



## Gary M. Davis

July 20, 1940 - September 29, 2020

Gary M. Davis, 80, of Havana passed away on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 1:30 a.m. at St. John's Hospital in Springfield. He was born on July 20, 1940 in Bloomington, Illinois, to Thomas J. and Lillian (Klawitter) Davis. He married Ruth Griffard on May 27, 1961 in Bloomington.

Mr. Davis is survived by his wife, Ruth, of Havana; four children: Tim (Debbie) Davis, Shelly (Greg) Cave, and Lisa (Donald) Johnson, Tom (Michelle) Davis, all of Bloomington; 10 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two siblings: Richard (Nip) Davis of Carlock and Sharon Graves of Havana, as well as, many nieces and nephews who adored him. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Gary Davis Jr.; and granddaughter Miranda Johnson.

Gary was a dedicated and loyal man who enjoyed spending time with family and fishing. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. He played Santa Claus for several organizations. He also coached soccer and was President of the Chautauqua Park Landowners Association. Gary was a milkman who worked at Laesch Dairy for 30 years.

The family would like to thank the staff of St. John's Hospice for their wonderful care. A funeral mass will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Havana, with a visitation to be held two hours prior to the service from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Fr. David Whiteside will officiate. Burial will follow the service at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana.

In lieu of flowers, Donations can be made to St. John's Hospice or a charity of the donors choice.

Online condolences can be left for the family at <http://www.hurleyfh.com>. Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery

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## Laurel Hill Cemetery

1105 E Laurel Ave  
Havana, IL, 62644

# Events

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**OCT** **Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Patrick's Catholic Church

545 S. Orange St, Havana, IL, US, 62644

**OCT** **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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St Patricks Catholic Church

545 S Orange St, Havana, IL, US, 62644

# Comments

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“ Ruth and family, Melda and I extend our deepest sympathies to all of you. I enjoyed my visits with Gary whether it was in the office or at Helen's house. When our children were small, he came to the house in December as Santa Claus. The kids were thrilled but asked why Santa drove away in a car rather than with his sleigh and reindeer. I offered an acceptable excuse that they accepted. As you know, he was a good man and I can still hear his voice. I pray for the repose of his soul and I am keeping all of you in prayer as well.

Wm. J. Rademacher  
Chandler, AZ

**William J. Rademacher, D.C.** - October 12, 2020 at 04:52 PM

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“ Gary was a special friend. I will miss his happy face.  
Dcn Bill and Ann

**Bill Meyer** - October 03, 2020 at 10:49 AM

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary M. Davis.



October 02, 2020 at 08:02 AM

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“ To Ruth, my other Mom: I'm so sorry about Gary. He was a wonderful man who Mark and I enjoyed talking with. I love you and miss your company each day.

**carol buchanan** - October 01, 2020 at 11:58 PM

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“ Ruth and family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Gary was a warm and caring person. He will be missed.  
Our prayers are with all of you in this sad time.  
Lynn and John Rakowski

Rakowski Adelynn - October 01, 2020 at 06:31 PM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary M. Davis.



October 01, 2020 at 12:38 PM

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“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Gary M. Davis.



October 01, 2020 at 10:33 AM

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“ I'm sure going to miss my "Pudding Pop". Our condolences. Paul and Jan



Janice Stephens - September 30, 2020 at 10:53 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary M. Davis.



September 30, 2020 at 09:38 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary M. Davis.



September 30, 2020 at 08:00 PM

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“ Ruth and family, I'm deeply sorry for the loss of Gary. Mom sure did love you guys. It's my sincere hope that time will bring comfort and help to heal your sorrow. With deep sympathy and understanding.

Beth Smith



**beth Smith** - September 30, 2020 at 06:46 PM



“ We are deeply saddened by the loss of Gary. We are glad we were fortunate enough to know him. He always made us laugh. We enjoyed his orneriness....he did it so well. Our condolences to your extended family. We will keep Gary and all of you in our prayers daily. We wish we could be there for you at this difficult time. We love you Ruth.

Steve & Mary Pat Bares

**Mary Pat Bares** - October 03, 2020 at 12:30 PM

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“ Ruth and family, so sorry for your loss. Janet Barnes

Janet Barnes - September 30, 2020 at 03:58 PM

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“ A fabulous brother in law who will be missed greatly by family and friends who can rest in the knowledge that he is in our Lord's hands now. He was a great family man and friend. RIP Gary.

Jim Hardin - September 30, 2020 at 01:20 PM

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“ Jim and Torchie purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gary M. Davis.



Jim and Torchie - September 30, 2020 at 12:55 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gary M. Davis.



September 30, 2020 at 11:12 AM

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“ So sorry for your family's loss!



**Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson** - September 30, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ Sorry for your loss I know he will be missed.

**Jan Iodice Savannah Gotschall grandmothe** - September 30, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and the family. God Bless

**Sharon Young** - September 30, 2020 at 04:56 PM



“ All my prayers and love, Ruth. Requiescat in pace. Michael White

**Michael J White** - September 30, 2020 at 06:37 PM



“ Ruth, Sharon and family. My sympathy on the loss of Gary. I remember you guys from many years ago and Sharon is a classmate of mine. We graduated the year Ruth and Gary got married. May the good Lord grant all of you peace and blessings.

Gloria Leary Heller

**Gloria J Heller** - October 01, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ Ruth, Shelly and family, Very sorry for your loss.

**scott prillaman** - October 02, 2020 at 02:07 AM



“ Dear Ruth and Family, I was deeply saddened to hear of Gary's passing, he was truly one of the good guys. Though we were not in touch so much after high school I was really pleased that he and I and you had reconnected in a small way in FaceBook. Gary was always upbeat and positive and I enjoyed some anecdotes from Gary about my uncle (Paul West) and Laesch Dairy. I know Gary will be sorely missed by all and especially you. Your love for each other was evident when I would see you together at class reunions. My thoughts and prayers are with you and hope that you will, in time, find consolation in knowing that he is at peace in the arms of our Lord.

Sincerely, Jerry Conroy

**Gerald Conroy** - October 06, 2020 at 11:20 AM