



Gary L. Olmstead

March 8, 1950 - February 9, 2024

Gary L. Olmstead, 73, of Broad Street, Broadalbin, passed away on Friday, February 9, 2024, at St. Mary's Healthcare, Amsterdam.

He was born in Amsterdam on March 8, 1950, a son of Larry and June Sellers Olmstead and was a 1968 graduate of Broadalbin High School where he was a standout basketball player. Gary later obtained an Associates degree from FMCC and attended Siena College. He was a lifelong area resident.

Gary was employed at the former Coleco Industries and later at Ehrlich Auto Parts, both of Amsterdam. He worked at the former P & C in Johnstown and was last employed as a deliveryman for Johnstown Auto Parts.

Gary attended St. Joseph's Church in Broadalbin.

He enjoyed walking throughout the village, loved watching sports on television, and enjoyed spending time at the Saratoga Racetrack.

In addition to his beloved parents, Gary was predeceased by an uncle, Wendell Sellers.

He was a beloved friend and neighbor and will be missed by many.

Cremation was performed at Park View Crematorium, Schenectady. A calling hour will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, from 10 – 11am at St.

Joseph's Church 7 North Street, Broadalbin followed by a memorial mass at 11am, celebrated by Rev. Jun Segura. Final burial will be held in the spring at Union Mills Cemetery, Broadalbin. Memorial contributions may be made to the Broadalbin Kenyetto Fire Company, in care of the funeral home.

Arrangements are by the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County

Highway 106, Johnstown, NY 12095.

A special thanks to Dr. Kevin Cope and his staff for caring for Gary over the years.

Cemetery Details

Union Mills Cemetery

Broadalbin, NY 12025

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Church
7 North St.
Broadalbin, NY 12025

Memorial Mass

FEB 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KC

“ I always waved at him when I encountered him walking...and he always waved and smiled back. Reading his obituary it seems like he had somewhat of a lonely life. Lesson learned- we all need to go the extra step and be a friend not just a passerby in our community.

Keith Canary - February 27, 2024 at 11:56 AM

SB

“ We lived next door to Gary and his family for about 45 years. We knew his parents, Larry and June, pretty well, but only got to know Gary well in the last few years. He was an interesting guy, always up on current events and loved to talk sports. He had a great sense of humor! He was humble, kind-hearted and very independent. He was always reluctant to accept help, even when he need it most. And when he did, he was so so appreciative. The neighborhood will not be the same without him. Rest in peace, Gary.

Sheila Bleyl - February 18, 2024 at 04:01 PM

VI

“ Vicki lit a candle in memory of Gary L. Olmstead



Vicki - February 15, 2024 at 09:13 AM

DG

“ *Debbie Grant lit a candle in memory of Gary L. Olmstead*



Debbie Grant - February 14, 2024 at 09:35 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Gary L. Olmstead.*



February 14, 2024 at 12:31 PM

JD

“ *Joan DeVaney purchased the White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Gary L. Olmstead.*



Joan DeVaney - February 12, 2024 at 05:39 PM

JD

“ I met Gary at Saratoga Raceway when I worked there as a mutuel clerk. We became fast friends when we went partners on a trifecta that hit and paid \$1500.00. From that point on the numbers 1 7 4 were our designated lucky numbers until I convinced him we should retire them and go out on top! Over the years we enjoyed long lunches talking about everything from A to Z. We played our annual golf matches which had us laughing so hard it was tough to hit fairways...we never took the game too seriously. Gary was pretty good at sports betting. I bet many basketball parlays for him when i was in Las Vegas and he did pretty well. I'll never forget how grateful he was to me when I gave him my sleeper pick for the 2016 Masters tournament and he was the sole winner of the pool he entered. Gary was a very kind-hearted man and so much fun to talk to. He'd always keep you laughing even when he was talking about his health problems. He was upbeat and still cracking jokes. I'm really going to miss him RIP.

Joan M DeVaney - February 12, 2024 at 05:04 PM

SB

Joan, we know you were very very special to him!

Sheila Bleyl - February 18, 2024 at 03:48 PM

DZ

“ I will sadly miss my neighbor & friend.

Deanne Zajaceskowski - February 11, 2024 at 09:51 PM