



Gary Horney

June 26, 1939 - February 25, 2024

Gary E. Horney, 84, of Bloomfield, IA passed on to his eternal home on Sunday morning, February 25th, 2024.

Gary was born June 26th, 1939, and spent his early years with his parents, Sterling (Shug) and Anna Mae (VanFleet) Horney on a small farm in Plymouth, IL where they raised cows and crops. He graduated from Plymouth HS where he enjoyed being a starter on the basketball team and catcher on the baseball team. After high school, he moved to Macomb where he worked while attaining a bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University.

Gary was known to say he never left college because he stayed on at the university Physical Plant for just under 30 years and assumed the title of Supervisor of Building Craftsman until retirement. He demonstrated a strong work ethic all his life.

Gary enjoyed playing in a Country & Western band for many years. He played guitar, sang and was known to play a really good "You are my Sunshine" on his harmonica later on. Gary made his family proud as he became an avid runner – completing marathons and triathlons that included biking and swimming and the accumulation of many trophies and ribbons.

Gary moved to Bloomfield, IA where his kids lived, after retirement, then

enjoyed working with his son on construction projects. In April 1999 he met and married his wife, Naoma, who survives. They enjoyed many camping trips in the RV and the many new friends they met along the way.

He often said he enjoyed the quiet life that Bloomfield offered where he lived with Naoma and grandson Stephen Potter. Many friends and family knew they would find Gary & Naoma on the patio during warm weather, and they were always welcome. Everyone enjoyed Gary's quick wit that brought much laughter all his days. His loved ones will always remember him for his wonderful sense of humor, and all will miss him dearly.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Sterling and Anna Mae (Van Fleet) Horney, and is survived by Naoma (Pledger-Wallace) Horney, children of Gary & Carolyn (Bartlett-Eggers), Brad Horney (Deana), Debbie (Horney) Lindemulder (Daniel), Deanna (Horney) Frye (Stephen).

Gary loved spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Cara (Horney) Switzer (Randy), Carolyn (Lindemulder) Stockton, (Wyatt), Daniel Lindemulder, Alissa (Lindemulder) Madden (Brent), Sarah Lindemulder, Joshua Frye (Shannon), Elizabeth Horney, Seth Horney (Hannah), Katie (Frye) Weigand (Asher). His great grandkids are Julia, Selah, Asher, Hezekiah, Maddox.

Gary also enjoyed his stepchildren, step grandchildren and great step grandchildren. Stephanie (Wallace) Lynch (Rod), Sherry (Wallace) Hawkins (John), Lincoln Lynch (Josie), Lexis (Lynch) Frymoyer (Jared), Lydia (Lynch) Pratt (Fred), Drew Potter, Stephen Potter, Jordan Harward, and step great-grandkids Landon, Jerret, Jetson, Journey, Jackson, Princeton, Brentley, Brexton, and Oliver. Gary's wish was to be cremated and a private family service will be held at a later date. Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield is assisting the family and online condolences may be directed to www.waglerfu

neralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



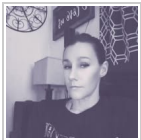
“ Sending thoughts and prayers for Gary's family at this sad time.
Shelva Schoonover

Shelva Schoonover - March 04, 2024 at 07:04 PM



“ I knew Gary from way back when we rode the school bus. After graduation we lost touch. He was a cousin of my nephew, Richard Scott Horney. My condolences to his family. R I P Gary

Evelyn Creasey Aleshire - March 04, 2024 at 06:44 PM



“ I have delivered Gary and his wife's mail for years now, he would come out often and ask if I left him a big check, I will miss that, my thoughts are with the family.

Nacole Carter - February 27, 2024 at 10:11 PM

GS

“ Gary Horney and I shared more than first names. In the small town & farming community of Plymouth, IL, we were in school together (I was a year ahead) and spent our summers doing farm labor. We 'bucked' bales and detasseled corn. We hunted squirrels & quail, swam in farm ponds and milked cows. We participated in PHS concert & marching bands. Gary was very good in sports while I was not, but I could usually beat him in a game of eight-ball. Of course, he would deny this with a sly grin on his face.

Occasionally over the past few years we communicated by phone. During one recent call he said that his travels were mostly restricted to the space between his bed and his recliner. But he joked that he had one of those "strap-on" recliners that would allow him to go for a walk outside and, when he needed to rest, he'd just flop backwards in it. Such was Gary's limitless sense of humor.

We will miss Gary and we offer our sincerest condolences to Naoma and their extended families.

Gary & Luanne Steiner
Loveland, Colorado

Gary R Steiner - February 27, 2024 at 01:30 PM

RG

“ Regina Gooden lit a candle in memory of Gary Horney



Regina Gooden - February 26, 2024 at 07:00 PM

KH

“ I have many memories of Gary, all happy , and value his friendship and kindness greatly. My deepest condolences to all of you for your loss of a good man. Sending you the biggest hug until I see you Naoma. Prayers for peaceful hearts and many shared smiles and memories for all. Kathy Hartwick

Kathy Hartwick - February 26, 2024 at 06:46 PM

MH

“ RIP Gary 🙏. Love and Caring thoughts go out to all of his loved ones. Special Love and Prayers to Naoma. Gary was a heck of a Good fellow, and lots of fun. May God's Love help Comfort all. Mark & Nancy Holt



Mark and Nancy Holt - February 26, 2024 at 06:33 PM

BM

I used to see Gary at the Mutchler Center when I went there to ride the elliptical bike. He was always friendly and polite. One day after returning home from the center, there was a knock at my door. I went to the door and there was Gary. He was holding my cell phone, that I had left at the center. He was thoughtful enough to bring it to me at my home. May God comfort his family and friends, in the way that only God can. Bonnie Martin

Bonnie Martin - February 26, 2024 at 08:40 PM

KB

RIP Gary. To Brad, Debbie, and Deanna, my friendship with your Father and the three of you was an our life time. A story he loved to remind me of, a love note, when I was in the third grade. Ha. We spent our last work in Higher Education at WIU. My prayers are with you all. Kerlene Harrison Bushaw. Lake Wylie, SC

Kerlene Harrison Bushaw - March 25, 2024 at 11:17 AM

KO

“ *I'm so sorry to hear this. Naoma and family you are in our thoughts.
My parents loved the visits with Gary.*

Kim Orman - February 26, 2024 at 05:51 PM