



# **Gary Lee Appel Sr.**

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**G**ary Lee Appel, Sr. age 72, of Grand Haven passed away Monday, October 14, 2024, unexpectedly at home. He was born December 29, 1951, in Grand Haven to John and Ruby (Heinz) Appel. He married the love of his life, Carol J. Shaft, on November 21, 1970, after the two met at Grand Haven Roller Rink.

Gary was the Owner and Operator of Appel's Welding, which he started in the early 80's and retired in 2001. He built the family home and their cabin in Ruby Creek and loved to hunt and fish.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Carol Appel; daughter, Julie Appel; son, Gary (Heather) Appel, Jr.; two grandchildren, Travis Appel and Dillon Appel; great-grandson, Henry Appel; his brother, John (Jeannie) Appel, Jr.; his dog and faithful companion, Harvey. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his nephew, Mark Appel.

A private celebration of life will be held. Arrangements entrusted to The VanZantwick Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 620 Washington Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com).



## Tribute Wall

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**Dennis Deverney** posted:

Hey Gary had a good time with you all these years drinking hunting and fishing we'll miss you

October 18 at 3:11 PM



**Chuck Moll** posted:

So sorry for family and friends of Gary. Have many memories form back in the day. One that I will always remember is rafting pontoons at the the pits and this deep voice in the dark and flashlight shining in face, "I am the Gravel God" Condolences to Carol, Gary Jr and all family and friends.-  
Chuck M

October 17 at 7:00 PM



**Danielle Wommack** shared 6 photos to the **Family Photos** album.



October 16 at 2:00 PM



**Bob Wydeck** posted:

RIP big G you're gonna be missed. Always had fun hunting and partying with you. You are with the rest of the guys let them all know they are missed. Bob Wydeck

October 16 at 2:00 PM



Danielle Wommack shared 6 photos to the **Family Photos** album.

October 17 at 4:03 PM



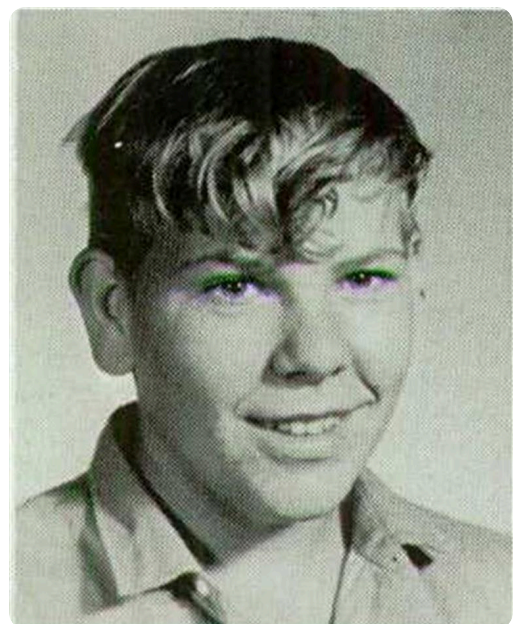
1970 Dec



1970 Nov 21



1970s



1967 Fruitport High School Freshman Year

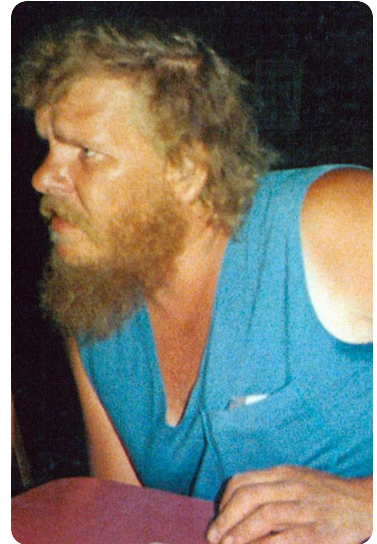


# Media

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1970 Nov 21



1980s



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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