



Gary Lee Harms

June 22, 1961 - July 5, 2015

Gary Lee Harms, age 54 of Farwell, passed away in the comfort of his home on Sunday, July 5.

He was born the son of Lester F. and Florence E. (Hawthorne) Harms on June 22, 1961 in Detroit. Gary was currently working as the Maintenance Supervisor for Lear Corp. (formerly Renosol) of Farwell. He moved from from Mt. Clemens, Michigan to Farwell (White Birch Lakes) in 1986 where he met and married his wife Lora, who survives him. Gary had served the residents of Lincoln and Freeman Townships on the Lincoln Twp. Fire Department where he had served as the Assistant Chief and had been named "Fireman of the Year" in 1991. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt and fish. He is survived by his wife, Lora, children, Martin of Vero Beach, Fla., Jon and Diana of Washington, D.C., Sarah and Mike of St. Louis, Mo., Krissy, and Nate, both of Farwell, his brother David and Theresa Harms of Macomb, Mi, and brother Kevin and Theresa Kipp of Farwell. He was preceded in death by his parents and his step-father, Russell Jock.

Private family services have been held. A memorial will be held on Labor Day weekend at his and Lora's home in White Birch. In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations to benefit Nathan and Krissy's education through Isabella Bank. Arrangements were by Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Homes.

Previous Events

Memorial Dinner

SEP 5 (ET)

Harms family home
1741 Ironwood Ct.
Farwell, MI 48622

Tribute Wall

LL

“ *Its been a minute. Although I talk to you in my head sometimes I have to put it in writing. We talk about you all the time. We were just in Florida and I cant tell you how many times Jimmy said your name and told stories about you. We were with Al and Christy. They of course have some great stories too. I wish we could have made more. Spend some time with my mom up there will you. She is probably so happy to see you again. We miss you and love you so very much!!*

Lora Harms Lehmann - February 19 at 10:12 AM

LH

“ *Sorry I was not able to contribute to the obituary you so deserved. I was so overwhelmed, just trying to get through the day was more than I could handle. There is no real reason for me reading it today other than missing you so much. Jimmy talks about you all the time. Every now and then he will say just ask Gary. Boy I wish I could.*

Lora Harms - January 03, 2025 at 09:29 AM

LO

“ *Hey there. I told my mom to look for you. She is in your hands now. Love you both!!*

Lora - September 11, 2024 at 10:42 AM

LH

“ Happy birthday tomorrow! This year seems to be harder than some of the past ones. Not sure why. Maybe cause I really would like to just sit down and have a super long conversation with you. To hear your voice, get your advice, your opinion no matter how different it may be from others. LO! Hope you can spare a moment and hang out with us now and then. I love you!!

Lora Harms - June 21, 2024 at 03:38 PM

LO

“ Really wish I could see you, talk to you hug you.

Lora - March 30, 2023 at 03:59 PM

LO

“ I wonder how different things would have been had you not left. So many important days in such a short time. Your birthday, the day you left and our anniversary all within one months time. Its not easier, its not better, you just learn to hide it from the rest of the world. I get that there was a reason God needed you, but it would be really great if you could still talk to me. I love and miss you so very much. Happy Birthday, happy Heaven day and Happy Anniversary!!

Lora - July 19, 2022 at 11:11 AM

RO

“ Gary sorry this took me so long to write to you but there is hardly a day that goes by without me thinking about you you were more than just my brother-in-law you were my brother I miss you every day thanks for always being there through everything love you so much and miss you I'm in a great place my life right now and I now you now that because I feel you around checking in on me from time to time Rachael and I talk about how happy you are for us love you my friend my brother rob

Rob - August 16, 2021 at 09:31 PM

LH

“ Hey there, still looking for some help. Haven't experienced "calm" since you left. I was always an emotional person, but this crap they call anxiety is a bit out of hand. Any brain down time is unbearable and I usually only allow myself that when I am trying to sleep. Needless to say we aren't getting a whole lot of the quality kind. Wish you could just talk back to me, would make things a bit more bearable. Love and miss you!! Lora

Lora Harms - March 26, 2021 at 09:08 AM

LH

“ I must use this for therapy as I talk to you all the time in my head, cant explain why I write to you here as well. Christmas I assume was different for everyone this year. For us it was mostly non existent. No presents, no children, no YOU. In person anyway. We did spend time with Teresa, Kevin, Cody and Ciara. She is a super sweet girl. Cody may have found the one this time. We cried a bit and then laughed a bit, a normal day with the Kipps. I have been asking for some guidance from you lately, not getting a response, so if you have a minute if you could send me some direction that would be great. Losing touch with the boys, of course I knew it was inevitable. I am extremely uncomfortable around them and I believe they are with me as well. You told me I would do what was right when you were gone, well that's what I need help with, cause I am confused as to what that is anymore. Keep watching over all of us, with this Covid thing, who knows when one of us might pop in on you.

I love and miss you every moment of every day.

Lora

Lora Harms - December 31, 2020 at 09:07 AM

LH

“ So many milestones in such a short time, your birthday, the day you left and our anniversary yesterday. Would have been 10 years. How you think your life will be and how it turns out can be so different. Thought we would make at least 20 years together, even though you kept saying it wouldn't be. You were always right even when I prayed you would be wrong. There are so many things I wish we could talk about, you always pushed me in the right direction even when it was the hardest option. Hope you are doing amazing things, I can't wait to hear all about them.

Love you!!

Lora

Lora Harms - July 20, 2020 at 10:23 AM

LH

“ *HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! Can only imagine what you will be doing today. Something adventurous I am sure or possibly hanging out with Tom Petty. Wouldn't that be sweet!! This wasn't supposed be the way it went you know. So many people say it gets easier as time passes, but it just isn't true. Keep looking out for us. Still need you to have my back, like you said you always would. Love you so much!*
Lora

Lora Harms - June 22, 2020 at 10:29 AM

JK

“ *JK*
John Kady
a day ago
I am totally shocked tonight reading this obituary. I know we lost touch later in our lives but some of the best times of my life were hanging out with Gary Harms. From working way too many nights at Mr G's pizzeria to the countless number of Journey concerts that we attended to the many many nights walking in and stumbling out of the Struttin' Club to the late night/early morning fishing out at the Pointe hoping the fish didn't bother us! My old girlfriend Marian introduced us and when she moved on WE had the best times I could of ever hoped for. There was nobody that could tell a story the way you would and I would hurt from laughing at the outcome. On our last conversation you told me that you found a new love and it sounds like you both had a great life together. I am very proud to say that we were great friends and unfortunately lost touch later in our lives. I will always remember you Gary and cherish the great great times we had together. Thanks for the memories and Rest In Peace my dear friend. John Kady

John Kady - March 26, 2020 at 09:44 PM

LO

“ So it is opening day of deer season. So very strange without your excitement filling the house this past week. You would be super proud of the buck your brother got this morning. You most likely had a hand in it happening. LOI Nathan is patiently waiting for a big one to show up. Its just not the same without you there to tell me when to shoot so working keeps me busy instead. You were the only one that ever took the time to show me how much fun hunting could be. Although I truly believe it isn't the same for everyone else. Hunting with you is an extraordinary experience no one could ever top. Wish you were here to tell the story of taking Krissy one more time. Miss you so very very much.
Love you!!

Lora - November 15, 2019 at 03:22 PM

LO

“ So another of your birthdays has gone by and now our anniversary again. Thought we would be spending so many more together. None of this still makes any sense to me. Guess that is how most people feel when they lose someone they love so young. Still hurts as much as it did the day you left. I can only imagine how wonderful it will be when I see you again. Love you so very much!

Lora - July 19, 2019 at 11:40 AM

NI

“ 5 years ago today you were on your way to the UP to visit. We went to the lighthouse (neither of us would climb the stairs up it, haha), you came to practice softball with Kylee and Jeron hit your ankle with a wild pitch, and we spent the whole day laughing until our faces hurt.

I hate that you're not here, but you're not really gone either. So many of us are always thinking about you (and I'm yelling, "Dammit, Gary!" about once a week). You left a big hole and nobody knows how to fill it.

Thank you for leaving us with so many amazing memories, we will never forget you.

Dammit, Gary. Miss you.

Nikki - May 30, 2019 at 08:35 AM

LH

“ *Its our anniversary!! Three now with Gary in another place. Hope they have great Lobster there. I know everyone has their own losses and grief, but will never understand how someone can have their birthday, leave us and our anniversary all be within a month. Still hurts the same every day. I love and miss this man so very much!!*

Lora Harms - July 19, 2018 at 01:12 PM

DH

Happy birthday buddy not a day goes by that I don't think of you hard to believe it's been ten years

Dave harms - June 22, 2025 at 08:08 AM

LH

“ If by chance anyone is visiting the wall today, it is Gary's birthday. Please take a moment and think of a memory of him that makes you smile. He would love that. Its ok to cry as well. Love and miss you more every day! Lora.

Lora Harms - June 22, 2017 at 03:12 PM

LH

“ I am lost without you. Its so quiet and I hate it. Time going by quickly doesn't bother me anymore, it just means I will be with you that much sooner. I love you more than anything in this world. Thank you for being the best thing that will ever to happen to me. For taking care of me and our children. Keep watching over us. I love you so very much and miss you terribly.
Lora

Lora L Harms - August 05, 2015 at 02:54 PM

KK

“ It has taken over a week to write this, because we can't believe it's true. We had so many great times and so many plans for more . Wish you could have stayed with us, we will take you along in our hearts. See you on the other side. Rest in peace, my brother.
Love,
Kev and Teresa.

Kevin & Teresa Kipp - July 13, 2015 at 03:41 PM

NB

“ I have so many memories of Gary, it's hard to pick just one to share. Tipping his motorcycle over in the driveway, letting Kylee put temporary tattoos or blue eyeshadow on him, bragging about his kids, marrying my Aunt Lora, there are too many to list. I'm going to try to be more like Gary now. Everyone should. Smile more, be a good friend, love with all your heart.
I love you, Gar-Bear and I will never forget you.

Nikki Bushong - July 13, 2015 at 07:06 AM



“ I met Gary when we were both kids and we have been lifelong friends, no buds ever since. I have hundreds of memories to fall back on and several of them I should probably keep to myself or maybe only share with a couple of close friends. I do have one I will share that both Gary and I would reminisce and laugh about when we got older. When we were about 14 or 15 years old, were out running the neighborhood after curfew one night somewhere along the Clinton River on South River Rd. Whenever we would see a car coming we would start running and hide behind some trees or something, cause we thought it might be the cops and we didn't want to get caught. This went on for a couple of hours or so, about the 4th or 5th time we were running for cover I happened to step on a piece of wood with large nail in it. It went thru my shoe and out the top of my foot before I kicked it off. So Gary helped me hobble back to our fort we had in the top of his garage and then he started to perform minor surgery on my foot. He was pulling out pieces of my sock out of the hole in my foot (he seemed to be enjoying that part), sterilized my wound with some liquor left over from one of our parties and bandaged me up (never lost my foot). So I'm not surprised that Gary eventually became a Fireman and Paramedic just didn't realize at the time he was using me as his training dummy. Gary and I have had a lot of good times together and he has always been a good friend to me back then and throughout our lives, I will greatly miss you buddy. Rest in Peace Gary.

Your Friend Always,
Joe Gamarra

Joseph Gamarra - July 09, 2015 at 07:35 AM

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John Kady - March 25, 2020 at 09:10 PM