us, shaking his head. I know your Dad will be doing the same. God bless!

Robin Williams Wolever - December 21, 2013 at 07:27 PM

KF

“ I would like to express my Condolence to Doc. & Kerry & the Rest of the Wimore Family. Gary was a Great Person.

Kelvin Egan & Family - December 21, 2013 at 06:44 PM

TF

“ Gary was a great friend and will be very missed by all of his horse friends.

The Shanahan Family - December 21, 2013 at 05:13 PM

JJ

“ Our prayers and condolences to the Wilmore family.

James Jones - December 21, 2013 at 02:54 PM