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Gary R. Harris, 78, of Clearwater, FL passed away Monday, March 7, 2022 at Morton Plant Hospital. Gary was born June 24, 1943 in Springfield, MA to Raymond and Dorothy (McNabb) Harris who have predeceased him along with a close friend Tom Knight. He was a graduate of Agawam High School, Westfield State College and Springfield College, all in Massachusetts. Gary was a member of Mystic Seaport Museum, Connecticut River Museum and Elks Lodge 771 in Middletown, CT. His first love was boating on the CT River and Long Island Sound. He spent summers as a child and then as an adult in Old Saybrook, CT. Gary is survived by his wife of 50 years, Anne; a daughter, Kathleen and close friends, John Hemphill and the Knight family.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Second Chance for Strays:

<https://www.secondchanceforstrays.com/> or Hospice :

<https://suncoasthospice.org/donate/>



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Jim Knight posted:

Gary was a great father to Kathy and husband to Anne. He also was a true friend of ours. He had a great sense of humor and every time we got together it was a multitude of laughs. From the great annual clam bakes we had to just getting together was always a great time. We remember sitting at Pete and Shorty's with Gary and Anne toasting my brother Tommy who was so close to Gary and spent many great times with him The wine festival in Safety Harbor, Third Fridays, sitting in his yard in Saybrook, looking at the ocean We will always remember . Gary loved seeing our dog Jazzy and always treated all of us so special. He even sold me their car as they were looking for a new one. I asked if i could buy and he said "Step in to my office" I will miss his morning texts about politics as it was a great wake up call and a good laugh every morning . As i wipe the tears frommy eyes I know he is in a better place with his best friend Tom Knight, my brother, and they are watching down and protecting all of us!

March 18 at 1:33 PM



Risa Knight posted:

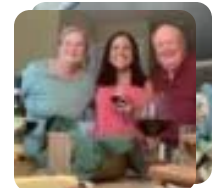
I will always remember our annual clam bakes in Old Saybrook. Always a wonderful time (especially the homemade margueritas made to order by Gary). Even after we lost Tommy, the tradition carried on, and, although bittersweet, was still a very special day. I am grateful to have spent time with this wonderful family and will miss Gary's stories and sense of humor. Praying for you Anne and Kathy to remain strong and cherish all the wonderful memories,

March 18 at 1:21 PM



Vanessa Marcos shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I had the greatest pleasure of meeting Anne and Gary when we both moved into our respective condos in 2007. I live upstairs from them. We became fast friends. I always went to Gary for advice on everything related to the condo. Whatever Gary did, I did the same. We both loved to decorate for Christmas. He bought me candle lights for all my windows so we would match. I loved the many evenings spent with Gary and Anne. We would chat about world events, eat a delicious meal that Anne prepared and play games. I absolutely adored Gary. He always looked out for me as if I was his own daughter. I am incredibly heartbroken. I will miss him dearly, I am so grateful for the time we spent together and the great memories made. ❤️



March 9 at 1:17 PM



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PD

Pam Doyle posted:

I'll miss Gary's gentle and quiet spirit! I loved his sweet smile! I'll miss seeing him wash the car (Anne's Chariot) before going to pick her up from school! My thoughts and prayers are with Anne and Kathleen!

March 10 at 12:29 PM

TS

Tony Sciarrabba posted:

Gary was a very devoted husband, father and a true friend. He had the most wonderful sense of humor and loved his Lindy! Our most deepest condolence to the family. Love, Tony, Beverly and Hogger which Gary always said, "Hogger has a tail that looked like a palm tree." Rest in peace, and watch over us.

March 10 at 6:27 AM

JD

Jim Downey posted:

Spent days on end sitting together on a rock jetty at Cornfield Pt fishing for porgies. Later we water skied up and down Willard Bay during the halcyon days of our youth. He is truly missed. Rest now my good friend. Jimmy.

March 9 at 1:17 PM

PD

Pam Doyle March 10 at 10:48 AM

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Media

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March 12 at 7:21 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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