



# Gary P. Ransdell

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## **Gary P. Ransdell**

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**D**ecatur – Gary Ransdell was called home Saturday, February 24, 2018, with his wife Janet at his side.

Gary was born to Philip and Letha (O'Brien) Ransdell March 20, 1946. Gary was a lifelong resident of Decatur. A graduate of Millikin University, Gary moved on to find a permanent home with Caterpillar until his retirement. Gary attended and was a member of St. Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church.

Gary held a passion for life that was unique. Enjoying every moment he could, Gary stayed busy officiating local sporting events, golfing with his wife and friends, jogging on a regular basis and annual trips to Florida. There was never a “down” moment with Gary around, his energy was infectious among those who knew him and loved him.

Gary held many great qualities, humor, optimism, non-judgmental, loving and dependable to name a few. Gary knew and understood the value of love, family, and friendship and he demonstrated that through his actions with his family and friends. Gary will be truly missed by many.

Preceding him in death by his parents, Letha and Phillip Ransdell; 2 sons: Rhett Ransdell and Ryan Ransdell; a brother James Ransdell and one granddaughter Maria Cole.

Gary is survived by his wife Janet Ransdell; children: Phillip Ransdell of TX, Sabrina Hall of Decatur, Tiffany Hayes of Decatur, Rusty Hall of Decatur, Leslie Murphy (Andrew) of Decatur, Lisa Creason of Decatur, Brad Creason of Decatur; sister, Maureen Jesse (Joe) of Decatur; 17 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren; one nephew, three nieces and one great nephew.

Visitation is being held from 5 to 8 pm Wednesday, March 7, 2018 in the Moran & Goebel Funeral Home; vigil prayer service will be at 4:30 pm. Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate his life will be 10 am Thursday, March 8, 2018, in St. Thomas The



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Apostle Catholic Church.

The family of Gary P. Ransdell is being served by the Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe St., Decatur, IL 62526. Condolences and memories may be shared at [www.moranandgoebel.com](http://www.moranandgoebel.com).

Video Tribute for Gary P. Ransdell:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/BJGWPXJ4MWS4ZW2D>



## Tribute Wall

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LM

**Leslie Murphy** posted:

I still can't believe. I miss him so much.

March 19 at 2:48 PM

CK

**Cindy Koshinski** posted:

Gary was always a lively and fun-loving member of the Decatur CAT Accounting Dept. Ernie always had a funny Gary Ransdell story to share. Most of that group is gone now....Skip Ziegler, Mark Ames, Ernie Koshinski, and now Gary. No doubt they are still joking and laughing as they welcome him in. We visited with him at Mark's wake and he came to Ernie's visitation as well. He was always there for his old CAT comrades. Sorry for your loss. He will be missed. Cindy Koshinski

March 17 at 8:14 AM

BS

**Beverly Stenger** posted:

To Gary's Family, I met Gary at Caterpillar where I worked with him in accounting. He was a character. I was reprimanded by supervisors more than once for laughing—having too much fun at work because of Gary's antics! Gary was a practical joker which didn't help me contain my laughter. I recall saying something I needed to do and Gary stapled multiple post-it notes to my purse strap to remind me of my errands! Family and Friends will miss Gary and his laughter. Remember only the fond memories. Hugs to all, Bev Stenger

March 9 at 11:10 AM

MD

**Mick Dukeman** posted:

In 1950 we moved from the country to right across the street from one Gary Ransdell. Gary was my oldest friend aside from family. Gary was a great guy and will be missed. Janet and family....peace be with you. Mick and Lynette Dukeman

March 9 at 5:25 AM

CJ

**Carl & Kris Jones** posted:

What a great friend Gary was! We will all be feeling this loss. His laughter & smile were infectious!! He always had a smile for you!

March 8 at 4:59 AM



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MC

**Mary Jo Comerford** posted:

Youâ??re all in my heart!

March 7 at 11:34 AM

TT

**Teen A Thull** posted:

Janet,Terry and I are heart broken. We will miss his great smile and his joking around with us. Gary was a big part of Terrys life and we will both miss him.

March 6 at 5:24 PM

BS

**Bob Strong** posted:

Janet, my most sincere condolences go out to you and Garyâ??s family 🙏🙏🙏

March 6 at 2:32 PM

RP

**Robert Pittenger** posted:

Janet, I was saddened to read this morning that Gary has passed. He was indeed a fine man and has now received the gift of eternal life. Condolences to you and your family.Bob Pittenger

March 6 at 2:15 PM

SB

**Steve Briggs** posted:

What a great guy Gary was! I always enjoyed seeing him at the Celebration and the summer blues concerts in Central Park. He was a fine basketball official as he officiated several of our games at Macon back in the day. My condolences go to his wife and family. He will be missed by many.

March 6 at 2:07 PM

PC

**Phil Crouch** posted:

Janet, Rita and I are very sadden by this news of Gary's passing...He will be truly missed, our prayers and condolences Phil and Rita Crouch

March 6 at 9:43 AM



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JR

**Jeffrey Rounds** posted:

I met Gary through my job as an athletic trainer for DPS61. He used to officiate games. He was always so upbeat and fun. He greeted me every time with such joy and kindness. He was a great man. I'll miss that friendly smile and handshake or hug. Rest in peace, my friend. Jeff RoundsMacArthur Athletic Trainer

March 6 at 9:08 AM

JR

**Judy Reeves** posted:

I grew up with Gary and so sorry to hear of his passing, he was a wonderful guy and will be missed so much, Judy Swinnen Reeves

March 6 at 8:23 AM

JH

**Joe Hammel** posted:

So sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was always good for a laugh and it was a pleasure having him as one of my loyal customers at the golf course. My sincere condolences. Joe Hammel/Scovill GC

March 6 at 6:19 AM

TB

**Terry Boles** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Gary P. Ransdell

March 5 at 12:13 PM

TR

**Tom Reeve** posted:

Gary and I worked in accounting several years at Cat and we played a lot of golf together. Gary had a great sense of humor and will be greatly missed. Tom Reeve

March 4 at 6:29 PM

CH

**Cheryl And Merrill Haley** posted:

Gary and Janet were great neighbors of ours in Florida. We will miss him greatly. Love and prayers to Janet and family.

March 4 at 9:25 AM



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TS

**Tom Sheehy** posted:

Gary was a great friend and a true buddy. Our Monday golf outings will not be the same without him there. R.I.P.P.S. Say hi to GoofyTom Sheehy

March 4 at 8:30 AM

SA

**Susan Ashe** posted:

Was honored and blessed with a 28 year friendship with Gary and JanetMy thoughts are with you all – I wish I could be "home" but I'm there in spirit. Sue (Kee) Ashe

March 3 at 8:24 AM

JO

**Joe Obryan** posted:

Gary was simply mawvelous Joe OBryan

March 2 at 8:53 AM

SC

**Susan & Rich Congalton** posted:

We met Gary & Janet in Florida a few years ago ...they became like family...sending love peace & comfort to Janet & their girls 🙏

March 2 at 5:33 AM

JH

**John Humphrey** posted:

Loved my short time knowing Gary. His sense of humor was great. A very together man.

March 1 at 3:29 AM

SB

**Steve & Cheryl Bingamob** posted:

We were deeply saddened to learn of Gary's passing. We lift up Jan and all of the family in our prayers. He was a great neighbor and we can picture him running on those golden streets in Heaven.

February 26 at 5:55 PM



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**Tammy Creason** posted:

What a great guy he was always so nice to me and my kids he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Prayers for you Jan at this time sorry for your loss

February 26 at 12:13 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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