



## Gary Aurele Curtis

May 6, 1956 - October 29, 2022

Gary Aurele Curtis, age 66, was called home to his heavenly father on October 29, 2022.

Beloved husband of Debra, devoted father to Lee (Michelle), James (Katelyn), and Jennifer, and joyful grandfather to Addison, Brody, Grace, Charlie, Cole, Noelle, and Benjamin. Dear brother to Darryl (Amy) Curtis and brother-in-law to Bruce (the late Jacqueline) Schrade, Susan (Frank) Morisette, Cindy Pecoraro, Andrew (Kathy) Marvinez, and Carol Marvinez. Cherished uncle, Godfather, and friend. Gary is welcomed by a joyous reunion in heaven with his father Richard, mother Pauline, sister Jacqueline, brother-in-law Dave Pecoraro, and countless treasured aunts, uncles, cousins, family, and friends. Gary began retirement in September 2022, after serving General Dynamics for 43 years as a driver mechanic servicing tanks and other vehicles in America's arsenal of democracy. Gary loved his colleagues and work, which gave him the opportunity to fulfill a dream to travel all over the United States. Gary was a jack-of-all-trades who loved God, Detroit sports, gambling, survivalism, fishing, and tinkering. Most of all, Gary loved his family, to which he spent his entire life supporting, nurturing, coaching, and being an unbreakable pillar of humor, optimism, generosity, grace, mercy, and love. Gary prayed each morning to be a blessing to someone, and as the inspiration, role model, and father-figure he was for so many, the Lord surely answered.

Visitation 3:00 – 8:00 p.m., with a 6:45 p.m. Rosary, Friday, November 4, 2022 at Wasik Funeral Home – Gendernalik Chapel, 35259 23 Mile Road, New Baltimore. Funeral Service 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 5, 2022 in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations are welcome to the Children With Special Needs Fund. More information is available at <https://www.michigan.gov/csnfund/donation>.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 4. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - New Baltimore  
35259-23 Mile Road  
New Baltimore, MI 48047  
(586) 725-0177  
<https://www.gendernalikfh.com/>

## Rosary

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## Visitation

NOV 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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NOV 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Wasik Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Aurele Curtis



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - November 02, 2022 at 05:07 PM



*That was so beautiful. Gary indeed was a family man, and it's so obvious he loved all of you so much. What a blessing you have so many great pictures to share with us.*

Michele Fay - November 03, 2022 at 03:22 AM

CF

*That was the MOST BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE of Your DADS Life. What a GOOD PERSON HE WAS. Thank You for SHARING! Love Carleen*

Carleen Fisher - November 03, 2022 at 09:45 AM

MP

*Such an incredible life well lived by an incredible man well loved. It brought tears to my eyes. I'm happy to have known Gary for so many years. What a wonderful tribute to a great guy. Thanks for sharing.*

Michael Pecoraro - November 03, 2022 at 02:54 PM

CM

*Gary was one of the most positive and uplifting people to work with, He was part of the dream team in Ft. Bragg.*

Chris Millmaker - November 03, 2022 at 05:40 PM

KS

“ So very sorry for your loss, Debbie. Gary was a great, caring and extraordinary man, who was taken from you too soon. I hope you soon find peace. 🙏

Kathy (Young) Schurr - November 11, 2022 at 10:50 AM



“ Garden Accent - "Perhaps the stars..." was purchased for the family of Gary Aurele Curtis.



November 05, 2022 at 01:00 PM

SS

“ My deepest condolence goes out to the Curtis Family. I grew up with Gary . We went to Ridgewood Elementary and Warren Woods High School (class of 1974) . Gary was always a fun loving guy. He always put a smile on the faces , of those surrounding him. I always thought highly of Gary , he was always respectful , well mannered and a wonderful guy. Gone too soon. RIP my friend.

Sheryl Smith - November 05, 2022 at 12:29 PM

VS

“ Gary you will be missed by all. I haven't seen Gary in 25 years, but he left a life long impression on me with his joy of life and family. You will be sorely missed by all.

Vince Senkus - November 04, 2022 at 03:32 PM

JW

“ *What an amazing man, I will always cherish his friendship. We shared a lot together and will always share the cool guy "nod". Curtis "nod" I love you like a brother, until we meet again, love you my brother and I'm going to miss you. "NOD"*

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**James Walters** - November 04, 2022 at 11:08 AM

BF

“ *I first met Gary and Debbie just a short time ago. I was sitting on my porch and they came up the driveway of the house next door with a realtor. Gary smiled, introduced themselves and said they may be our new neighbors. I was thrilled when it was them who started the move in process. Always a smile and a moment to stop and have a chat. Our 3 year old grandson and Gary were good buddies. He gave him a sucker one day and that was all it took, George would say hi Mr Gary, you got anymore of those suckers and they had several backyard conversations. I'm so glad that we had the pleasure of knowing such a kind, sweet and gentle man and sad that our times with him have ended. Rest in peace Gary and know that you are truly missed*

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**Bev Furtah** - November 04, 2022 at 06:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Aurele Curtis.*



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November 03, 2022 at 06:57 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Aurele Curtis.*



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November 03, 2022 at 04:48 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gary Aurele Curtis.*



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November 03, 2022 at 02:59 PM



“ *My deepest condolences on the loss of your father. I know that it was unexpected. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Navneet Kumar** - November 03, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ *I only new Gary in the work environment. I believe you captured his life essence in the photograph you chose for his obituary. The smile and laughter he shared with others at work must have started at home and continued throughout the day. May the joy and laughter he brought to work and your lives continue to live and grow in you. Leo Zimba*

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**Leo Zimba** - November 03, 2022 at 08:18 AM

KG

“ You go through life and people come and go. Some people you meet, you may form a deep connection with, while others are only surface level. If you’re lucky, you may experience one who leaves great impact on your life. I experienced this with an old friend and coworker from my GD days. It was because of a conversation that I had with Gary (while working overtime together), that made a lightbulb go off in my head. It was because of him that made me evaluate where I was in life, and to take action so I could pursue my creative career. If it wasn’t for that single moment—who knows what my life would be like today. You never know what kind of impact you’re going to have on someone else’s life—and Gary made a positive one on mine (and many others). I will be forever grateful for the times we shared working and joking around together—doing our secret handshake at the crib window. You will be forever missed on earth with your sense of humor, positive outlook, and always making the best out of any situation. I know you will be the funniest damn angel there is! RIP my friend. ❤️

Sincerely,

Kristen Galazka

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Kristen Galazka - November 03, 2022 at 12:40 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Aurele Curtis.



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November 02, 2022 at 09:48 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary Aurele Curtis.*



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November 02, 2022 at 07:15 PM



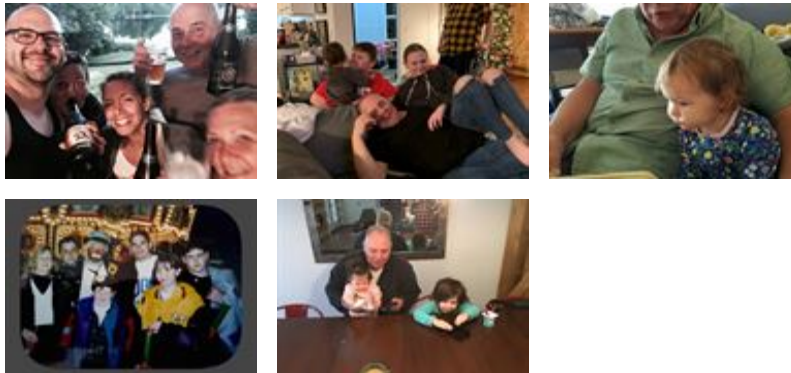
“ *Iv'e known Gary for over 25 years and truley one of the kindess people I have ever known. We have shared many laughs over the years and told each other many jokes,never knowing whose jokes were worse ,i think it was a tie.He was a true family man and was very respected.He was always quick to lend a hand and he will be truly missed Rest in peace my friend.Love Danny and Michele Shoaff.*

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**danny m shoaff** - November 02, 2022 at 04:53 PM



“ *486 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Wasik Funeral Home, Inc.** - November 02, 2022 at 04:50 PM

CF

“ *Debbie and Family! My heart goes out to You! He was a Special Man who enjoyed Life and Will Be Deeply Missed! If you need anything Please Let Us Know! He's Up in Heaven in a Special Place with Our Family! Love Carleen and Family*

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**Carleen Fisher** - November 02, 2022 at 02:52 PM

“ God called you home my Friend because he needed a new Storyteller. And he picked one of the best in Gary. Here is my Gary Story.

Some odd years ago all the Electrical People were being Trained on how to do

Fiber Optics, this was done on Afternoon Shift. Gary we know like to Gamble a little now and again. I also was working afternoons in the Water Jet Office

“My self a Gambler use to run a Check Pool!!

So as I get to work that Friday I start asking the Guys and Ladies what they have gotten on their Checks. As I come to find out Gary had the Winning hand, so I give him a call, Nothing to funny yet? Here’s how the call goes Verbatim “ Hey Frankie the V what’s up? Hey Joey Marbles it looks like you won the check pool 130.00\$, Hows you want me to getcha your loot, He says I getta break around 7:09PM I wantcha to come bys the front of the building and brings the loot in a small brown paper bag and make sure they are small Bills so’s they can’t be traced”

So me being a funny guy also, I go hunting around for somebody’s lunch bag so I finally find one and I put the \$130 in this little paper bag unbeknownst to Joey Marbles “Gary”

So it’s about 5 to 7 I give Gary a call tell him I’m on my way. He doesn’t know what I have planned so I know I’m gonna surprise him and get a little brown paper bag with the money in it drive from our building over to the building where Gary’s working I’m sitting in the parking lot as soon as he comes walking out the door I floor my car I come flying around him, throw the brown paper bag out the door and just keep on going right back over to my area. I could just barely see his reaction as he was laughing his ass off as he bent over to pick up the paper bag so he waits a little while and he gives me a call. “Aye Frankie the V yous sure nobody seen yas, I says I’m pretty sure Joey Marbles.

He goes on to say that was one of the Funniest things He’d ever seen.

You know, every time I seen him I would always say Joey Marbles hows you doing & he would say Frankie the V I’m doing great. Do

*you remember that time you almost made me shit my self from laughing when you thought that bag of money at my feet and sped away.*

*I always told him that was my little joke to him for all the jokes that he had given me. By this time, you should all know that Frankie the V. Is a nice Sicilian boy.*

*I know a lot of people are going to miss you Gary.*

*Frank P. Ventimiglia*

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**Frank P. Ventimiglia** - November 02, 2022 at 02:23 PM

RT

“ *I worked with Gary for 34 years, we developed a great friendship over those years. Gary was always a kind soul and treated everyone with respect. I worked the tool crib at General Dynamics, and hardly a day would pass without Gary stopping by to share some silly joke. He always made me laugh. The last time I saw him was at his retirement party and he had a joke to share with me. I knew many people at General Dynamics and Gary was right at the top of the list of people I would call a true friend. I will miss him dearly, Rest in Peace my friend.*

*Ray Thompson*

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**Ray Thompson** - November 02, 2022 at 01:09 PM

FV

*Nicely written Ray I know you two were tight.*

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**Frank P. Ventimiglia** - November 02, 2022 at 02:26 PM

SS

*Thank you for sharing. I am his aunt Shirley and he was a great person with a wonderful sense of humor and respect for everyone. He will be missed. We all  
Loved him*

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**Shirley Summers** - November 02, 2022 at 02:48 PM

LD

*Gary was a bright light at GD  
There was not a day that went by with his kindness and respect for his  
coworkers. I will always keep you in my hart.*

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**Larry Dewey** - November 03, 2022 at 03:57 PM