



Gary G. Gornik

February 23, 1959 - January 22, 2023

Gary G. Gornik, age 63, of Dixon passed away suddenly on Sunday, January 22, 2023, at KSB Hospital in Dixon. Gary was a kind, generous, and tenderhearted man who always put others first and didn't stop until the job was finished. Gary loved his friends, Minnesota sports, the Knights of Columbus, and his family, especially his grandchildren. He was born on February 23, 1959, in Virginia, Minnesota, and was the son of the late Jack and Winifred (Krall) Gornik.

Gary was a charter member of the Fayal Township Volunteer Fire Department and worked for U.S. Steel in Virginia, Minnesota, before joining the PAMIDA store franchise. PAMIDA moved Gary and his family to multiple cities in Minnesota, then to Omaha, Nebraska, and finally to Dixon, where Gary and Jean decided to make their permanent home. Gary was then the manager of Culver's in Dixon prior to joining the Dixon Walmart as an assistant manager where he was employed for the last 15 years. Gary was a proud member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon. Gary was also a dedicated member of the Dixon Knights of Columbus, a past Grand Knight, and a Fr. Boland Assembly of the 4th Degree member. Gary devoted every Thanksgiving as a Knight of Columbus to serving the annual Knights of Columbus meal to his community, including ensuring the meal was available during the pandemic. Gary married the love of his life, best friend, and constant companion Jean Wallin on January 8, 1982, in Virginia, Minnesota. Gary was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers Roderic Gornik and James (late Candace)

Gornik, and one brother-in-law Rodney (Wendy Gornik) Pfeffer. Gary is survived by his wife Jean, his children Amelia "Amy" (Joshua) Hemmen of Dixon, Patrick (Erin) Gornik of Dunlap, Illinois, and was the proud grandpa to five grandsons: Lincoln Dillavou, Landon Dillavou, Jason Hemmen, Jackson Hemmen, and Jacob Hemmen. Three sisters also survive Gary: Wendy Pfeffer of Cloquet, Minnesota, Laurie (Ron) McDowell of Eveleth, Minnesota, and Becky (Mike) Dall of Mt. Iron, Minnesota, as well as nieces and nephews. Visitation will be on Friday, January 27th, 2023, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM with a recitation of the Rosary at 7:45 PM at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at 10:30 AM at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon, with a funeral luncheon to follow at the Dixon Knights of Columbus Hall. Burial of cremains will occur at a later date. Memorials contributions in Gary's name can be made to Dixon Knight of Columbus Council 690, St Patrick Catholic Church or the Franklin Creek Conservation Assoc.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon
204 South Ottawa
Dixon, IL 61021
Ph: 815-288-2241
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Visitation

JAN 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon
204 South Ottawa
Dixon, IL 61021
Ph: 815-288-2241
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Service

JAN 28. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon
612 S. Highland Ave.
Dixon, IL 61021
(815) 284-7719
office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net
<http://www.stpatrickdixon.org>

Tribute Wall



“ Gary G. Gornik

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ One of the hard working Good Guys. He'll be missed.

Randy Carlson - February 06, 2023 at 08:22 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Jean, Amy & Pat and their families. You are in our thoughts.

Ruth Dave Johnson - January 28, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ Julie Cornwell lit a candle in memory of Gary Gornik



Julie Cornwell - January 27, 2023 at 08:44 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gary G. Gornik.



January 27, 2023 at 01:33 PM

MR

“ *When I worked for Gary he was almost always in a positive mood, quick to share a joke, and treated me like a friend. Thoughts and prayers to his family.*

Matthew Rex - January 27, 2023 at 12:43 PM

JS

“ *Jonathon Smith lit a candle in memory of Gary Gornik*



Jonathon Smith - January 27, 2023 at 08:36 AM

SK

“ *I have known Gary and Jean for many years! Gary would give you his shirt right off his back and his last dollar in his pocket! He was a very thoughtful and caring man. He was always giving to our community! It was a true pleasure and honor to have known him! My sincere condolences to Jean and family! I will miss seeing him in your yard, at the KC Hall, Walmart, and even down at the Dixon Community Food Pantry! Rest in Peace my friend!*

*Sincerely,
Sharon Kersten*

Sharon Kersten - January 26, 2023 at 07:24 PM



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



January 26, 2023 at 03:16 PM



“ Jean and family so very sorry. Prayers going up. Cindy Beeman

Cindy Beeman - January 26, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary G. Gornik.



January 25, 2023 at 08:01 PM



“ Pat and your family, you have our condolences and prayers during this time of loss. 🙏

Kim and Mark Klokkenga - January 25, 2023 at 05:38 PM



“ My condolences to the family. I had the privilege of working with Gary. He was a great guy.

Sincerely
Lori Lauer

Lori Lauer - January 25, 2023 at 03:29 PM

TW

“ *Mr. Gornik was an great mentor and friend. I had the privilege of spending several years working under him and he treated everyone like family. From going to hockey games, company picnics, or just work, Mr. Gornik was an amazing man and helped teach me lessons in life. So sorry that I lost touch with him over the past years. Rest in peace, friend.*

Terry Wilkinson

Terrence Wilkinson - January 25, 2023 at 10:42 AM

LP

“ *Linda Pierce lit a candle in memory of Gary Gornik*



Linda Pierce - January 25, 2023 at 10:10 AM



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



January 24, 2023 at 11:18 PM



“ *RIP Young Man, You Will Be Missed!*

Wayne Burgess - January 24, 2023 at 07:10 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary G. Gornik.*



January 24, 2023 at 07:02 PM



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



January 24, 2023 at 06:09 PM



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



January 24, 2023 at 06:04 PM



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



January 24, 2023 at 05:21 PM