



## Gary A. Dobbs

July 1, 1951 - May 31, 2019

Gary Dobbs, age 67, passed away Friday, May 31, 2019, at his home in Sextonville surrounded by his family. He was born July 1, 1951 in Richland Center, WI, the son of Robert Hallie & Juanita Lydia (Coleman) Dobbs. After graduating from Ithaca in 1969 he served his country joining the United States Army for 4 years. Gary was very family-oriented and an awesome grandpa, father, brother and uncle. He loved following his grandchildren, nieces, and nephews at their sporting events. Gary was a people magnet and had a loving spirit. Though he could be stubborn, he loved long rides and had many adventures on his motorcycle with fellow bikers. He was an outdoorsman who loved fishing, deer hunting, and morel mushroom hunting. He worked at the University of Wisconsin as a supervisor in the Animal Research Center for over 25 years.

Gary is survived by his five children, Todd (Merri) Dobbs of Richland Center, Penny (Bill) Tracy of Muscoda, Brandy Dobbs (fiancé Arthur Hall) of Richland Center, Heather Dobbs (fiancé Nick Towne) of Sextonville, Tyler Dobbs (friend McKenzie Anderson) of Sextonville; his girlfriend Donna Dopson of Viola; his grandchildren, Breanna, Cole, Skyler, Levi, Laney, Collin, Caleb, Kaden, and Emma, his three great grandchildren Alaina, Brooklyn and Brantley, as well as his two sisters, Linda Prechter of DePere and Barbara Clary of Ithaca; one brother, Terry (Becky) Dobbs of Lake Geneva; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 4 brothers, Robert "Bob" Dobbs, Dale Dobbs, Michael Dobbs, Stanley Dobbs; two brothers-in-law, Keith Prechter and Ronnie Clary; sister-in-law, Josie Dobbs.

A Celebration of Gary's Life will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center. Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 9:00 AM until the time of services at 11:00 AM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home. The local military honors unit will provide graveside rites at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be given to the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Clary Memorial Funeral & Cremation Service, LLC

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# Tribute Wall

TF

“ Terry & Teressa Staskal & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary A. Dobbs.



Terry & Teressa Staskal & Family - June 07, 2019 at 02:29 PM

JL

“ Jim & Rhonda Laufenberg lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Dobbs



Jim & Rhonda Laufenberg - June 06, 2019 at 01:34 PM



“ 157 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clary Memorial Funeral Home - June 06, 2019 at 11:53 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Gary A. Dobbs.*



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June 04, 2019 at 04:05 PM



“ *Gary my older cousin, more like big brother . I was the youngest and yes , him , one of the oldest .. lol. Gary was more of a big brother . Because I lived in Arizona .. sometimes many years passed in between seeing him . But I could look across the room and see his smile and arms wide open ... and that hug . A connection of family . A life and family remembered and shared ... from grandparents to Gays Mills to Ithaca , to Apple Orchids to mushroom hunting and secret ginseng hunting grounds, to butchering a deer and grinding meet into hamburger in Aunt Juanita's “ dining room” .. we were family and we are connected by our proud Hillbilly heritage . I never picture much , Gary without Bobby Jim ... and now ... I still don't . Loves .. hugs and smiles until I see those smiles .. chuckles and feel that genuine love .. that “ we are family “ hug that over flows with love. May we , as family , carry that torch .. to love one another unconditionally . We may be fewer ... but only this side of heaven . Nothing is lost or forgotten ... and our “ to be continued” is coming soon . Love Jeri Lynn*

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**Jeri Lynn** - June 04, 2019 at 01:31 AM



“ *Gary was my supervisor when I worked at the UW in animal research. He always had time to listen if one had a problem. And he was a happy, fun loving, guy who enjoyed people. I respected him greatly and enjoyed having him as my supervisor. RIP.*

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**sandra Golemb** - June 03, 2019 at 08:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Gary A. Dobbs.



June 03, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ *Our condolences and love to all family of Gary. What a great guy; gonna miss him. God bless you all. Dave & Sheri Cox*

**Dave and Sheri Cox** - June 03, 2019 at 02:00 PM



“ *Roger Maxey purchased the America the Beautiful* for the family of Gary A. Dobbs.



**Roger Maxey** - June 03, 2019 at 01:40 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Gary Salmon Fishing*



**Clary Memorial Funeral Home** - June 03, 2019 at 11:03 AM

LT

“ *Linda Treu lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Dobbs*



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**Linda Treu** - June 02, 2019 at 03:45 PM

LT

“ *My condolences to Gary's family. Knew him when we were kids...great memories. Saw him last summer when I was visiting my sister in RC. RIP Gary*

*Linda Ghastin Treu*

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**Linda Treu** - June 02, 2019 at 03:45 PM

LD

“ *Love you Grandpa Gary. Forever and always you have left us all with lots of memories and we will not forget them. Or you. I will always be (Grandpa's Girl)*

~ Laney 🧡❤️

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**Laney Dobbs** - June 01, 2019 at 09:50 PM

DA

“ *Danielle Amato lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Dobbs*



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**Danielle Amato** - June 01, 2019 at 01:52 PM

DA

“ I have so many memories of Gary. All good ones. I was very young when I became part of Gary's life. He was always funny, sarcastic and had a smile that lit up a room. Even his eyes smiled. He was great to me. The joke was that I moved A LOT and Gary was always there to help. He moved my stuff around SO many times but never complained. He was always just willing to help. He was such a good dad to the kids. Penny , Brandy I were thick as a thieves growing up and he let us just be kids. It was when he gave us the look and we knew he meant business. Gary was so good to our family. So thankful to have had him in my life for all those years. Your going to be missed but never forgotten Gary. Enjoy all your family up above waiting for you. Love you always- Dani

Danielle Amato - June 01, 2019 at 01:51 PM

TL

“ I worked with Gary at the UW. He was my mentor and role model. I think we played more than we worked or maybe working with him was that much fun. He was so proud of his family. He talked about them all the time and the grandkids. The only time I remember Gary being mad was when I rearranged the letters on his work keyboard and he couldn't log in to his computer or maybe when we were googling something about pigs and he accidentally got a porn site. There are so many great memories. After I transferred to a different unit in the UW, I got the pleasure of working with Tyler. I got to know the young man that his Dad was so proud of and talked about all the time. Hunting, fishing, good stories. I miss you Gary. I'll see you in the other side and we can ride together again.

Tracy Leinbach - June 01, 2019 at 01:38 PM



He also thought very highly of you. Tyler and dad had only good things to say about you Tracy

Brandy Dobbs - June 05, 2019 at 01:02 AM


AA

“ I met Gary 15 years ago while working for the UW. I didn't know the first thing about animal research, all that was involved, the time and patience it took to provide quality care for the research animals. He was a good role model, I found him to be a fair person and honest. When he retired I was sad, no more jokes our jokes but it was time, his health was way more important and his bike and the road and his grandbabies were calling. My condolences and prayers to the family, a great dad, grandad, friend, wonderful has went home with the father many blessings to you all. He will be truly missed.

*Alecia Armstrong*

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**Alecia Armstrong** - June 01, 2019 at 10:09 AM

 Susan Dobbs

“ You gave us a ride back to the airport after my Father's passing last November, and I think that you're one of the very best dads and granddads that I've known. I would've loved to be one of your kids, but I have to settle with being a half-niece--we shared your dad, my real Grandfather. Please give my Dad, your older brother, a hug from me.

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**Susan Dobbs** - June 01, 2019 at 09:29 AM

SD

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**susan dobbs** - June 01, 2019 at 09:00 AM

SD

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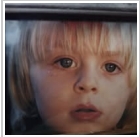
susan dobbs - June 01, 2019 at 09:04 AM

KD

“ Kim Dobbs lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Dobbs



Kim Dobbs - June 01, 2019 at 08:56 AM



“ Drank a bottle of tequila and thought of all the good times I had with him. Shed a tear and drank some more. He truly will be missed. Next bow hunting season I will be using, the sweet Bear recurve he gave me the instant I mentioned I love shooting recurves, to kill myself a deer. And then I'll drink a bit more and eat some jerky in honor if him. R.i.p. Uncle Gary 😭

Trout MaGee - June 01, 2019 at 12:16 AM



“ Oh Gary, where do I even begin? You were one of the greatest men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. You treated me like I was one of your own and I am so incredibly lucky. The look you had knowing your girls were back under your roof last night was one I will cherish and keep forever. We kept you on your toes and put you through hell a time or two, but you loved us through and through. ❤️ You may not have been my "real" dad, but you were definitely an amazing father figure to me over the years! Rohen and I are going to miss you so much. She is always talking about her best friend Gary and looking for you when we visit my mom's. We love you so much! Keep riding on ❤️  
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jeni jo - May 31, 2019 at 10:36 PM

BM

My first true love that I thought would last forever the years have made us grow into adults and we moved on with our familys but no matter what has happened over the years you are still my first love

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Betty Morel - May 31, 2019 at 10:45 PM

FG

“ Sending our condolences to a very special family. Gary left us with lots of wonderful memories. May the good Lord help you all through this difficult time.



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fran garcia - May 31, 2019 at 07:48 PM



“ *Kirstin Carter lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Dobbs*



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**Kirstin Carter** - May 31, 2019 at 07:44 PM



“ *We love you so much Grandpa❤️ We will keep you in our hearts forever! Love, Breanna, Shawn, Alaina and Brantley*



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**Breanna Ward** - May 31, 2019 at 07:33 PM



“ *Sue Sturdevant lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Dobbs*



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**Sue Sturdevant** - May 31, 2019 at 07:16 PM



“ *Doraine Grassman lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Dobbs*




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**doraine grassman** - May 31, 2019 at 07:00 PM

DG

*RIP Cuz Gary. Best Hugger & 1 of the Most Caring Men Ever Now you can ride all you want. I Love & Will Always Miss You. -- Prayers, Much Love & Big Hugs to All Family & Friends.*

**doraine grassman** - May 31, 2019 at 07:09 PM

 Sue Sturdevant

*Didn't know Gary well or long - but what I did know was his happy outlook on life and his love for family. Will miss seeing him at the benefit rides, but now he rides again with Bob & Josie. God bless and R.I.P.*

**Sue Sturdevant** - May 31, 2019 at 07:19 PM

DN

*Our sincere sympathy to all of Gary's Family and prayers for comfort and peace for each of you. We went to school with Gary at Ithaca and have many memories then and as adults. Gary was a fun loving guy, who will not be forgotten! Blessings of comfort for each of you!*

**David and Rita Nelson** - May 31, 2019 at 11:15 PM

 Donna Dopson

“ *Donna Dopson lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Dobbs*



**Donna Dopson** - May 31, 2019 at 06:22 PM

 Donna Dopson

*Love you my best friend - love you my partner in life - it didn't go as long as we thought but each day I had with you had been the best ride ever. Never say never hun -- I got this - I miss you so much already - no words I can speak dearly enough to you or about you that would help heal me. Sing to me - ride for me - enjoy the endless ride now hun - I see your smile and the sparkle is back in your eyes. Thank you for letting me be an important part in your life as you was in mind. Always Donna*

**Donna Dopson** - May 31, 2019 at 06:29 PM

JF

*So very sorry for your loss. JoAnn & Doug Ferrel*

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**Joann Ferrel** - May 31, 2019 at 11:09 PM

JJ

*So sorry for you loss, Penny Tracy. You are in my thoughts and Prayers!*

*Joanne Jackson*

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**Joanne Jackson** - June 01, 2019 at 08:43 AM