



Gary Walter Zumwalde

March 28, 1953 - August 31, 2016

Gary Zumwalde, 63, entered into eternal life on Wednesday, August 31, 2016. His life was one of deep devotion to his wife, family and his Catholic faith.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Richmond, MN. Burial will be private at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls, MN. Relatives and friends may call from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Monday, September 5, 2016 at the Wenner Funeral Home in Richmond, MN and from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Tuesday morning at the Church.

Gary was born on March 28, 1953 in Richmond, MN to Ralph and Linda (Ethen) Zumwalde. On June 24, 1988, he married Linda (Otte) Melville at Sts. Peter & Paul's Church in Richmond, MN. They made their home in St. Cloud, MN for 23 years where Gary was employed at the St. Cloud Post Office. Upon retirement in 2011, Gary and Linda moved to Mankato, MN.

Gary graduated from Rocori High School in 1971, where he played baseball and had the lead role in the play "To Kill a Mockingbird." During his freshman year he achieved the level of Eagle Scout. Gary served 5 years in the US Navy. He enjoyed playing softball, bowling and watching NASCAR. He was a member of Sts. Peter & Paul's Church in Richmond, MN and the American Legion 428 in Waite Park, MN.

After experiencing symptoms for a number of years, Gary was diagnosed with Multiple Symptoms Atrophy in 2012. As his health declined, he remained positive, thankful for all the care he received and never complained.

Gary is survived by his wife and caregiver, Linda; daughter, Jenny (Ramzy) Filfil; granddaughter, Olivia; siblings, Mary Kay (Fred) Newman, Jeanne (Mark) Zenner, Alan (Diana) and Brian; and six nephews and five nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cemetery Details

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Minnesota 115
Little Falls, MN 56345

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Richmond, Wenner Funeral Home
151 Oakwood Ave SE
Richmond, MN 56368
(320) 685-7762
office@wennerfuneralhome.com
<http://www.wennerfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

SEP 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
56 1st St. NE
Richmond, MN 56368

Funeral Services

SEP 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
56 1st St. NE
Richmond, MN 56368

Tribute Wall



“ Gary Walter Zumwalde

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *I thought if you again just last year and wondered how you were doing. I looked you up via google and your obituary popped up. I was saddened to read that you had passed. You were always dear and near to my heart. I will never forget the wonderful times among co-workers at NAS Jacksonville, FL. You always had that great smile that would light up a room and I loved your Minnesota accent! Rest In Peace my friend. You will always hold a special place near and dear to my heart.*
Chris Lopez



Martha Chris Lopez - May 04, 2020 at 02:28 AM



“ *Martha Chris Lopez lit a candle in memory of Gary Walter Zumwalde*



Martha Chris Lopez - May 04, 2020 at 02:21 AM

JK

“ Gary was such a good person. There's a lot of things I remember about him being that I worked with him, but the thing that stands out is this. When the chips were down in my life Gary was there for me. 10 years ago my wife died of cancer. the last 3 weeks she was in hospice care. Gary and Linda were over every day offering support. It meant so much how caring he was. His last day of work before he retired I remember shaking his hand and he had tears in his eyes. I knew he was moving to Mankato, but I thought our paths would cross again. That was the last time I saw him. About every day in the summer we talked about the Twins. I miss him. People like Gary don't come around every day. He was a jewel. The guy had a bad break, but he is now in good hands.

Joe Korte

joe korte - September 06, 2016 at 12:47 PM

MS

“ I worked with Gary for many years at the mail processing facility in Waite Park. Spent many mornings in postage due. Hardworking, dedicated, decent man. Always positive outlook. My deepest condolences.

Martin salas - September 04, 2016 at 10:45 AM



As I was growing up, I thought of Gary as my dashing and handsome older cousin off having adventures in the Navy. I never lost my admiration for Gary and always enjoyed seeing him. I remember his great happiness the day he married Linda. I wish their time together had been longer.

Paula Gottwalt - September 05, 2016 at 08:22 PM

SG

Linda, you and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. Gary was a wonderful, kind and generous man, and we will miss him. May God bless you with joyful memories and peace.

Steve Gottwalt - September 05, 2016 at 10:35 PM

BS

“ *During my 20 years as St. Cloud postmaster, we had no better employee than Gary Zumwalde. Both personally and professionally, he was the gold standard to which other employees could aspire and seek to model themselves. I am so sorry to learn of his extended illness and passing. Besides being the ideal worker, Gary was a humble, kind, and gentle man and I am honored to have known him. Linda, you and all Gary's family are in my prayers. So sorry I cannot attend the services next week, but please know that we are with you in spirit. You both were blessed to have each other for the time you had.*

Buzz Snyder

buzz snyder - September 03, 2016 at 08:52 PM

DL

“ *I was a classmate from the class of rocori 1971
Sending my sympathy and prayers on the loss of your loved one
Dianne Schwegel Ledbetter*

Dianne Schwegel Ledbetter - September 02, 2016 at 08:09 PM

LR

“ I worked with Gary, at the Waite Park PDF for several years. He was a kind, soft spoken, and gentle man, very dedicated to his work and liked by everyone. He'd start working at the entrance door before he even punched in.

I'm so glad I got to see him when his mom passed. You've earned your heavenly home my friend. So glad I got to work beside you.
Laura Ruhland



Laura Ruhland - September 02, 2016 at 04:46 PM