



Dennis B. Gately Jr.

October 22, 1931 - November 7, 2021

Dennis B. Gately, Jr., age 90, of Schererville, beloved father and grandfather, died in his daughter's home, surrounded by love, on November 7, 2021. Born and raised in Gary to Dennis and Helen Gately, Sr., He graduated from Emerson High School in 1949, where he played football, basketball, baseball, and especially loved his teammates and friends, Deno, Gus and Vange. A hard worker all his life, he went to work at US Steel until 1953, when he and Fred Milosevich opened Fred Standard Gas Station in Gary, IN. He said Fred was the best business partner, friend and mentor a man could ever have in his life. In 1978 he went back to US Steel until 1985, when he became an investigator for the Lake County Courts. After retiring in 2008, he took a retirement job as a valet at St. Anthony's Hospital in Crown Point, IN. In his retirement years he enjoyed spending time with his buddies at Dunkin Donuts, especially George, Armon and the two Pete's.

Dennis was an avid sports fan and even played baseball well into his 20'. He was a season ticket holder for the Bears for over 40 years and one of the biggest highlights of his life was when his beloved Cubs won the World Series. He was preceded in death by his parents; fiance-Jennifer Lopez; siblings- Elaine Zikur and JoAnn Gately. Dennis is survived by his daughter-Joanne (Steve) Gallagher of Schererville; son-Joseph (Kathy) Gately of Tucson, AZ; grandchildren-Dr. Michael (Kaity) Gallagher; Gina (Alex) Gallagher, Rory (Amanda) Gallagher, Angela (fiance D.J.) Gallagher, Daniel Gately and Colleen Gately; great grandsons-Stone and Coulson Gallagher; sibling-

Marilyn (Phil) Vasquez; numerous nieces and nephews.

Upon the wishes of Dennis, there will be no official services. Burns Funeral Home (Hobart) entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Joanne,
My thoughts and prayers to you and your family on the loss of your Dad. I will always remember his smile and visiting him while he was a valet. May he Rest in peace.
Sandy Hakos

Sandy Hakos - November 15, 2021 at 10:43 PM

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“ I met Uncle Denny in about 1955 and he always let me hang out at his gas station, even though I know I was in the way. He was a very kind man, great Dad and Grandpa. He will be missed and will be in my prayers. Dan McDevitt

Dan McDevitt - November 14, 2021 at 08:14 PM

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“ Uncle Denny was always so kind and quick with a smile. I was constantly impressed by how physically fit he was. I remember him running long before it became as popular as it is today. Even up to his 90th year he stayed physically fit. He really loved sports, especially his Chicago Bears and Cubs. I will truly miss his piercing blue eyes, wonderful smile, and kind demeanor. Rest In Peace
Uncle Denny.
With Deepest Love and Respect,
Donna McCauley, nee McDevitt

Donna McCauley - November 14, 2021 at 07:59 PM

RI

“ I just want to Thank My "Stepdad", Dennis Gately Jr. for being a Fabulous and Loving Person. My Sister and Brothers being calling Dennis, "Daddy Dennis" ever since I was 10 or 11. I would always visit My Mom "Jenny Lopez" and "Daddy Dennis" 3 - 4 days a week, a Year before My Mom's Passing. "Daddy Dennis" was Always Good to Me, I Loved Him Dearly. Rest in Peace, My "Daddy Dennis". ❤️

Rita - November 10, 2021 at 03:12 PM