



## Gary W. Bahl

March 5, 1940 - October 10, 2024

Gary W. Bahl, 84, of Havana, Illinois, passed away on Thursday, October 10, 2024 at Mason District Hospital in Havana. He was born on March 5, 1940, the son of Raymond and Juanita (Gosnell) Bahl. He married his wife, Diane Bahl, on September 1, 1985. She survives, along with his daughters, Lisa (Mike) Hamor, Lorie (Alan) Monroe, and Leann (Rick) Bonnett; son, Gary Bahl, Jr.; step-son, Sean (Cara) O'Brien; thirteen grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. Also surviving are his sister, Marilyn (Ken) Stone; brother, Jerry Bahl; and many nieces and nephews. Gary was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Carolyn Shawgo.

Gary was a barber for 46 years. He was also well-known as a commercial fisherman and could be found often on the Illinois River or at Emiquon trying to catch his next big boat load of fish.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, October 13, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana. Graveside services will be held on Monday, October 14, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana. Rev. Carol Stufflebeam will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made in Gary's name to Mason District Hospital or 1st United Methodist Church of Havana. Online memorial messages may be left for his family at [www.hurleyhf.com](http://www.hurleyhf.com).

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Laurel Hill Cemetery

1105 E Laurel Ave  
Havana, IL 62644  
(309) 543-2986

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **13**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana  
217 North Plum Street  
P.O. Box #648  
Havana, IL 62644  
(309) 543-2244  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Graveside Service

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Laurel Hill Cemetery  
1105 E Laurel Ave  
Havana, IL 62644  
(309) 543-2986

# Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary W. Bahl



Hurley Funeral Home - October 12, 2024 at 03:53 PM

SP

We watched the video tribute and enjoyed seeing pictures of Gary's life and his wonderful family. The tribute caught the best of Gary and was so him. He lived his family and friends and was loved by all that knew him. He will be greatly missed.

Sheryl and Jerry Payne - October 13, 2024 at 04:57 PM

DW

I am sorry for the Bahl family, when I was a kid I use to drive my Dad to get a haircut from Gary. My dad worked for Hodgsons sawmill for many years. His name was Earl (Nate) Dollins. I have never ever heard a bad word spoken about Gary, it was always kind and loving words. Many people thought a great deal of Gary.

Dixie Dollins Witherall - October 13, 2024 at 05:38 PM



Diane and family so sorry Gary is a great person . Always had good to say. Sandy and Kenny crater

Sandy Crater - October 18, 2024 at 05:16 AM

RH

Great job Diane very well done. I think the last picture in the video that you told me Steve took was the best.

Ron Howerter - October 26, 2024 at 01:40 PM

JB

“ Gary is my friend. I will remember him for the rest of my life.  
Sympathy and condolences to Diane and all of Gary's family. Jack  
Bouchez

Jack Bouchez - October 16, 2024 at 07:24 PM

KM

“ We are so sorry to hear of Gary's passing.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you,  
Diane, and all of your family. Our sincere  
condolences.  
Steve and Kay



Kay Moehring - October 16, 2024 at 09:15 AM

NL

“ What a beautiful tribute and such wonderful memories in the photos.  
I saw many familiar faces and was saddened to think about all of  
you who must go on without someone who was such a big, big  
presence in your lives. My sincere condolences.

N. Joan Lindburg

Neva Joan Lindburg - October 15, 2024 at 08:53 PM

BL

“ Bob Lynn lit a candle in memory of Gary Bahl



Bob Lynn - October 15, 2024 at 05:17 PM

BL

“ *Brad & Melody Lynn lit a candle in memory of Gary Bahl*



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**Brad & Melody Lynn** - October 15, 2024 at 01:56 PM

DB

“ *I met Gary when he started barbering in Havana and went to him for most if not all of the 46 years he cut hair—he was a good guy. Back in the early '70s, our Explorer scout troop was in need of a leader ... after a little arm twisting, he took us on and was much appreciated. When I worked for the Illinois Natural History Survey, I enjoyed talking with Gary about our projects and picking his brain about the river. More recently at Emiquon, in addition to him removing nearly 200 thousand pounds of carp, he's been a great resource for some of our research and planning. He was at Emiquon doing one of the things he loved the day before he passed – I should be so lucky. He will be missed by many. Condolences to Diane and his family and friends. Doug Blodgett*

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**Doug Blodgett** - October 15, 2024 at 08:52 AM

RM

“ *Prayers and condolences to the family of Gary Bahl. I knew the family growing up in Kilbourne and having my hair cut many years by Gary. Always enjoyed visiting with him.*



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**Russ and Nancy Miller** - October 14, 2024 at 01:30 PM

SB

“ We are heartbroken to hear about Gary’s passing. I can’t recall a day when we didn’t wave to him as he drove past our beach house. Sending our heartfelt condolences to you, Diane, and to the entire family. Gary made a lasting impact on so many lives in Havana through his haircuts and love of fishing and the outdoors, and his memory will forever remain.

Sandy and Carrie Budyn - October 14, 2024 at 11:12 AM

LL

“ Lisa and family So sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family.

Larry and Daniel Lacey - October 13, 2024 at 05:06 PM

LA

“ Love Rodney Arnold purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Gary W. Bahl.



Love Rodney Arnold - October 12, 2024 at 08:10 PM

BE

“ I am sorry to hear of the passing of Gary, sending my condolences to all of his family. When I was growing up on Quiver Beach, I stayed at the Bahl's house many nights. My dad frequent his barber shop like so many in Havana. All you had to do is drive by and say yep, Gary is working. I know he will be missed by so many and so hope memories of your dad will help ahead when you miss him so much, that it aches. Just remember all those wonderful memories you all created together. Beth Eis

Beth Eis - October 12, 2024 at 04:37 PM

RH

“ *My deepest sympathy. Gary was a great man!  
Condolences.*



Rev Charles Hunter - October 12, 2024 at 02:18 PM

CM

“ *Christine & Jordan Mendralla purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Gary W. Bahl.*



Christine & Jordan Mendralla - October 12, 2024 at 12:54 PM

PS

“ *Patti Specketer lit a candle in memory of Gary Bahl*



Patti Specketer - October 12, 2024 at 12:04 PM

CS

“ *Craig Schaeffer lit a candle in memory of Gary Bahl*



Craig Schaeffer - October 12, 2024 at 10:34 AM

LH

“ Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Gary W. Bahl



Larry and Mary Hundt - October 12, 2024 at 09:48 AM

SK

“ So very sorry to hear of Gary’s passing...my condolences to Diane and family for their loss. Gary was in my class - he will be sorely missed by all of us...

Sherry Kepperling - October 12, 2024 at 09:41 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary W. Bahl.



October 12, 2024 at 08:45 AM

DK

“ Doug and Jennifer Krebs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary W. Bahl.

Doug and Jennifer Krebs - October 12, 2024 at 08:45 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary W. Bahl.



October 12, 2024 at 08:32 AM



“ I am saddened by his passing. He will be missed. Frank Dooley

Frank Dooley - October 12, 2024 at 05:43 AM



“ So sorry to see this. Our sincere sympathy to you all. Darell and Rosanne Sarff

Rosanne Sarff - October 12, 2024 at 03:25 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers of comfort to Diane and all the family



Kathy Brown - October 12, 2024 at 01:09 AM



Gary was a great guy always smiling and laughing from the family of Wally and Minnie Wright

Maudie Wright - October 12, 2024 at 01:39 PM

ZF

“ Zach and Samantha Bryant & family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gary W. Bahl.



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**Zach and Samantha Bryant & family** - October 11, 2024 at 11:44 PM

ZF

“ Zach and Samantha Bryant & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary W. Bahl.

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**Zach and Samantha Bryant & family** - October 11, 2024 at 11:44 PM

VF

“ Deepest sympathy to Diane and the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Tim and Velva Fletcher

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**Velva Fletcher** - October 11, 2024 at 11:22 PM

MF

“ Mary Lynn & Family lit a candle in memory of Gary W. Bahl



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**Mary Lynn & family** - October 11, 2024 at 10:26 PM

DW

“ I have known Gary since I was a kid. He treated everyone so well. Diane- you know you are my hero after working together for decades. GB will live on in your heart forever.

*I believe he is sitting in a boat and smiling on a peaceful river somewhere in heaven.*

*Praying for his entire family.*

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**Daryl Weseloh** - October 11, 2024 at 09:35 PM

LW

“ Lori And Dan Wright lit a candle in memory of Gary W. Bahl



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**Lori and Dan Wright** - October 11, 2024 at 08:31 PM

CR

“ Cindy Riggins lit a candle in memory of Gary W. Bahl



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**Cindy Riggins** - October 11, 2024 at 08:20 PM

CW

“ Sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family ❤️🙏



Chris Wilson - October 11, 2024 at 06:57 PM

GF

“ Gitana Fletcher lit a candle in memory of Gary W. Bahl



Gitana Fletcher - October 11, 2024 at 06:36 PM

JP

“ Jenni, Michelle, Heather, Hope, & Pam purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Gary W. Bahl.



Jenni, Michelle, Heather, Hope, & Pam - October 11, 2024 at 06:12 PM

SF

“ Schafer Fisheries purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary W. Bahl.



Schafer Fisheries - October 11, 2024 at 05:33 PM

JO

“ John Onion lit a candle in memory of Gary W. Bahl



John Onion - October 11, 2024 at 05:21 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary W. Bahl.



October 11, 2024 at 05:13 PM

JF

“ From: John & Norma Onion and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary W. Bahl.

John & Norma Onion and Family - October 11, 2024 at 05:13 PM

JP

“ Gary was a wonderful guy. He gave my son who is now 29 his first haircut and my husband who is 54! He was so nice. He will be missed.



jamy perkins - October 11, 2024 at 05:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary W. Bahl.*



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October 11, 2024 at 04:53 PM



“ *The Hopps Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary W. Bahl.*

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**The Hopps Family** - October 11, 2024 at 04:53 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss sympathy for healing from both myself and the Illinois commercial fisherman association*

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**craig sondker** - October 11, 2024 at 04:28 PM



“ *RON AND BARB QUINONES lit a candle in memory of Gary W. Bahl*



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**RON AND BARB QUINONES** - October 11, 2024 at 03:49 PM

CA

“ Gary will be missed. I remember walking by his barber shop to go to Morgan's and he would always take the time to wave at me. Always had a kind words for everyone and a smile. Rest in peace Gary.



connie atchison - October 11, 2024 at 03:41 PM

CK

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers to the family

Carol Fisk Kolves - October 11, 2024 at 03:20 PM

MI

“ I remember Mr bihl for a long time he was my dad's Barber and he was a good guy we're going to miss him so much rest in peace he was always smiling and laughing and making jokes we're going to miss that and he was a good barber in Havana



Misty - October 11, 2024 at 03:03 PM

LO

“ Have known Gary and Diane for lots of years. I met him through my husband Jim Onken He and Gary were in the same class in Easton (Go Hawks). Did some boating together and some beer drinking., I am sure Jim has many more memories that I do. Hugs Diane, and sending heartfelt condolences to you and the family.

Lynne Jim Onken - October 11, 2024 at 02:56 PM

AS

“ Our very deepest sympathy to Gary's family. We just spoke to him a few weeks ago in Havana and had a great talk. He was a wonderful man and leaves many with fond memories of him. God Bless Everyone. Alvin & Lorenda Spilker.



Alvin & Lorenda Spilker - October 11, 2024 at 02:54 PM

LO

“ Lynne Jim Onken lit a candle in memory of Gary Bahl



Lynne Jim Onken - October 11, 2024 at 02:53 PM

TE

“ The Nature Conservancy staff at Emiquon purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gary W. Bahl.



The Nature Conservancy staff at Emiquon - October 11, 2024 at 02:28 PM

JE

“ Jeff elam lit a candle in memory of Gary Bahl



Jeff elam - October 11, 2024 at 01:59 PM

JB

“ Gary was a kind man he will be missed! 🙏



Jack and Donzia Boggs - October 11, 2024 at 01:50 PM

CH

“ Condolences to all of Gary Bahl's family. CherylHahn

Cheryl Hahn - October 11, 2024 at 01:35 PM

LT

“ Gary and his family I have known for years! He was diligent at all of his career opportunities. He was once very close to my family! So sorry for all of his family and friends. He worked hard all of his life. My deepest sympathy to all who loved him! Lisa (Ulrich) Thompson



Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson - October 11, 2024 at 01:09 PM

ES

“ I am so sorry Diane and family for your loss. He was a great guy! Prayers for comfort for you all.



Elva Stigall - October 11, 2024 at 12:50 PM

VN

Sorry for your loss. I have always considered Gary a great friend. Prayers to Diane and the family.

Velvet Noel - October 11, 2024 at 01:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary W. Bahl.*



October 11, 2024 at 12:49 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary W. Bahl.*



October 11, 2024 at 12:44 PM



“ *Bob & Lynne McDaniel sent a virtual gift in memory of Gary Bahl*



**Bob & Lynne McDaniel** - October 11, 2024 at 12:37 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to all of Gary's family and friends*



**Angie Haarman** - October 11, 2024 at 12:36 PM

CO

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers to your family.

Cassi Otto - October 11, 2024 at 12:35 PM

JW

“ John Witherall lit a candle in memory of Gary Bahl



John Witherall - October 11, 2024 at 12:27 PM

TH

“ Terni Hinrichs lit a candle in memory of Gary Bahl



Terni Hinrichs - October 11, 2024 at 12:27 PM

NE

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, children, and grandchildren.



Nancy Elliott - October 11, 2024 at 12:27 PM

JW

“ *John Witherall sent a virtual gift in memory of Gary Bahl*



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**John Witherall** - October 11, 2024 at 12:23 PM

JW

“ *John Witherall lit a candle in memory of Gary Bahl*



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**John Witherall** - October 11, 2024 at 12:22 PM

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“ *. Marianne Cross lit a candle in memory of Gary Bahl*



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**. Marianne Cross** - October 11, 2024 at 12:19 PM

MC

“ *Marcia Ann Chaney lit a candle in memory of Gary Bahl*



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**Marcia Ann Chaney** - October 11, 2024 at 12:15 PM

JT

“ *Sorry for your loss. Prayers to all of the family.*

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**jennifer trimpe** - October 11, 2024 at 12:08 PM

PH

“ *Patricia Hertter-Wojtkiewicz lit a candle in memory of Gary Bahl*



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**Patricia Hertter-Wojtkiewicz** - October 11, 2024 at 11:57 AM

JR

“ *Jennifer Reese lit a candle in memory of Gary Bahl*



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**Jennifer Reese** - October 11, 2024 at 11:57 AM