



Gary Lee French

March 13, 1952 - September 29, 2024

Gary Lee French, a longtime resident of Roann, died peacefully in his sleep Sept. 29 at Stillwater Hospice in Fort Wayne. He was 72.

Gary was born at Kosciusko Hospital on March 13, 1952, and grew up on a farm near North Manchester. He graduated from Manchester High School in 1970.

Gary had a challenging life. He beat bladder cancer twice, survived a brain tumor and several serious accidents that could easily have been fatal. And though he earned frequent flier miles at numerous hospitals, he always emerged with a smile on his face and, typically, a Marlboro between his lips.

Gary took great pride in his Roann home, which was decorated with numerous photos and memorabilia of his family. He could often be found on his front stoop drinking a Pepsi and watching the world rush past on State Road 16, or in his home with his dog Midget viewing UFO Hunters on the History Channel.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Vaudene French. He is survived by a sister, Kathy Judy of North Manchester, and a brother, Ron French, of Okemos, Mich.

Gary will be interred at South Pleasant United Methodist Church Cemetery in private ceremony for immediate family.

The arrangements have been entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana.

Cemetery Details

South Pleasant Cemetery

5064 W 1400 N
Silver Lake, IN

Tribute Wall

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“ I was very sad to hear of Frenchy's passing. It has been awhile since I've seen him, although he was older than me, Frenchy always treated me with respect and friendship. RIP Gary!
Curtis R Harris

Curtis R Harris - October 08, 2024 at 12:29 PM

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“ Although it has been years since I've seen frenchy as we called him I have fond memories of him . He lived with me for awhile in my much younger days him and my husband were friends. Rest Easy my friend God speed 🤍🙏🤍 Melissa Manriquez

Melissa Manriquez - October 01, 2024 at 08:13 AM

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“ Although its been many years since I saw Gary, my favorite memory is how he always made us laugh 🤍🤍 Prayers and hugs for the family!!



Brenda Wadkins - September 30, 2024 at 06:55 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Lee French.



September 30, 2024 at 04:38 PM



“ Love Grace and Jake planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Lee French.

Love Grace and Jake - September 30, 2024 at 04:38 PM