



# Gary Wayne Skinner

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**M**r. Gary Wayne Skinner, age 66, passed away Tuesday, October 22, 2013. He was born October 31, 1946 in Muskegon to Donald and Joyce (Russell) Skinner. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Gary worked 27 years as a sheriff deputy for the Muskegon County Sheriff Department and retired in 1999.

SURVIVORS include 3 daughters, Jennifer (Aaron) Cranston, Deanna (Jason) Laus, Brenda Skinner; 4 grandchildren, Tyler, Gabriel, Natalie, and Breanna; and many extended family and friends. A FUNERAL SERVICE will be held 12:00 PM Saturday, October 26, 2013 at Elbridge Community Church (2730 N. 136th Street, Hart) with Pastor Dennis Hintz officiating. VISITATION will be held 5-8 PM Friday at The Lee Chapel, 6291 S. Harvey St., (231) 798-1100. Visitation will also be held on Saturday one hour prior to the service at the church. INTERMENT will take place at Elbridge Cemetery. MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS may be directed to the family. Sign the guestbook on-line at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com)



## Events

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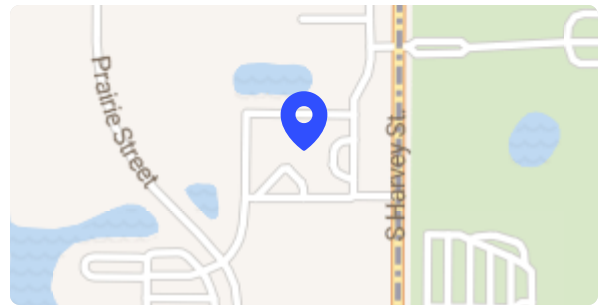
### Visitation

 **Friday**, October 25, 2013


 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



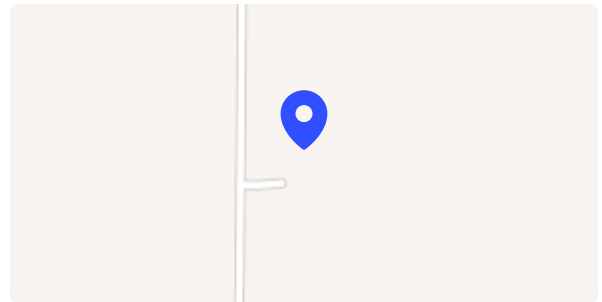
### Visitation

 **Saturday**, October 26, 2013

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET


 **Elbridge Community Church**

2730 N. 136th Street, Hart MI 49420



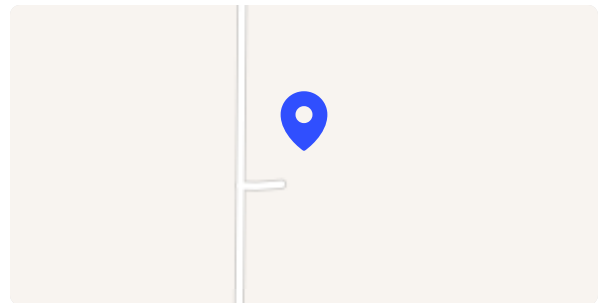
### Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, October 26, 2013

 12:00 PM ET

 **Elbridge Community Church**

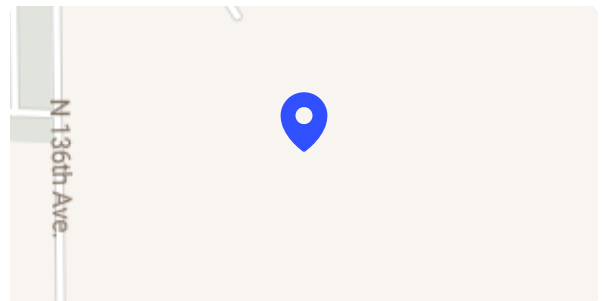
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### Cemetery Details

 **Elbridge Cemetery**

2491 E. Polk Rd., Hart MI 49420





## Tribute Wall

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DL

**Deanna Laus** lit a candle in honor of Gary.



September 22 at 4:29 AM

DL

**Deanna Laus** September 22 at 4:32 AM

I can't believe it's almost been a year. I think of you everyday. I miss you everyday. I cried yesterday just teaching Natalie some basic basketball skills. I know you would be so proud of her. You are forever in my heart and soul. Love you forever.

DN

**Denise Pursley Noordhoek** posted:

Thoughts and prayers to the Skinner family. Gary will always hold a special place in my heart. You will be missed by many. I have many fond memories of him growing up. He was always good to me. Rest in Peace cousin. Denise Pursley Noordhoek

October 25 at 9:26 AM

IF

**Ione Fessenden** posted:

I loved Gary, He was a very dear cousin. He always had a smile and a hug whenever or wherever we saw him. He holds a special place in my heart, and my thoughts and prayers go out to his family at this time. I pray that God will comfort your hearts and give you strength. Ione & Bob Fessenden

October 25 at 7:50 AM

DR

**Daniel R Russell** posted:

Gary was my favorite cousin , he was the coolest airforce guy ever. He always took the time to play baseball and go snowmobiling with his father and mother we had many My father sincerely loved to be around him and so did our entire family. dearly loved and missed . your friend and cousin Daniel Russell.....

October 24 at 2:27 PM



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SC

**S.M. Cochran** posted:

My sincerest condolences go out to Deanna, Brenda, Jennifer, and Charlotte Skinner and families...Gary and I graduated from high school together. I recall him as always having a smile on his face. He and Char were caring and devoted parents. Gary so loved his children- just as he adored all of his grandchildren. And, as he had done his whole life, Gary lived live "his way" right up until the very end. Rest in peace fellow class member of the Muskegon High School graduation class of 1964. S. M. Cochran

October 24 at 10:41 AM

TR

**Toni Rose** posted:

To all of Gary's Family: My sincere sympathy for your loss with Gary's passing. I remember Gary and feel so bad this happened. I worked with Gary for many years and all of us deputies develop a special bond. I think it was the nature of the work we did - besides that, not everyone looks good in brown!!! I remember him as tender hearted and caring about people and animals. He was always the resident expert when someone was trying to remember the name of a song or the artist. After he retired, we saw each other once or twice a year someplace unexpectedly. It was always enjoyable. We'd give quick updates on our lives and share some enthusiastic banter back and forth. The last time we talked we had some fond and playful exchange of teasing remarks and good laughs about "the good old days" during our era of reign at the department - which included other deputies as well - and not excluding those in power over our domain. It seems he was tagged as the Phantom Poet responsible for some mysteriously appearing, unauthorized poem postings on the bulletin board. It was all good! He was so content and rolling along nicely with the ups and downs and full of interest in the future. He sounded passionately proud and interested playing his part in the lives of his grandchildren. For that reason most of all I am the saddest over his life being cut off way too soon. RIP Gary Wayne Skinner. I'll think of times past, our short visits and remember you as a friend. Sincerely, Toni Rose

October 24 at 6:40 AM

NW

**Ninajo Dean Wallace** posted:

So sad, so young. Gary was a life long friend of our family. Snowmobiling, motorcycles hay rides and many stories were shared over the years. He will truly be missed. RIP my friend. Sincerely Ninajo

October 24 at 4:38 AM



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**Pat Collinge** posted:

Gary, you were truly one in a million. I always enjoyed our conversations at work and missed you when you retired. Rest in Peace.

October 24 at 3:12 AM



**Karen Russell Thomson** posted:

Gary was more my Uncle than my cousin. I called him Uncle Gary. He was always super fun and very cool. My memories include going over to his and Aunt Charlottes house listening to music. It was usually 50's music and there were always cool stereo sound system upgrades going on. We played ping pong a lot and it was usually like a party. Thanks Uncle Gary! Love you! You were he best! Sending love to all of you girls. He loved you very much. Your cousin Karen Thomson

October 23 at 4:48 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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