



## Gunars John Liepins

January 4, 1952 - August 31, 2015

Gunars John Liepins, 63, of Potterville, died unexpectedly at his home on Monday, August 31, 2015. Gunars was born January 4, 1952 in Charlotte, MI, the son of Janis and Herta (Gutmanis) Liepins. He graduated from Potterville High School while working at Albins Honda. He later worked for the City of Charlotte Water Treatment Plant before moving to the City of Lansing Water Treatment Plant, where he retired. Gunars enjoyed outdoor sports, especially motorcycles and snowmobiling. He was an avid drag racer, competitively racing and repairing the cars.

Gunars is survived by his son, John (Morgan) Liepins; grandchildren, Tristan and Adelynn; step-sons, Adam (Angela) Stiver and Eric (Tausha) Stiver; step-grandchildren, Tara, Kierstan, Amber, Broc, Cearra, Kelsey and Kara Stiver; siblings, Val (Judy) Liepins and Lija McCluskey; and sister-in-law, Mary Liepins. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Andris Liepins. A Memorial Gathering will be held at a later date. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Gunars on his tribute page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ I worked with Gunars in the maintenance dept., at the waste water plant in Lansing. I learned a lot from, and always enjoyed working with him. I am saddened to here the news of his passing and know that he will be missed. My condolences to the family.

*Richard Stoudt*

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**Richard Stoudt** - September 05, 2015 at 02:25 PM

VH

“ Valorie Liepins Hunnicutt lit a candle in memory of Gunars John Liepins



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**Valorie Liepins Hunnicutt** - September 03, 2015 at 09:34 AM

JT

“ Janette Tate lit a candle in memory of Gunars John Liepins



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**Janette Tate** - September 02, 2015 at 11:12 AM

JT

“ I worked with Gunars at the City of Lansing Wastewater Treatment Plant for many years until he retired. He was always very kind and friendly to me. He even came back to visit twice since his retirement, which I never thought he would do. I enjoyed our many conversations, that always left me feeling confused. I think he enjoyed keeping people wondering about him.

*Gunars would do really kind things for people, but never wanted any credit for it. You would never know it was even him that did it, unless someone else seen or knew about it.*

*I loved when he would tell me stories about his cat, a stray that came around that he would feed. He did not want to admit to liking this cat or even that it was his cat now, but I knew he loved that cat.*

*I will miss him dearly, but am happy he is at peace in the comforting arms of the Lord. I pray for comfort and healing for his family.*

*Thank you Gunars, for being a caring, selfless, and kind person that I am proud to have called my friend.*

*Janette Tate*

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**Janette Tate** - September 02, 2015 at 11:09 AM

KB

“ I would love to share some of the many many good memories of Gunar but this page isnt big enough. I spent many hours, days, nights and even late nights in my dads garage working with and around him and even though we hadn't been in contact for many years, this guy had a big influnce on my childhood with his knowledge and freindly personality. I think I could tell some memories that would show a side of him that a lot of people didn't know or see. With all that being said I would like to say my condolenses to the family and tell John that you had one hell of a dad that I looked up to like big brother and was one of the all around smartest men I've known. Cherish all your memories of him as know I will.

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**kevin bowen** - September 02, 2015 at 08:37 AM

JM

I worked with Gunars when we were employed by The City of Charlotte. He was one of the most intelligent people I have ever known. He was also incredibly strong, possibly as a result of his love of hot peppers. On rare occasions we would have one on one conversations. This is when I saw a different side of Gunars. In a group he was shy and reserved, but without other people around he would open up about everything. I feel fortunate to have known Gunars. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time. RIP Gunars. Jim Marry.

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**Jim Marry** - September 09, 2015 at 09:12 PM

MP

I worked with with Gunars at Wastewater at the City of Lansing. He was an incredible source of knowledge for all of us in the Department.

He was a good person. I will miss him.

Rest in peace Gunar.

Mark Parker

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**Mark Parker** - September 17, 2015 at 12:33 PM