



## Gary R. Bartlett

February 21, 1934 - March 4, 2019

Gary Bartlett, age 85, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, March 4, 2019. Gary was born February 21, 1934 in Lansing, Michigan. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in Lansing, Michigan and attended Taft College in Taft California. In April of 1955, Gary married Marilyn Meyers, the love of his life. In 1960 Gary and Marilyn moved to Holland. It was there that he opened the first of many "Downtown Discount Store" locations throughout Michigan and Indiana. Gary was a member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church. Gary was happiest spending time with his children and grandchildren. One of his favorite pastimes was fishing which he did often with friends and family. He was a man of strong integrity who set a wonderful example for his family. He was a source of strength and support to all those he loved. Gary was preceded in death by Marilyn, his wife of 61 years and by their infant daughter Beth. Gary will be lovingly remembered by his children Jodi and Brian Boeve of Holland, Dan and Lisa Bartlett of Grand Rapids, Kelly Lurges of DeWitt, Brian and Lisa Bartlett of DeWitt; ten grandchildren, Taryn and Mark Tenhor, Ryan and Sara Armstrong, Lindsay Bartlett and Patrick Pantelis, Ross and Erin Bartlett, Tyler and Erin Horton, Carly, Lesley and Holly Lurges, Drew and Evan Bartlett; brother Paul and Tari Bartlett, sister Julie Lonsberry-Webb and Doug Webb and several nieces and nephews. A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 9, 2019 at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 171 West 13th St. Holland with Father Charlie Brown officiating. Interment will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Visitation will be 30 minutes prior

to the service at the church on Saturday. Memorial contributions may be given to the Mayo Foundation. The family is being served by Langeland-Sterenberg Funeral Home. To leave a condolence and more information please visit [www.langelandsterenberg.com](http://www.langelandsterenberg.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ Gary R. Bartlett

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



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**Nicole Hawkins** - April 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I work at a restaurant where Gary and Marilyn would come and eat. Always funny and loving toward each other. After Marilyn passed, Gary would come in but not as much. I will never forget these wonderful people. To the family, you have my condolences .Kathy Sears"*

**Kathy Sears** - March 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"We celebrate a life well lived. I'm grateful to have known him and have him be my uncle. He was a central part of a broad, loving family. My strongest memories of him recall times of great joy...big smiles and hearty laughs, enjoying moments with the people he loved...and who loved him. We send our love to all his kids and grandkids as they mourn his passing, and pray that a deep peace comes to them from knowing he is now in the perfection of heaven for all eternity."*

**David and Betsy Lonsberry** - March 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JL

“I applaud a wonderful son, brother (to me), husband, father, grandfather, and true friend of us all. He and wife Marilyn always exemplified true devotion to God, and unwavering love of their family. They set an example for all of us in marriage and parenting. Thank you Lord for bringing these wonderful people into my life. So grateful you, Marilyn, Beth, are once again united. Love Forever, Julie, youngest in family, only sister! (but really old now) God bless us all”

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**Julie lonsberry** - March 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RB

“I am not surprised at the number of messages that tout Gary "as a best friend". That too was the case for my parents Mary and Jim Bedan. Dad's years working for Gary at Downtown Discount, intermingled with the family outings we (Rick, Penny, Kelly, Tracy) enjoyed with them (Jodi, Dan, Kelly, Brian) are some of our fondest memories! Our Holland years were in retrospect some of the best of our youth.... thanks to the association with Gary and Marilyn, and the circle that they availed us to! As my mother commented, "you cant help but look at his smiling face in his picture, and not hear his laugh!" Thanks for all the bright moments you brought to us Gary. Have fun with Marilyn now!”

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**Rick Bedan** - March 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Please accept my sincere condolences, May the love of family and friends comfort you through your grief and days ahead, may loving memories of Carl warm your heart, Isaiah 61:1,2 "God binds up the brokenhearted and comforts all who mourn.””

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**A friend** - March 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KT

“Jodi, Brian, Taryn and Mark, we are so very sorry for your great loss and heartache. Praying for the Lord to give you peace and grace as you grieve. Sending love and hugs from Oak Park. - Tom, Kim and Annika Tenhor”

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**Kim Tenhor** - March 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MB

“Jodi, Dan, Kelly & Brian, I am so sad to read this obituary. When I saw his smiling face, I could hear his marvelous laugh. I was blessed to share many fun times with your dad & mom and all you kids. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. I know you will miss him terribly but I smile thinking of how happy your mom was to hug him and see that amazing, smiling face. Rest In Paradise with the love of your life, Gary B. XOXOXOX”

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**Mary Bedan** - March 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JH

“Hello to, Jodi, Dan, Kelly and Brian. Sorry to hear of your loss. Uncle Gary and aunt Marilyn and you guys were a big part of our lives growing up. Fondest memories always. didnt know about aunt Marilyn until recently, sorry about that also. sending prayers to you all. may good be with you. Thanks for the memories. Jeff Haynes and family.”

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**Jeff Haynes** - March 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KA

“I've known Mr. Bartlett, "Uncle Gary" for my entire 63 years young. He and my father were the best of friends. Many warm memories of Uncle Gary and Aunt Marilyn and their children. I loved his laughter. He was genuine, caring, unique. He will always be remembered with a warm smile. My deepest condolences to Jodi, Danny, Kelly and Brian.”

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**Kathy** - March 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM