



Gary Syhlman

October 31, 1946 - November 24, 2013

Gary R. Syhlman (1946-2013)

CEDAR FALLS, Gary R. Syhlman, 67, of Waterloo died Sunday, November 24, 2013 at his home.

He was born October 31, 1946 in Cedar Falls, son of George and Jennie Aswegan Syhlman. He married Mary Ann George on July 2, 1983 in Cedar Falls.

He graduated from Dike High School in 1964 and served in the US Army Reserves. He was employed with Chamberlain Manufacturing and then Samuelsen Builders in Trinity, FL. He was a Deacon at Lakeview Community Church, Tarpon Springs, FL.

Survived by: his wife, Mary Ann; three sons, Alexander (Kristi) of Des Moines, Chris (Amy) of Cedar Falls and Jeff (Cassie) Sternhagen of Grundy Center; step daughter, Michelle (Jeffrey) Wilkinson of Rancho Cucamonga, CA; nephew, Kevin (Andrea) Wilson of Britt; and four grandchildren: Emmalyn and Chase Syhlman, Ian and Lauren Casparian.

Preceded in death by: his sister, Shirley Wilson.

Services: 9:00 a.m. Monday at Richardson Funeral Service, Cedar Falls, with burial in Stout Reformed Church Cemetery, Stout. Visitation for one hour prior to services Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Tribute Wall

GG

“ I'm saddened to hear of my Uncle Gary's death. Gary and Mary Anne were kind and gracious hosts on a visit to their Florida home. We were all proud that Gary was a true craftsman and made beautiful custom hand-made doors for beautiful houses. He made my Aunt very happy.

Greg George - December 05, 2013 at 11:23 AM

JK

“ Mary Ann, we were so sorry to hear of your loss. We had met him at a Wilsons family picnic in Hampton, IA a few years ago. Your friends and family will comfort you.
John & Ellie

John & Ellie Kiger - December 05, 2013 at 11:23 AM

GC

“ Gary Syhlman

Gary Clayton - December 05, 2013 at 11:23 AM

JN

“ Sorry to hear about your loss Maryann. You both were so good to Shelly and Hamid! We will be praying for you. Our deepest sympathy, Joyce and Darald Nielsen

Joyce and Darald Nielsen - December 05, 2013 at 11:23 AM

HW

“ *I only worked with Gary a few years at Samuelsen Builders.*

He had a kind gentle spirit and was always willing to help anyone who needed something.

May God bless his family with the peace in knowing this Christmas he will be celebrating with our Lord.

Helen Ann Wortz - December 05, 2013 at 11:23 AM

JA

“ *I am Gary's cousin now living in Texas.*

I am saddened to hear about Gary's death and wish to extend my deepest sympathy to all his family and friends.

A contribution in Gary's honor will be made to Good Samaritans of Garland.

[Www.goodsamofgarland.org](http://www.goodsamofgarland.org)

Jim Aswegan

Jim Aswegan - December 05, 2013 at 11:23 AM

MW

“ We met Gary just 2 1/2 years ago. He was spending his vacation in Iowa, helping his son Alex with preparations for the Bluff Creek Triathlon. Our daughter Kristi was dating his son at this time. He was so very happy to be able to help his son with this important event. From the first time we met, we were treated like family. He always had time for visiting, conversation, a hug and he was always "really" interested in what a person has to say. We met Mary Ann later that fall as they made preparations to retire to their family home state of Iowa. I know Alex was super excited to be having his Dad moving back and closer to both he and his brother Chris. And then, Alex and Kristi were engaged, and it has been a year of festivities and planning with Gary and Mary Ann. It has been a wonderful time for us to get to know Gary, his warmth, caring, knowledge and generosity are evident in all his interactions. I know a Wedding year is of course lots of fun, and we are so happy Gary was feeling well for all the excitement, planning and celebrations! He was so proud of his sons Alex and Chris. And that beautiful Granddaughter, Emmalyn is really the twinkle of his eye. And he sure was excited when Amy had that baby boy. Chase will probably not remember, but will have to get to know him through all his Dad's and Uncle's stories and pictures of Grandpa!

Garys' love for family was only exceeded by his love of God, and God has taken him home before we were all ready to give him up. We grieve for your loss and will always keep Gary in our hearts and our prayers.

Mike and Jacque Wilson - December 05, 2013 at 11:23 AM

SH

“ I met Gary many years ago through Maryann while at one of our companies Christmas party. First impression was a lasting one, he was easy going, funny and had a great smile, they were a perfect couple. I started cat sitting for them when they would go out of town. It was funny one time while watching the cats they got a cold and Gary had thought maybe I had brought one of my great danes to the house and gave the cats a cold....lol Of course I hadn't and Maryann assured Gary that wasn't how they got a cold. The last time I saw Gary was a few days before they moved, he was so kind to help dig up and share many of there yard plants to give to me and my friend Denise. I became known to Gary as Frog after they moved I would talk with him now and then on the phone and he would always start the conversation "Hi Frog" You will be greatly missed Gary.

shelly Hartlage - December 05, 2013 at 11:23 AM



“ Mr. Gary had been a huge part of my life since I was a little kid. He was an incredible man of God and he will be greatly missed!

December 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Gary and Maryann were our neighbors in New Port Richey, Florida. Since they moved to Iowa there has always been a sadness in my heart for both he and Maryann! Gary lived for God! We will be praying for you Maryann! PS. Not a day goes by that we do not miss you! You both were so supportive to Hamid and I when we lost our dog. We will never forget your kindness, and generosity you both showed us! God's comfort and peace during this time of sorrow! Much love your neighbors in New Port Richey, Fl. Hamid and Shelly Khaldi!

Shelly and Hamid Khaldi - November 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM