



Gary Davis

March 18, 1936 - January 3, 2018

The memorial service celebrating the life of Gary Bruce Davis of Ottertail Lake, MN and Maui, HI will be held on Saturday, January 13th, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the Wadena Alliance Church and will be officiated by Pastor and long-time friend, Jim Stoneman of the 1st Congregational United Church of Christ in Wadena where Gary and Benda have been life-long members.

A gathering of friends and family will be held on Friday, January 12th, 2018 at Schuller Family Funeral Home's Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. and will resume at Wadena Alliance Church on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. until the time of service.

Gary was born to Russell and Lucille (Larsen) Davis on March 18th, 1936, in Hunter, ND. The family moved to Wadena, MN in 1947, where Russ founded Russ Davis Wholesale in 1955 with just two trucks. Gary started his life-long occupation and passion at RDW in 1957 where he remained a solid fixture in this nationally recognized business until his death.

A man of great veracity, Gary was known in our communities and throughout the Upper-Midwest as a businessman, business-owner, and friend with integrity and principle. He was greatly loved and respected by many. He worked diligently with his friends Dennis McIntire and brother-in-law Jim Lehr.

Besides spending time with his family, Gary enjoyed hunting, fishing, and golfing. He also loved the opera, playing cards, and giving people a hard time.

Gary passed in his home surrounded by family on January 3, 2018, near Ottertail, MN.

Preceding Gary in death were his parents Russell and Lucille Davis, and friends Paul Evans, Wally Mueller, and Dan Coburn.

Gary is survived by his wife, Benda of Ottertail, MN; daughters, Katy Davis (Mark) Neitzke of New Richmond, WI; Amy Davis of Nisswa, MN; Darcy Davis (Paul Fiske) of Makawao, HI; grandchildren, Gary (Stacee) Rosier, Marissa Neitzke, Victoria Neitzke, Jack Hecker, Isaiah Acia, Micah Acia, and great-grandchildren Owen Rosier and Emilia Rosier. He is also survived by his loving and adoring sisters, Sally Lehr of Ottertail, MN and Linda Rumery of Coeur d'Alene, ID and their families; along with a host of friends, family, and grateful and dedicated employees.

Honorary pallbearers include Sam Phillips, John Kemling, Tom Zosel, Mark Neitzke, JD Lehr, Gary Rosier, and Jack Hecker.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Mayo Clinic in the memory of Gary Davis through the Department of Development for Pancreatic Cancer Research.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482

Visitation

JAN 13. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Wadena Alliance Church
1428 Jefferson St. S.
Wadena, MN 56482

Celebration of Life

JAN 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Wadena Alliance Church
1428 Jefferson St. S.
Wadena, MN 56482

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Davis*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 11, 2018 at 11:42 AM



Shelby
Names

*Sorry to hear about your loss.
the Loren names family's*

Shelby Names - January 17, 2018 at 03:25 PM

BA

“ *Gary was a great golfer and a great guy! Fun to play golf with, a passion of his. To his credit, he and his partner won the Balmoral Two-Man Best Ball tournament last August in style. It was the last time I saw Gary and my lasting memory of him is his smile as he accepted the winners' trophy. We will miss him at Balmoral.
With deepest sympathy,
Bob Abbott*

Bob Abbott - January 12, 2018 at 10:26 PM

DD

“ *Delta Daggett lit a candle in memory of Gary Davis*



Delta Daggett - January 12, 2018 at 09:12 PM

DD

“ *Gary always had a grin, a smile or a thoughtful look on his face. You could tell his mind was working. He and Jim were the "hands-on owners" of Russ Davis. Their leadership and work laid the base for what RDW has grown to. Their time was before forklifts, conveyors or computers, just hands on work.*
Delta Daggett, Venice, FL

Delta Daggett - January 12, 2018 at 03:52 PM

TB

“ *Terry Boyd lit a candle in memory of Gary Davis*



Terry Boyd - January 12, 2018 at 01:53 PM

TB

There are so many wonderful memories of Gary. It was a great pleasure to know him and to work for him. May God bless his family in this time of sadness.

Terry Boyd - January 12, 2018 at 01:57 PM

BC

“ *Benda, Darcy, Katie and Amy,*

Remember great times with your family. Prayers for you all.

Beth (Bounds) Cottrell

Beth Cottrell - January 12, 2018 at 01:16 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Gary Davis.*



January 12, 2018 at 01:12 PM

MR

“ *Madison Hospitality Group and Thumper Pond Resort purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Gary Davis.*



Madison Hospitality Group and Thumper Pond Resort -
January 12, 2018 at 12:04 PM

DD

“ One of my favorite memories of dad was how he paced around the house (or anywhere), jingling the change in his pocket, muttering about how things should be, ie: “This mess has got to get cleaned up.”, or, “When are you gonna get _____ done?” I will miss that. I will miss the recycling getting taken out, and the dishes being washed, and whatever else needed to be done. It was done. I will really miss him. Not just just for all that energy, but his sense of humor and the kind heart he showed to us. So sorry to all those close to him. Especially to Mom, Sam, John and Becky, Mark and Katy, Amy, Sal and Linda, Tom Z, the grandchildren and, me. All the love. D

darcy davis - January 12, 2018 at 11:34 AM

ER

“ Employees at Wadena Truck & Trailer Repair purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gary Davis.



Employees at Wadena Truck & Trailer Repair - January 12, 2018 at 10:51 AM

TA

“ I will always remember all the great fun we had golfing together over the years. He was such a great person and fun to be around him. He will be missed by everyone.

Tom Aldrich - January 11, 2018 at 07:35 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Gary Davis.*



January 11, 2018 at 03:43 PM



“ *Rich & Lisa Rosier purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Gary Davis.*



Rich & Lisa Rosier - January 11, 2018 at 03:31 PM



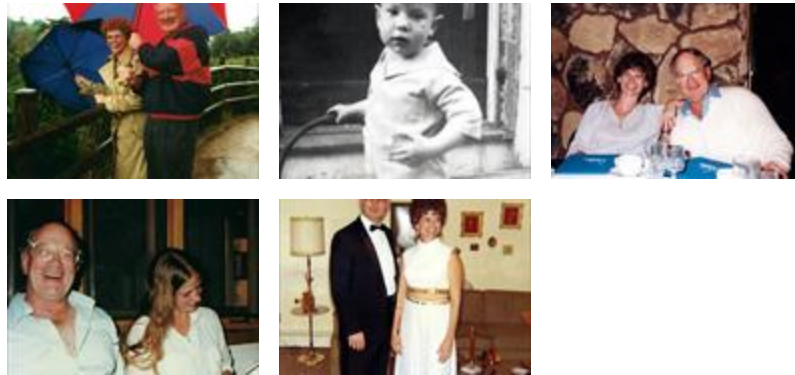
“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Gary Davis.*



January 11, 2018 at 02:18 PM



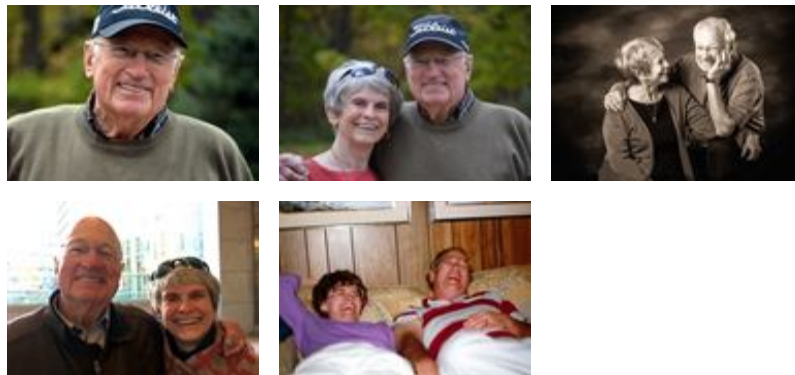
“ 33 files added to the album *Snapshots in Gary's life.*



Joseph Schuller - January 11, 2018 at 01:02 PM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 11, 2018 at 10:33 AM



“ *Harry And Marge Harrison lit a candle in memory of Gary Davis*



Harry and Marge Harrison - January 11, 2018 at 09:29 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Davis.*



January 10, 2018 at 10:59 AM



“ *Benda, so sorry to hear about Gary, While I have not seen him for several years, I always enjoyed waiting on him when he came in for dinner at the Uptown Cafe. I waited on him many years and you also. He was such a nice guy and had a great sense of humor. Will be thinking of you and praying for your family in your time of sorrow. God bless and keep you. Helen Allee*



Helen Alleeelen - January 10, 2018 at 10:59 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Dad*



Katy - January 10, 2018 at 08:54 AM

FF

“ From the Festival Foods family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Davis.



From the Festival Foods family - January 10, 2018 at 08:51 AM



“ . purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gary Davis.



. - January 09, 2018 at 04:08 PM

JL

“ Jerke Livestock purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Gary Davis.



Jerke Livestock - January 09, 2018 at 11:06 AM

KE

“ We extend our sincere condolences to you, Benda, and your family. Karl has many good memories of their days at the Angle - hunting and fishing and enjoying life. We both remember Gary with fondness and we know you have so many good memories of your many years together. God's love and your faith will sustain you as you mourn Gary's passing. Our love and thoughts are with you, Karl and Carole Eldevik

Karl Eldevik - January 09, 2018 at 10:47 AM

CF

“ *Cathy Mueller and the Boll family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Davis.*



Cathy Mueller and the Boll family - January 09, 2018 at 10:23 AM

RJ

“ *Gary was a classmate of mine from the class of 1954. I never got to know him real well but was always proud of the way he took over his Dad's business and made it such a success. I looked forward to seeing him at our class reunions but now he joins the others who have passed on from our class. We will miss all of them. My condolences to the family. May God keep you in his loving arms during this sad time.*

Rose Johnson - January 09, 2018 at 09:41 AM

JB

“ *Gary was a classmate of mine, Class of 1954, Wadena High. My folks owned and operated the Uptown Cafe in Wadena for many years. They were customers of Russ Davis and Gary. I was shopping at a grocery store in Red Wing and noticed the RDW truck in the parking lot. I stopped in and visited with the driver. It was nice to see someone from up home. Gary always had a friendly hello when we ran into each other. Condolences on your loss. Joyce Peavey Bock*

Joyce Peavey Bock - January 08, 2018 at 10:34 PM

JR

“ James and Colette Rosenau purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Davis.



James and Colette Rosenau - January 08, 2018 at 06:28 PM

JR

“ Rest In Peace, Gary. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to work for you and your great company. Gods speed.

James Rosenau

James Rosenau - January 08, 2018 at 06:20 PM

FA

“ Fyffes North America, Inc. - Juan Alarcon purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Gary Davis.



Fyffes North America, Inc. - Juan Alarcon - January 08, 2018 at 05:19 PM

LD

“ Lane And Donna sent a virtual gift in memory of Gary Davis



Lane and Donna - January 08, 2018 at 05:11 PM

LW

Blessings for the family, love Lane and Donna Waldahl

Lane and Donna Waldahl - January 08, 2018 at 05:13 PM

AT

“ *Area Travel purchased the Heartfelt Memories for the family of Gary Davis.*



Area Travel - January 08, 2018 at 03:30 PM

JH

“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



John Lloyd Harman - January 08, 2018 at 02:40 PM

MT

“ *Missy Tabery lit a candle in memory of Gary Davis*



Missy Tabery - January 08, 2018 at 08:42 AM

MN

“ Thinking of you Benda and your family as you grieve the loss of Gary. We pray that God will grant each one of you the comfort, strength, and peace of mind that you will need during these very sad days. May all your beautiful memories of your time with Gary give you great joy! You have our love and sympathy. Marilyn & Luther



Marilyn Nervig - January 07, 2018 at 05:41 PM

MP

“ Mac & Peggy purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Gary Davis.



Mac & Peggy - January 07, 2018 at 01:26 PM

BC

“ My sincere sympathy to Gary's family. I only know him through his sister, Linda, who loved him deeply and was so proud and grateful to call him brother. But I do know the loss of a sibling, and the sadness it brings. My heart goes out to Benda and his whole family.



Barbara Caldwell - January 07, 2018 at 10:13 AM

MW

“ *Myron And Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Gary Davis*



Myron and Karen Winkelman - January 06, 2018 at 04:00 PM

TF

“ *The Grossman Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gary Davis.*



The Grossman Family - January 06, 2018 at 10:27 AM

SG

“ *Scott & Linda Gustafson lit a candle in memory of Gary Davis*



Scott & Linda Gustafson - January 06, 2018 at 10:12 AM

RL

“ *Ruby Lynk lit a candle in memory of Gary Davis*



Ruby Lynk - January 05, 2018 at 07:32 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Davis.*



January 05, 2018 at 05:32 PM



“ *Gary was a true gentleman; always a kind word, always concerned for his employees. I'm happy to have worked with Gary, and even happier for the non-work related visits. Praying for blessings and peace for the whole family.*

Tim Fultz - January 05, 2018 at 05:14 PM



“ *Dorothy and George Mcallister*



dorothy and george mcallister - January 05, 2018 at 02:06 PM



“ *Our love and prayers to the Davis family. A wonderful man who left a great legacy.*



Chris and Sarah O'Kane - January 05, 2018 at 01:24 PM

RO

“ Rodger purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Davis.



Rodger - January 05, 2018 at 12:11 PM

JO

“ I've enjoyed working for you over the years, may you rest in peace. You will be missed.
Jeremy Olson

Jeremy Olson - January 05, 2018 at 10:15 AM

GD

“ George&Julie Deiss lit a candle in memory of Gary Davis



George&Julie Deiss - January 05, 2018 at 06:39 AM

BE

“ Thank you for helping make me the person I am today. I will miss you.
Bonnie



Bonnie Evans - January 04, 2018 at 09:26 PM

DS

“ *Our Sympathy to the Davis Family.*



Dale and Dorie Sweere - January 04, 2018 at 08:47 PM

BK

“ *Gary, you were a man I admired and had the greatest respect for. Thank you for all that you have done. Enjoy your eternal future. God be with the Davis Family. Bob and Bev Krusemark.*

Bob Krusemark - January 04, 2018 at 06:42 PM

MS

“ *Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Gary Davis*



Mike and Lea Snyder - January 04, 2018 at 05:26 PM

TE

“ *You will be greatly missed Gary! I enjoyed working for you over the years. May you rest peacefully in the arms of the Lord.*



Tina Ewert - January 04, 2018 at 05:25 PM

BW

“ *Bob & Phyllis Wilkening lit a candle in
memory of Gary Davis*



Bob & Phyllis Wilkening - January 04, 2018 at 05:15 PM