



## Gary Lee Halverson

February 13, 1954 - January 17, 2018

Gary Lee Halverson, 63, of Mahtowa passed away on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 in Community Memorial Hospital in Cloquet. He was born February 13, 1954 in Van Nuys, CA to Betty Arlyeen (Rice) and Glenn Russel Halverson.

Gary's twelve years of education was completed in Barnum. In 1972, Gary joined the Army National Guard Unit in Cloquet and had thirteen years of service in the maintenance shop before his honorable discharge.

On March 22, 1975, Gary married Marlene Joan Hoadley in St. John's Lutheran Church in Wrenshall. After several years of hard work, Gary started his own landscaping business, G&M Excavation, INC. in 2004. He enjoyed operating equipment, building driveways, plowing snow, digging ponds and sewer systems, and other projects.

For many years Gary volunteered his time and equipment for the demolition derby and the races for the Carlton County Fair in Barnum. He also was an active leader with the Barnum Boy Scouts.

Gary was a terrific husband, father, and grandfather. He went on fishing trips with his family to Canada and MN lakes. Almost every year Gary went deer hunting on his dad's land and the back forty. He also liked to babysit his grandchildren and give them four-wheeler rides out in the back field.

Gary and his wife, Marlene lived and rented in Mahtowa since 1977. Gary built a home for his family in 1988 and lived there until his passing. In 2005, Gary had a heart attack and had to retire. The last two years his health declined severely and even though he was very limited on what he could do, he remained independent. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Gary was preceded in death by his father, Glenn on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2016 and his mother, Betty on Friday, Nov. 18, 2016.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Marlene; two sons, Jeremy (Debbi) Halverson Sr. of Atkinson and Jonathan Halverson Sr. of Duluth; seven grandchildren, Kailey, Jeremy Jr., Warren, Jonathan Jr., Kaitlyn, Zachary and Alyssa; and two sisters, Cheryl (Lee Miller) Kalm of Mahtowa and Caryl (Tom) Autio of Cloquet.

Gathering of family and friends will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 3, 2018 in the Fireside Room of Atkins Northland Funeral Home, 801 14th St., Cloquet. Military Honors will be accorded at 1:00 p.m. by the Cloquet Combined Honor Guard

# Comments

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“ Gary, as a cousin, always welcomed us from C.A. when we came back for the summer.

We have great memories we had, going to the local lake swimming, driving down the local dirt roads listening to Neil Diamond's Sweet Caroline, or The Doors albums, or finding ways to get into mischief.

We we'll miss you Gary.

February 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Cheryl and Lee~. We were so sorry to read of your brother's passing. Our thoughts, prayers, and sincere sympathy are with you at this time.

January 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Gary and I served together in Battery A 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 125th Field Artillery back in the 1970's. He was personally singled out for commendation during a 5th U.S. Army Inspector General inspection which resulted in the unit receiving a high readiness rating, a rarity in those days. We reconnected when my wife and I retired and moved back "up North" to Moose Lake several years ago. I knew Gary to be a good and faithful friend who would never hesitate to help you when needed. I will miss him but am reassured that he has found life eternal through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

January 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM