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Gary Lee Swartout, 84, of Clearwater, Florida passed away in Charleston, West Virginia Monday August 7, 2023. Born March 9, 1939 to James John and Merle Eison Swartout of Brimfield, Ohio.

Gary is survived by his wife Katherine, of Clearwater, FL, two sons Gregory Lee Swartwout of Carrboro, NC, James Milo (Kristy) Swartwout of Gulfport, FL, grandson Alexander of North Hollywood, CA and granddaughter Sara of Miami, FL. As well sisters Janice Breckenridge of Ravenna, OH; Brenda (Bob) Wiard of Conyngham, PA; Debbie (Kevin Pieper) Cogelia of Phillipsburg, NJ; brother in laws Richard Bailey of Meadvile, PA; Donald (Carol) Bailey of Espyville, PA; 14 nieces and nephews.

Gary is also survived by his lifelong friends; Jim Hurd of Silver Lake, OH and Walter Bankes of Victor, NY, his longtime friend and golfing partner, Michael Frank of Pipestem, WV, as well as Hugo and Elia Salazar who became family to him during his time in Tucson, AZ.

Gary graduated in the class of 1957 from Stow High and then from Kent State University with a bachelor's in Business Administration. Gary worked in the steel/metal purchase and sales while living in Cuyahoga Heights, OH. He worked for the Hammond Tube Company as an inside and outside sales rep and as the Manager of the warehouse. He was also on The Board of Directors.

While his sons were in college Gary and Kathy started 2 businesses: Swartout Sales Inc, a sales rep company and Frisia, Inc, an import company.

Gary loved old cars and trucks; after finding a 1939 Ford.(his first car had been one) he had it chopped and channeled later donating it to the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department for their charity drive. Due to health issues Gary and Kathy moved to a small community by the National Park of the Sonora Desert. He found a 1951 pickup truck that he restored and then donated to the Picture Rock Fire Department.



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Gary helped many people during his life and as his health caused a lot of pain he still loved to watch his sons and grandkids grow into kind and honorable adults.

He loved playing golf, baseball, football; and watched all kinds of sports on the television.

He was a member of both the First Christian Church of Stow, OH and the Broadway Christian Church in Cleveland, OH where he was an elder and youth Sunday School Teacher.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, brother Don, sister-in-law Elva Swartout of Stow, OH, brother-in-law Dan Breckenridge of Kent, OH, brother-in-law Wayne Bailey of Conneautville, PA.

In lieu of flowers Gary wished for donations to go to either the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum (www.desertmuseum.org) or The Nature Conservancy in Ohio (www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/ohio/)

The family will keep everyone informed of plans for a service at Restland Cemetery in Brimfield, Ohio once plans are finalized.



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LS

Lisa Swartout posted:

I've taken some time before posting anything as I had so many thoughts running around my head. Gary is my husband's first cousin. He and Kathy are very special to us. Very caring and truly genuine family. I'll never forget them coming to see us and meet our newborn twins just over 24 years ago. They truly made me feel special and loved from that day forward. Gary will be deeply missed. Love, Lisa Swartout

October 8 at 7:00 PM

JS

Jim Swartwout posted:

Update on Services. We will be having a service on Friday October 13th at 11 AM ET at the Restland Cemetery in Brimfield, OH. The entrance to the cemetery is off St Rt 43. There will be no calling hour but we will have a get together and lunch after the service.

September 9 at 6:15 PM

CN

Colleen Nieves lit a candle in honor of Gary.

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August 23 at 12:17 PM



CN

Colleen Nieves posted:

I worked with Mr. Gary so many years and had the great pleasure to make sales calls with him. Gary was a great man. My deepest sympathies for his family.

August 23 at 12:16 PM

KS

Kathy Swartout September 1 at 9:54 PM

Thank you, Gary always said you were the best at what you did. If anyone had a problem with inside sales he would tell them to ask for you.

LB

Lyn Schmiedel Bisesi posted:

Our deepest sympathies go out to Kathy and sons. Gary was a lifelong friend.

August 21 at 7:05 AM



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CH

Cindy Swartout Hreha posted:

Calling you always was the best. Never realized how much you were like my Dad until after he passed! Will miss you always, you are my favorite Uncle and always will be! Rest in piece. Love, Cindy .Jim Hreha

August 16 at 5:04 AM

CB

Crystal Buterbaugh posted:

I remember Uncle Gary as always willing to listen and always ready to help. During my dads illness him and Aunt Kathy were a big help . I'm going to miss him! From his niece Cristy Swartout/ Buterbaugh

August 15 at 4:53 PM

JS

Judith Swartout posted:

Gary was so wonderful to take time to go out for lunch with us as he traveled in the South, near us here in Lake Worth, Florida. We also so appreciate the Swartout family tree genealogy chart that he and Kathy gave us. "Salt of the earth " would sum up Gary for us. May he reset in peace. Love and prayers to you, Kathy, and your entire family. Blessings, Judy & Ron Swartout & Family

August 14 at 4:39 PM

DS

David Sheer posted:

I worked with, and traveled with Gary for more than 30 years and there was never a bad minute. Rest in peace.

August 14 at 5:28 AM



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Hugo Salazar posted:

Hello family and friends of Mr.Gary,My name is Hugo Salazar and I would like to share some words in honor of Mr.Gary. My wife, children and I were blessed to have met Mr.Gary and Mrs.Kathy during their time in Tucson, Arizona. To me, he was like an angel sent from God. His passing brings great sadness to me but I find comfort in knowing that Mr.Gary was able to accomplish many great things during his time on this earth and was a blessing to everyone he came across. I know he left this earth content with the life he lived. I personally looked up to Mr.Gary as a role model because of his optimistic attitude and work ethic. During his time in Arizona, he noticed my potential and encouraged me to become my own boss and start my own business. If it hadn't been for Mr.Gary believing in me I'm not sure if I would've ever took the risk of going on my own. He will be in our hearts and minds for the rest of our lives as he and Mrs.Kathy blessed not only me but my family with their presence and love. We will continue to keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers, we hope that as the days go by we can all find comfort in the beautiful and fun memories Mr.Gary left us with and feel a little more at peace. ❤️Respectfully,Hugo Salazar

August 13 at 1:25 PM



Jimmie Green Thompson Jr. August 23 at 2:07 PM

To all the Family & Friends Hello my name is Jimmie Thompson & i work at the Thompson Machinery Caterpillar Dealership In Nashville Tn . I met Gary Many Many Years ago .The first time I met him he left a impression on me and how he cared for people .At that time he worked at The Steel Supply Company .He was a awesome man that loved life & his family his customers .When he retired he would drop by to see me If he didn't have time to stop[he would give me a phone call . This world we live in needs more Gary's .He will be missed .i know Family & Friends we will see him again .He will be greeting us with that Big Smile & Hand Shake God Bless .



Memories only last if you share them

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



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