

## Gary Lee Schorsch

May 6, 1948 - January 6, 2019

Gary Lee Schorsch, 70, of Hampshire passed away Sunday morning, January 6, 2019 at Presence St. Joseph Hospital in Elgin.

He was born May 6, 1948 in Wadena, MN the son of William Sr. and Ellen (Erckenbrack) Schorsch. Gary was a member of the 1966 Class of Hampshire High School where he was the first quarterback for the school's inaugural football team. After graduation he served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968 serving a tour in Vietnam.

Gary had worked as a cement finisher and welder at the Byron Nuclear Plant. He loved fishing, hunting and gardening.

He is survived by his brother, William Jr. (Sandy) Schorsch; nieces and nephews, William Schorsch III, KarrieAnn (Kenny) Buckley, Michael (Julia) Hanson, Bonnie (Schorsch) Zollers, Anthony (Nicole) Schorsch; and many extended family members in Minnesota. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a niece, Tracy Lynn Schorsch.

Cremation Burial with Military Honors will be held at a later date.

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**William Schorsch** - January 25, 2019 at 03:21 AM



“ R.I.P My Dear Brother

**William** - January 25, 2019 at 03:26 AM



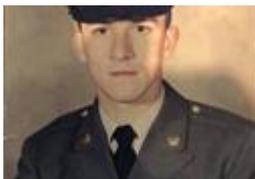
“ I met Gary when I was growing up in Hampshire, IL. He had a place next to my Aunt Ed Fox at that time. First time I met him. My brother George had gone to the Army while the Vietnam War was going. He came back okay. Now I met Gary and he told me about Vietnam, he changed my life. I loved him very much and thanks to him we learned to fight better in the U.S. ARMED FORCES. I cry that I cannot hear that voice but he will not be forgotten.

**Douglas B. Modde a friend of family.** - December 16, 2020 at 10:12 AM

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**William Schorsch** - January 25, 2019 at 03:13 AM

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“ Gary was one of the most unique man I've ever met. His stories he told would keep you listening forever. He taught my son how to fish as well as many other things. He was a ball of wisdom and knowledge. He always made me laugh. I'm ever so blessed I got to spend Thanksgiving with him. He will forever hold a place in my heart. We will miss you Gary more then you know. I love you



**Melissa Bullistron** - January 23, 2019 at 02:00 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. I met him when he had just turned 18 ...May of 1966...alot of years that hold a lot of memories of that man. He will be greatly missed by all his friends and family.

**Valerie Wasinger Svast** - January 16, 2019 at 10:08 PM

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“ I knew Gary through Bob Acre while down @ SIU in 1972. Gary helped me pass a math class the last 1/4 of my senior year, as I was born math deficient. Tutored me and passes answers to me as needed on tests! What a giving man he was. Best to the family and friends who knew him more recently. Rick Schlereth

**rick schlereth** - January 10, 2019 at 01:58 PM

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“ Gary and I were supposed to go fishing last Fall at Clements Barge on the Mississippi. I had never been there and he said he wanted to be the one who introduced me to it but the weather and the flooded river did not cooperate. I was looking forward to doing a Spring trip there with Gary but of course now that won't happen. I've known Gary Lee for over 55 years and have had quite a few experiences with him throughout that time. We all have our short falls and Gary Lee certainly had his share but that didn't stop his family and friends from loving him. One of my fishing buddies from WI told me the other day how Gary helped him to graduate from S.I.U. by tutoring him in a math class. That person went on to be a High School teacher until retirement. Many people weren't aware of the genius Gary Lee possessed. He was a smart man. When I go on that trip in the Spring, I will be thinking of Gary and his famous catch phrase, "My name is Gary Lee, and there ain't nothin' shakin' but the leaves on the trees..."

**Darrel Johnson** - January 09, 2019 at 06:16 PM

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“ Very sweet man. So sad to hear of his passing. I always enjoyed chatting with him. Our thoughts are with all of his family and friends. May he rest in paradise.

Jeff and Kelli Zopfi

**Kelli** - January 09, 2019 at 01:34 PM

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“ Good times fishing, hunting. The wild asparagus R.I.P Brother

**Ron Riley** - January 09, 2019 at 12:12 PM

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“ Many good memories of the times we had when you your mom and Bill made your visits to Minnesota. RIP cousin Gary "BoBo" from Dave Erckenbrack and family, [Bill you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers]

**David Erckenbrack** - January 09, 2019 at 09:29 AM

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“ Gary Lee was one of the nicest guys I ever knew. I worked with him doing concrete with N & S concrete and went on several fishing trips with him as well. I will forever miss his quick wit and comical comments. He was very good at making philosophical comments that always had a humorous twist but yet somehow always made sense. He was an honest & kind person and was fun to be around and i will always consider him one of the best & most trustworthy friends I ever had.  
Rest in peace Gary Lee, thanks for all the fun times & I will miss you dearly.  
Your good friend, Gary Voss

**Gary Voss** - January 09, 2019 at 09:28 AM