



Gary Lee Swarts

March 15, 1950 - January 26, 2024

Gary Lee Swarts, age 73, of Clare, passed away on Friday morning, January 26, 2024, at his home. Gary was born on March 15, 1950, to Elva (Wilson) and John Swarts. He was a true Hero, he took care of his sister, Leona, his mother, Elva, and his brother John. He had dedicated his early years to the US Army in Korea. After his military service, he came back to Michigan and started his life over. He and his brother John had operated Hobby Body, (an Auto Body Shop in Clare,) and were known as some of the “best damned body men in the country”. For the most part, Gary lived a single man’s life. He married his wife, Wanda (McCarrick) Stanley on December 20th. He loved going to Flea Markets, buying, and selling antiques.

Gary is survived by Wanda and her family, Casey (Melissa) Witbeck of Clare, Robyn Stanley of Traverse City, Grandchildren, Madison, Clayton, Isaiah, and Case Zander. He was preceded in death by his sister Leona, his brother, John, and his parents.

Gary’s Life will be celebrated at his home on Sunday, January 28, 2024, from 10 AM until 6 PM, with a meal at 2:00 PM.

Arrangements for his cremation were by the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Homes.

Cemetery Details

Maple Grove Cemetery

1931 E. Townline Lake Rd.
Harrison, MI 48625

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 28. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Gary's Home
11247 S. Grant Ave.
Clare, MI 48617

A meal will be served at 2:00 PM