



# Gary Boushelle

He was born Tuesday, August 05, 1941

He died Sunday, May 09, 2021

Gary lived 79 Years, 9 Months, 4 Days

## GARY'S OBITUARY

Gary Boushelle, age 79, of Roscommon, died on Sunday, May 9, 2021 in Grayling Michigan. He was born in Detroit Michigan on August 5, 1941. He was predeceased by his father, Don Boushelle, mother Tynna Olkkonen, sisters, Barb Conner and Carol Yeager, and brother Joe Boushelle.

Gary attended Suomi College (now Finlandia University) followed by Wayne State University, where he received his degree in Wildlife Biology. He

joined the Department of Conservation in 1965 which was later named the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) where he retired in 1998 as the State-wide Field Supervisor.

Gary, while not a Roscommon native, became very active in community service after his arrival in 1976. He was a 30 year member of the Mid-Michigan Board of Directors and a 40 year member of the Higgins Lake –Roscommon Lions Club, and also a member of the VFW Auxiliary, Roscommon Historical Society, and DNR Retiree's Association where he served two terms as President as well as participating in the annual Fireman's Memorial Festival from its inception.

Gary also was a member of a number of many wildlife organizations including Ducks Unlimited, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the National Turkey Federation. Until his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday he was an avid member of the Lewiston Curling Team.

Gary is survived by his wife, Sharon, of 24 years, and children: Mike (Lori) Boushelle of Armada Michigan; Gerry (Stacey) Boushelle of Defiance, MO; D'anne (Mark) Smith of Carrollton, KY; Mike (Betty) Dewey of Bulls Gap, KY; and Lisa Perez of Pinckney, MI and one brother, William (Tonie) Boushelle of Tucson, AZ.

His grandchildren are: Michael, Julia and Ross Boushelle; Jacob and Lily Boushelle; AJ (Brittany) and Derek Reaux; Desiree (Andrew Gallo); Michael Dewey; Addison (Kate) Beavis; and Alyssa Pierce. He also has six great grandchildren.

Gary would be the first one to tell you he was just one person of many trying to make the world a better place. His friends and family will tell you his most inspirational trait was the way he related to people. He never said a bad word about anyone and was always willing to help those who needed help in any way he could.

As a result, Gary's final wish was to donate his organs through the "Gift of Life" to help those in need.

The family prefers memorial contributions be made in Gary's name to the **Gift of Life Michigan, 3861 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108.**

Family and friends will gather from 1:00 PM until the time of the Memorial Service at 2:00 PM on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at Wagner and Walsh Funeral Directors, 143 Lake Street, Roscommon, Michigan 48653.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner and Walsh Funeral Directors, Roscommon.