



## Garrett Lee "Gary" Tyrrell

September 14, 1941 - August 4, 2024

Garrett Lee "Gary" Tyrrell, 82, passed away Sunday, August 4, 2024, with the comforting in-home care of Franciscan Hospice – Hobart, Indiana.

Garrett was born September 14, 1941, to and preceded in death by his parents; Frank and Lois (nee Sprows) Tyrrell. He was also preceded by his two loving sons; Bradley (Rebecca) Tyrrell and Kevin (Wendy) Tyrrell, brother; Morris Tyrrell and two of his best friends; Jerry Kasper and Jim Aiello.

Gary is survived by his wife of 26 years, Judy (nee Probus), stepsons; James (Ghemlyn), Shawn (Norma), and Scott Shoemith, daughter-in-love, Rebecca/Becky Ochoa (Jesse) and granddaughters; Paige, Kaia, and Tessa Shoemith.

With an impressive work record spanning decades Gary worked at Jones and Laughlin Steep Corp., United States Steel Corp., and finally LaSalle Steel Co./Quanex Steel (1978-1996). Gary majored in Business Administration at Grove City College in Grove City, PA, Civil Engineering at Purdue University in Lafayette, IN and graduated from the American Institute of Industrial Engineers in New Orleans, LA. He was an industrial engineering manager with all the usual facets of the job – capital expenditure justifications, cost reduction projects, developing incentive standard – YADA, YADA, YADA...but the main joy of his job was to help find, develop, mold, and mentor, new, young, aspiring engineers to the profession and creating lasting friendships with each of them.

While busy working to provide for his family, Gary, with the help of his sons,

Kevin and Brad, as well as his first wife Ellen, owned and operated a successful bike shop, The Bike Route. Besides the business end of selling and repairing equipment they also sponsored bike tours and races for community and church events. The Bike Route was very active in various bike clubs and completed in many outings to share the advancement of the sport and advantages of families involved in working, playing, and competing together.

Gary was blessed with many years of retirement during which he took total advantage of the warm winters in Arizona (yeah, he was a snowbird) where he was able to play golf, ride his bike, and roam the state with his compadre in mischief, Jim Aiello.

Gary's family invites you to join them in celebrating his life at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory 701 East 7th Street Hobart, Indiana 46342 with a memorial visitation Saturday, August 24, 2024, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM and memorial service at 1:00 PM Rev. Tom Clark officiating. [www.BurnsFuneral.com](http://www.BurnsFuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

AUG **24**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Garrett Lee "Gary" Tyrrell.*



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August 23, 2024 at 04:33 PM



“ *Raffieed Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Garrett Lee "Gary" Tyrrell.*

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**Raffieed Family** - August 23, 2024 at 04:33 PM



“ *The Kramer Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Garrett Lee "Gary" Tyrrell.*



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**The Kramer Family** - August 23, 2024 at 10:24 AM

SS

“ 16 files added to the album Gary Memories



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Shawn Shoemith - August 22, 2024 at 05:29 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Garrett Lee "Gary" Tyrrell.



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August 22, 2024 at 03:54 AM

CH

“ Central Indiana Hardware planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Garrett Lee "Gary" Tyrrell.

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Central Indiana Hardware - August 22, 2024 at 03:54 AM

SK

“ *Shoemith Sons, Wives, and kids purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Garrett Lee "Gary" Tyrrell.*



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**Shoemith Sons, Wives, and kids** - August 21, 2024 at 11:16 PM

FC

“ *From Ray and Elaine Collis purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Garrett Lee "Gary" Tyrrell.*



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**From Ray and Elaine Collis** - August 21, 2024 at 09:26 PM

WF

“ *With Love, The Jim Aiello Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Garrett Lee "Gary" Tyrrell.*



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**With Love, The Jim Aiello Family** - August 19, 2024 at 03:16 PM

RK

“ *Rita and Kenny purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Garrett Lee "Gary" Tyrrell.*



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**Rita and Kenny** - August 15, 2024 at 11:54 PM

HB

“ Gary and I both built our houses in Sunland Springs Village, Mesa Arizona about the same time. Before my house was finished Gary came over and introduced himself. He was the first neighbor I formally met, and we became immediate friends. I am a year-round resident and Gary was a winter visitor. We spent many hours on each other's patio sharing wonderful stories during the best weather in Arizona. Gary loved Arizona and explored with his best friend Jim many areas of the state. He also enjoyed reading many of my old issues of Arizona highways magazine. After Gary became ill, we were unable to spend time together but we talked on the phone. He was a very good friend and I will miss him. My sincere, condolences to Judy and her family. Coincidentally the memorial service for Gary is on my birthday I will be thinking of him, and fondly remembering our friendship. Rest in peace, Gary.

Hank Bates - August 06, 2024 at 06:36 PM

SJ

My husband worked with Gary for many years, he also worked with his wife Judy for many years and thought very highly of them. Now they will be reunited in Heaven and I am sure they will have a lot to talk about the many years they worked together. So sorry for the families loss

Sarah Jones - August 07, 2024 at 08:11 AM

JS

Judy and family, we are very sorry for your loss. Gary was always a great time. he will be missed by many. Know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

JOE SZYDLOWSKI - August 08, 2024 at 07:13 AM

RL

I will always remember Gary's kindness and the smile he always had on his face when he realized I was there to visit, he always made me feel special and welcomed. I'm thankful to have had him as a brother in-law and will truly miss him.

RITA LOGSDON - August 08, 2024 at 10:04 AM

AK

*Judy, so sorry to hear about Gary. My condolences to you and the family. My prayers are with you.*

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**Al Krupa** - August 09, 2024 at 09:34 PM

RC

*Judy, our deepest condolences.  
May Gary rest in peace. We had so many laughs, stories and good times with the two of you in Mesa. As has been stated in other comments his smile and mannerisms just made those around him feel so comfortable.  
I loved how he would just sit and listen for an hour or so of a gathering, wait for a lull and then just begin commenting or talk of his experiences. His calm voice so settling. He was a very fun, loyal and generous man.  
Your devotion always very apparant, we wish you and your family nothing but peace and happiness. Love Ray and Elaine*

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**Ray Collis** - August 24, 2024 at 11:28 AM