



Gary Glenn Hammel

January 20, 1951 - December 24, 2020

Gary Glenn Hammel passed away peacefully at home, after a courageous battle with Glioblastoma, on December 24, 2020, at the age of 69. Born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, on January 20, 1951, Gary is preceded by his parents, Robert C. Hammel and Eleanor R. Hammel. He is survived by his loving wife Judi of 28 years.

A beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother, Gary is lovingly remembered by his daughter Lauri Berry (James), daughter Jamie Culver (Matthew), stepdaughter Stacie Barrett (John), stepson Ryan Gaudie (Amy), sister Lin Hammel, brother Richard Hammel (Theresa), and grandchildren (Clara, Joseph, Mitchell, Mara, Samantha, Brooke, Lux, Jovi).

Growing up in Michigan, Gary enjoyed many sports, including fishing, hunting, golfing, while working in his family's multiple businesses, including Hammel Concessions. In 1970, Gary joined the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety. He began his career as a patrol officer to be promoted to Sergeant of the S.I.U from 1987 to 1990. In 1990 Gary became Sergeant of the Criminal Investigation Division (C.I.D.). Gary retired from law enforcement in 1997 after 26 years of service.

In 1999, Gary and his wife relocated to Fort Collins, Colorado. Together they managed their business, Vision Marketing Incentives, LLC. Gary loved spending time with his wife, hiking in the mountains, biking the miles of trails and golfing at Ptarmigan Country Club. Loved by his family and friends, Gary will be remembered for his calming presence, kind soul, keen sense of humor, and impressive golf game.

A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date.

Comments



“ The members of the United Retired Governmental Employees (URGE), in behalf of all retirees of the City of Kalamazoo, extend deepest appreciation for Gary's service to the city and express sincere condolences to his family.

URGE Board and Membership

Wayne Nelson, URGE Secretary - January 21 at 01:15 PM



“ Gary was a good man and an outstanding command officer. I learned much from him. May he rest in peace.

Mike McCaw - January 12 at 03:10 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Gary passing. Played a lot of golf with him in high school. Ran across him several times while he was on the police dept. He always saw me first and managed to put a little scare into me! My heartfelt condolences to the family. Rest in piece, Gary! jd

Jim Douglass - January 01 at 11:04 AM