



## Gary L. Potts

December 28, 1928 - January 27, 2021

Gary L. Potts died Wednesday, January 27, 2021 in Muskegon, Michigan. A devoted husband and father, Gary was born December 28, 1928 in Detroit, Michigan to Stewart and Bertha Potts. Gary grew up in Belleville, Michigan and graduated from Belleville High School in 1946. He graduated from Wayne University in 1953 with a B.S. in Business Administration. Gary served in and was honorably discharged from the US Army from 1953-1954, after being stationed in Japan during the end of the Korean War. He enjoyed a long and successful sales career with the Carborundum Company in Detroit. He was transferred to St. Charles, IL in 1970 where he lived until retiring to Grand Haven, MI, where he enjoyed serving as a consultant to the SCORE Program. Gary was a lifelong avid golfer and played a good game until well into his 80's. He also played on an amateur hockey team until he was 54. Gary rooted for the Detroit Red Wings hockey, his beloved U of M Wolverines and Detroit Tigers baseball. He spent his retirement playing gin rummy, walking his sweet Cairn Terrier, Mackie, and having a gin & tonic before dinner.

He is survived by his wife, Louise, and his children: Kevin (Paige) Potts, Kelley (Rick) Banducci, and Amy (Tom) Dillenburg. He was blessed with seven wonderful grandchildren: Keri (Brian) Holcombe, David, Evan, Mitchell and Anna Potts, and Ellen and Kevin Dillenburg along with great-grandchildren: Jacob, Benjamin and Addison Holcombe. He is also survived by his sister, Penny Allen, of Franklin, TN and his brother, Tim Potts, of Westland, MI along with many nieces and nephews, especially Douglas, in addition to three loving stepdaughters: Karen, Kim, and Kathy Crawford of Muskegon, MI. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy, and his brother, Tom, and nephew Gregory.

Gary was a charming and outgoing man who had his own sense of style and took great pride in his appearance. He was a loyal friend, a faithful husband and a good provider who will be missed by all who had the privilege to know him. When you hear his favorite song, Save the Bones for Henry Jones, remember him fondly and know he is at peace.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, there will be no service at this time. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Harbor Hospice Foundation, 1050 W. Western

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Arrangements by The Sytsema Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 737  
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“ The loss of our dear friend, Gary, will leave a big hole in our lives. We first met Gary about the time he retired and moved to his vacation home in West Olive where we became neighbors right across the street. We enjoyed his friendship and wonderful sense of humor for many years. We remained friends when he moved away and then met the delightful Louise. Again we shared friendship as couples. Dan and Gary played a lot of golf together over the years and just loved each other's company. Dan even coaxed Gary into playing golf in later years as long as it was possible. Gary was a man of many accomplishments, but he also had a loving heart. He once had tickets to see The Masters golf tournament but gave them to a friend who was ailing. That is love. We saw it in Gary many, many times. To Louise and his family, may he rest in peace. We send our love and sincere condolences. We were fortunate to have Gary in our lives and will miss him every day. God bless.

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