



## Gary Mengler

September 5, 1958 - September 5, 2013

Gary J. Mengler, 55 of Crystal Falls, passed away on Thursday, September 5, 2013 at Marquette General Hospital after a short hard fought battle with cancer. He was born on March 14, 1958 in Berwyn, Illinois son of Violet (Kvidera) and the late Ernest Mengler. Gary married Lori McCarthy-Wenig on August 25, 2004 and they resided in Cicero, Illinois and Crystal Falls until moving permanently to Crystal Falls in August of 2012. He was always helping anyone and everyone. He was a good hearted man. Gary loved fishing, boating and any other activity that would keep him outdoors. He valued and enjoyed his lifetime membership to the Pine Ridge Hunt Club. He was an avid Chicago Bears fan and an animal lover.

Gary is survived by his loving wife, Lori Mengler of Crystal Falls; his Mother, Violet Mengler of Park Ridge, IL; 2 stepchildren, Mary (John) Schultz of Aurora, IL and Matt (Katie) Wenig of Plainfield, IL; 3 step grandchildren, Tyler John, Lucas Joshua, and Johnny William; sister Christine (Andy) Mazarella of Park Ridge, IL; Father in-law Jerry McCarthy of Crystal Falls; Many nieces, nephews, brother in-laws, sister in-laws, aunts, uncles, and cousins; his loving pets Crystal, Sammie, and Penny.

He was preceded in death by his Father Ernest Mengler, his special Aunt Ann, his cousin JoAnn, Mother in-law Mary (Sansonetti) McCarthy, brother in-law David McCarthy, his Grandparents, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

The visitation will be held on Monday, September 9, 2013 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls. The funeral service will follow at 7:00 pm at the funeral home. Fr. Jeffrey Kurtz will officiate.

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences to the family of Gary J. Mengler may be expressed online at [www.nashfuneralhome.net](http://www.nashfuneralhome.net)

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the funeral arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

PS

“ Gary and I were best friends in high school and afterwards. On the CBs he was Butch and I was Sundance. We drifted apart after I moved way and was in the Navy. I remember a time I came home on leave and we went out. I got so drunk, My car was at his Mom and Dad's house. We drove back to his parents, I got in my car and he guided me down the street on the CB. I thought we got away with it. Only problem was, our CBs bled over on my parents TV. They heard our conversation on the radio. We were crazy kids, I was thinking about him the other day. That is when I decided to do a search and found out the sad news, my friend was gone. He still looks the same in the photo. My deepest condolences to his wife and mother. It is not truly gone as long as we remember.

*Phil*

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**Phil Skalak** - March 15, 2016 at 03:56 PM

YM

“ Watch your back Lori. It aint over.

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**Youwillbeexposed - MI** - January 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Sending sincere condolences to Gary's wife and family, I was a good friend of Gary's back in the 80's. We had plenty of parties at his apartment, as well as a big bash for my 21st birthday. Gary was always the fun loving teddy bear. I haven't seen him since the 90's but I remember him just as his picture here is. He was a great guy. I am sad to hear of his passing. With Sincere Sympathy. Terri

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**Terri Kuzel - Lyons, IL - Friend** - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ It is tough to lose Uncle Gary. He always gave the best Bear hugs when I was a kid and was one of the funniest and happiest relatives I had. It is nice that my parents have Penny to take care as I know she will miss him as well. Thanks for being a great Uncle and I will miss you.

*Bobby*

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**Bobby Mengler - Schaumburg, IL - Nephew - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

CS

“ Always and forever your were and are my little brother.  
Find peace fishing with Dad and Deda.  
Love, Christy

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**Christy - Park Ridge, IL - sister - September 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

SC

“ Gary was such a kind and thoughtful man. I enjoyed seeing him at family gatherings. He was always telling entertaining stories. He will be missed.

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**Sheila Rice - St. Louis, MO - Cousin-in-Law - September 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

ML

“ Dear Lori,

*My heart goes out to you and your entire family. Although I only met Gary a handful of times, it was always clear that he was a warm and loving man, and totally devoted to you. I'll never forget how kindly and patiently he conversed with my dad at Mary & John's wedding. I also liked how he called everyone "dear". What a sweet gentleman he was.*

*With deep sympathy,*

*Maggie and the rest of the Mohrs*

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**Maggie Mohr - Downers Grove, IL - cousin of Lori** - September 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *My wife Audreen and I will miss Gary. I wish I could have seen him in person more the last few years. We are happy to be taking care of his beloved German Shorthaired Pointer Penny.*

*Gary and I grew up together in Cicero. Since we were close in age, he was like a younger brother to me. We both attended the same high school and hunted and fished together when we were younger with our dads.*

*Our prayers go out to his mom, my Aunt Viloet, and his sister Chris and her family as well as his beloved wife Lauri and her family.*

*Thanks*

*Clarence and Audreen Mengler and Penny Mengler*

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**Clarence Mengler - Schaumburg, IL - Cousin** - September 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. The picture captures him as I remember him - with a genuine smile.*

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**Katie Deck - Madison, WI** - September 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *You will be deeply miss Gary.*

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**John, Mary and little Johnny - Aurora , IL - Family** - September 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Lori,*

*Gary was always so kind and hospitable to us when we visited We will miss him very much. Take good care.*

*Love,*

*Karen Condon*

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**Karen Condon - Hazelwood, MO - Cousin** - September 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HQ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go,out to my cousin Lori and the family. May God bless all of you during this very difficult time.*

*Our deepest sympathy*

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**Hope Quillin** - September 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM