



Gary Joseph DeRosa

March 27, 1954 - August 21, 2024

He was born on March 27, 1954 in Brooklyn, NY, the oldest son of the late Jerry and Rose DeRosa.

Gary is survived by his wife of thirty-nine years, Patty DeRosa; his brother Dave DeRosa and wife Sandra; sister Linda Hoffman and family; his nephew, Derek DeRosa and wife Alyssa; and numerous in laws, nieces and nephews, along with treasured families and friends.

Not to be forgotten he is also preceded in death by his English Bull Dogs, Haley and Izzy, his "Baby Girls"

Gary graduated from New Field High School, Seldon, NY in 1972. He was instrumental in organizing his 50th High School Reunion in September of 2022. The event was an amazing highlight for all those who attended, reconnecting and renewing childhood friendships. After high school he attended the University of Tennessee.

Gary began his lifetime career in Houston, Texas culminating in his company DeRosa Architectural Woodworking, a highly specialized and successful venture catering to clients such as President Bush, Sr., Dusty Hill of ZZ Top, and Roger Clemons. Many of his clients were from the exclusive area of River Oaks, Texas.

On a personal note, Gary designed and built his and Patty's dream home in Houston, Texas where they resided until their retirement.

Following his retirement, they moved to North Carolina where he and Patty had their present home built on Lake Norman in Mooresville, NC.

Gary then pursued his lifelong dream of owning corvettes. His final being a 2019 red C7. He and Patty made numerous friends and enjoyed many outings and gatherings with the QCCC Vette Club.

Gary DeRosa will be interred in Wading River, NY. at a later date.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org) in memory of Gary DeRosa who battled courageously for over four years with cancer.

I know you are at peace now. Until I see you again. Drive on "Flash" in your fancy red corvette.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the DeRosa family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

AUG 31. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Memorial Service

AUG 31. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

MR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Michael Roberts - August 27, 2024 at 12:25 PM

BC

“ I have only known Gary for 4 short years but he has made such an impact on me that will last a lifetime! Being his oncology nurse gave me an opportunity to get to know the full of life man he was. I looked forward to the times I knew I would see him. We shared so many fun talks, laughter, and learned many interesting happenings in his well lived life. I was always so impressed by how smart you always were! I am so sorry Gary, that your healing on this side of heaven didn't happen for you. I prayed for you always. I also made a promise to keep in touch with Patty. I just love you both. May you rest in peace now knowing the truth that you were always a “winner” and may God keep you in His loving arms forever, until we meet again. 💜

Patty and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Gary was very special. I know your hearts are broken but may you find peace and beauty in your many great memories of him. He knew how loved he truly was.

Brenda Cicenía - September 06, 2024 at 11:30 AM

JM

“ We will always keep our dear friend Gary (Flash) in our hearts and always and forever remember all the good times we all shared together. We miss you Flash and love you.....RIP dear friend.....love you forever!
Judy and Mike Marsalisi

Judy and Mike Marsalisi - August 30, 2024 at 06:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Joseph DeRosa.



August 29, 2024 at 07:46 PM

JP

“ Joan and Terry Paxton purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Gary Joseph DeRosa.



Joan and Terry Paxton - August 29, 2024 at 02:25 PM

JP

“ Joan and Terry Paxton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Joseph DeRosa.

Joan and Terry Paxton - August 29, 2024 at 02:25 PM

LS

“ Love from Hans and June Schleicher purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Gary Joseph DeRosa.



Love from Hans and June Schleicher - August 26, 2024 at 03:37 PM

LS

“ Love from Hans and June Schleicher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Joseph DeRosa.

Love from Hans and June Schleicher - August 26, 2024 at 03:37 PM

WH

“ We were deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Gary. He was not only a wonderful neighbor but also a dear friend to us. We have great memories of our times together which will always hold a special place in our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.
With deepest sympathy, Wendy, Mark and Vicky Hall

Wendy Hall - August 26, 2024 at 10:35 AM

DD

“ David and Sandra DeRosa purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Gary Joseph DeRosa.



David and Sandra DeRosa - August 26, 2024 at 10:13 AM

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David and Sandra DeRosa - August 26, 2024 at 10:13 AM

RC

“ So sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He is my cousin, and we spent time together in our youth. Always fun to be around. Sincere condolences to his family.

Rose Christianson - August 25, 2024 at 05:29 PM

MA

“ Gary you will be missed RIP my friend Mike

Michael Arent - August 25, 2024 at 03:10 PM

MA

“ Michael Arent lit a candle in memory of Gary Joseph DeRosa



Michael Arent - August 25, 2024 at 03:09 PM

GS

“ I'm George Spangenberg Gary's cousin. I have known Gary since he was born. He was a very nice person, he grew up to be like his parents.

george spangenberg - August 25, 2024 at 02:14 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Gary Joseph DeRosa.*



August 25, 2024 at 11:39 AM



“ *Love, Doug and Linda Gould purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Gary Joseph DeRosa.*



Love, Doug and Linda Gould - August 24, 2024 at 01:56 PM