



## Gary Alan VanWynsberghe

June 9, 1947 - November 4, 2011

VanWynsberghe, Gary A. Honest to God!! , born on June 9, 1947, husband of Candace VanWynsberghe and father of Gary, Albert, and Raymond. Gary passed away on November 4th 2011 in FL while embarking on a mission to find the best deal on stitching for the carpet on his boat. Gary was a man for all seasons, and could be counted on to help everyone who needed it. He was a "professional" carpenter, bricklayer, roofer, electrician, mechanic, contractor, plumber and anything else one could imagine. He helped everyone he knew build, knock down, buy, sell or improve everything around them - many homes in Northern Michigan and Florida are the beneficiaries of his skills and imagination. Gary was a loving brother to Larry Patty and Bryan Linda Gary spoke to his brothers at very specific times while they were thinking of each other, grandfather to; Dylan, Riana, and Steven and Uncle to Kimberly, Amy, Lisa, DJ, Tracy, Scotty, Sarah and Ashley. Everyone knows that Gary loved the water - Higgins Lake, The Gulf of Mexico and anyplace with a boat, Gary and his lovely wife Candy spent every waking moment possible on the water with their friends, family and many a cooler! Visitation at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Rd. 3 Blks E. of Van Dyke Utica Saturday 2-9pm and Sunday 2-9pm. Please share a memory at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com) Gary lived his life to the fullest and will be missed by all who knew him. We should all celebrate his life and live by his words - "Stay thirsty my friends"

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ Whenever we pass Gary and Candy's home in Higgins Lake on the way to our cottage we are reminded of the fun times we had there with them. Such as the first time we played Mexican train, boat rides when Gary often went into the water to check the depth after downing a few brews, checking out on shore properties from the boat with binoculars, and a New Year's Day celebration dinner at their home. We knew Gary and Candy through my brother John Gillespie and they always made us feel so welcome. Hard to believe he won't be there next summer hanging out at the house or on the lake with all his friends and family.

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**Dennis and Mary Beth Wrubel** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Gary you are such a Great Person and will be greatly missed. We really enjoyed all the good times we had at your place on Higgins lake. You always made us feel comfortable with the boat rides, Great food, and card playing in the evening. You and Candy were wonderful people in so many ways. You will be truly missed. Paul & Kathy Martin

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**Paul & Kathy Martin** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Words can not describe the emptiness I feel now that you are no longer here. My move to Florida was not an easy decision, yet after meeting you it turned out to be one of my best! I'm not family, yet you always made me feel that way. I am so pissed that you left, but I figured God needed something fixed and his contractor was gonna charge too much and he knew you would do it better and cheaper and you would not look for thanks. You were a real friend, and they are so rare today. I will miss you and I promise to finish all the projects mine and yours that we talked about although I may screw them up.. Cheers, my friend.....

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**Stephen Wible** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Gary will be very much missed by Doris and I, in florida and Higgins lake. He loved teasing and playing cards and boating. He prepared some very good meals and had many friends he shared them with. we will miss you Gary, Mike and Doris

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**mike and adoris** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ My heart felt condolences to Candy and and all the family...Gary is one of those larger than life characters, with that bellowing voice and mischievous twinkle in his eye - a person generous with his time and Cactus Juice :- you could go to him for anything and I appreciated his kindness on many occasions during my time living at Higgins. He and Candy made this newcomer feel like a real friend. Gary had a unique view of the people and scenarious around him, especially in the Higgins community and I know his dry sense of humor will be surely missed. Sorry I can't be there this weekend but know you are all in my thoughts and I will raise a "Cactus Juice" in his honor tomorrow..With Love G

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**Gail Samia** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ *Bill and I have wonderful memories of boating and shelling in the Gulf of Mexico. Gary, will truly be missed. Our deepest sympathy to Candy and family.*

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**Wm & Carol Dwyer** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *We have great memories of Gary at Higgins lake and Florida. In Florida Gary was a master at showing people a good time. We drank and laughed. He even allowed my boys to drive his boat once! He pretended not to like kids but he really was a softie. I can't believe we won't see him glide that boat across Higgins Lake again. U will truly be missed.*

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**mike and Jamie Fromwiller** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Gary was larger than life and was loved by all members of our family. We are going to miss him greatly in both Higgins Lake and Florida. We have so many wonderful memories with him and Candy over the 20 years that we have been friends. Bon voyage our good friend.*

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**Juanita and Dennis Fox** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM