



Gary Canaday

August 20, 1940 - November 5, 2023

Gary Canaday, 83 years of age, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, November 5, 2023.

He was known by many titles: Friend, Uncle, Papa, and Dad. However, his favorite title was “husband”. Gary adored his high school sweetheart, Barbara. They were married 63 years ago, and throughout the years, they enjoyed involvement in their church and Christian school, serving others, and hosting friends and family in their home. A hallmark of Gary’s character was his sacrificial love for his family. Whether it was driving home from Chicago to support his daughters in their various activities or breaking away from his weekend “to do” list to attend his grandsons’ sporting events. Gary was never too busy for family and was always up for a friendly game of Hand and Foot, provided it was followed by coffee and ice cream.

Gary spent most of his career in construction management at Moody Bible Institute and Ball State University. He found great delight in building campuses that would enhance the lives of students. He was an avid reader who became a published author at the age of 82. Gary was passionate about volunteering, which took many forms: American Red Cross blood donor, serving the homeless with My Brother’s Keeper, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, project work for Teachers Treasures, and shining donated shoes for the Wheeler Mission Thrift Store. He enjoyed giving back to his community and did it with a happy heart.

Gary is survived by his wife, Barbara (nee Yonan), daughters: Lori (Todd)

Ellwanger and Allison (David) Barber; grandsons: Matthew (Lydia) Kline and Zachary; nieces: Melissa (Mark) Horn, Tracie (Jay) Miller; nephew, Matthew (Amanda) Yonan, and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

A visitation will be held at Burns Funeral Home, 701 E. 7th Street, Hobart, IN, on Friday, November 10, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11 a.m. CST. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Wheeler Mission, (www.wheelermission.org). www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart
701 E. 7th Street
Hobart, IN 46342
(219) 942-1117
info@burnsfuneral.com
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

Funeral Service

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM (cst)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart
701 E. 7th Street
Hobart, IN 46342
(219) 942-1117
info@burnsfuneral.com
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ Chad & Caitlin Priest planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Canaday.

Chad & Caitlin Priest - November 08, 2023 at 05:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Canaday.



November 08, 2023 at 05:19 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Canaday.



November 08, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ Terry & Anne Marie Tiernon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Canaday.

Terry & Anne Marie Tiernon - November 08, 2023 at 11:51 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gary Canaday.*



November 08, 2023 at 11:51 AM



“ *Our condolences to the entire Canaday family from Gary's Ball State University family. Gary always had a smile on his face even when construction was well, a bit frantic. He has been missed here and I'm sure will be missed by his family and friends. From the entire staff at Ball State University, Jim Lowe AVP Facilities Planning and Management.*

James Lowe - November 08, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gary Canaday.*



November 08, 2023 at 10:04 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Canaday.*



November 07, 2023 at 04:32 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Canaday.*



November 07, 2023 at 02:55 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Gary Canaday.*



November 07, 2023 at 01:46 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Gary Canaday.*



November 07, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ *The legacy of the man is lasting in those he impacted. In Gary's case - what an amazing legacy he leaves with his incredible family. That legacy will continue through the amazing work they do, and the lives they positively impact. Thank you Gary, for that legacy and the ripple effect of your beliefs and heart.*

Rick - November 07, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Gary Canaday.



November 07, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ *Tender Tribute* was purchased for the family of Gary Canaday.



November 07, 2023 at 09:31 AM