



Gary W. Guernsey

February 5, 2025

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Churchville: Unexpectedly on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at age 77.

Predeceased by his parents, Stanley and Margaret; and brother, Alton “Curly”.

Survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Elisa (Uttaro); children, Bryon J.

Guernsey (Margaret Choy) and Shauna (David) Cross; grandchildren, Olivia

and Adalyn Cross and Margot Guernsey; siblings, Donald (Gloria), Linda (Jim)

Teuscher and Wendy (Ron) Reu; and several nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Gary Guernsey, a man with a witty sense of humor, always smiling, full of joy, and known for his unique ability to make analogies by connecting the dots between the most extraneous of relationships, passed away on February 5, 2025.

Gary graduated from Mohawk Valley Community College with a degree in civil engineering. Additionally, he earned his brown belt in karate and met the love of his life, his wife Lisa (kiddo) of 55 years. His degree in civil engineering led him to a successful 45-year career with the NYS Department of Transportation. During his tenure, he was instrumental in developing the GIS program and worked on several high-profile transportation projects, eventually securing his Land Surveyor License.

Curiosity, loyalty, and craftsmanship were pinnacles of his character. He enjoyed learning guitar later in life. Golf brought him joy, even if it meant losing a few balls on the course. He also cherished his poker group, playing with the

same friends for over 55 years. Gary was deeply devoted to his grandchildren, never missing an opportunity to cheer them on, watch a performance, or spend quality time with them.

Ever the adventurer, Gary and Lisa traveled the world together. He taught himself and his wife how to ski from books, learned how to sail from books, and took up sewing from books. As a member of the St. Christopher's Eucharist group, he lovingly created custom pillows for dialysis patients. Sewing was a skill he perfected by crafting beautiful quilts and garments, including his daughter's wedding dress and custom prom dresses for his granddaughters. Christmas Eve was a special time, with handmade matching pajamas for all the kids.

He loved loudly and boldly, always protecting and cherishing his family. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Family and friends may call at the Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home Monday 4-7pm. Funeral Mass Tuesday 11am at St. Christopher's Church, 3350 Union St. North Chili, NY 14514. Private interment. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Catholic Charities, 1099 Jay St. Rochester, NY 14611.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB **10**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Leo M Bean and Sons Funeral Home
2771 Chili Avenue
Rochester, NY 14624
(585) 426-7830
beanfuneralhome@rochester.rr.com
<http://www.beanandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass

FEB **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher's Church
3350 Union St.
North Chili, NY 14514

Tribute Wall



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Gary W. Guernsey.*



February 09, 2025 at 08:35 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary W. Guernsey.*



February 09, 2025 at 05:20 PM



“ *Mary- Nancy&Tom-Kathy&Larry-Nancee&Jim purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gary W. Guernsey.*



Mary- Nancy&Tom-Kathy&Larry-Nancee&Jim - February 08, 2025 at 06:37 PM



“ *The Brockport History Club purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary W. Guernsey.*



The Brockport History Club - February 08, 2025 at 04:29 PM

CP

“ Candy, Keith, Jordan & Dylan Poliakoff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary W. Guernsey.

Candy, Keith, Jordan & Dylan Poliakoff - February 08, 2025 at 11:05 AM

CP

“ Candy, Keith, Jordan & Dylan Poliakoff purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Gary W. Guernsey.



Candy, Keith, Jordan & Dylan Poliakoff - February 08, 2025 at 11:05 AM

LF

“ Linda , Aaron & Jill Fodge purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gary W. Guernsey.



Linda , Aaron & Jill Fodge - February 08, 2025 at 09:01 AM

FR

“ I only worked with Gary for a short time at the DOT. Gary always had a smile and I enjoyed working with him.
Frank DiCostanzo

Frank - February 08, 2025 at 08:38 AM

RN

I have known Gary since my pastoral leadership position at St Christopher almost three years now. What a great loss to his family, our church community and countless friends he made over the years. He's a shining light anywhere he appeared. He was a beacon of support to our community. Apart from his faith, he was very positive and determined. When he set his mind on any endeavor- no going back until he finished the project. I will ever be grateful to God for bringing him into my life.

*Goodbye the Great many we will meet again in paradise.
May his gentle soul rest in peace. Amen.*

Fr. Eloo.

Rev. Malachy Nwosu - February 09, 2025 at 01:39 PM

JC

“ *Judith Cross purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary W. Guernsey.*



Judith Cross - February 07, 2025 at 06:39 PM

CS

“ *So many nice memories of time spent with you two. Especially the crazy cruise we took. I still have the picture of us sitting in the falls at Dunns River in Jamaica. Peace and prayers for you and your family. You will carry his love with you forever.*

Cliff and Marty Smith - February 07, 2025 at 05:49 PM

LF

“ *Linda and Jim Teuscher and Family planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary W. Guernsey.*

Linda and Jim Teuscher and Family - February 07, 2025 at 05:43 PM

PC

“ Paul and Jayana Cross purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Gary W. Guernsey.



Paul and Jayana Cross - February 07, 2025 at 05:03 PM

JF

“ I really was too young to know Gary well, but I know he was raised in a family that loved each other and not afraid of working hard. My sympathies go to all that he left behind.



jean fuller - February 07, 2025 at 02:51 PM

BW

“ Very sorry for your loss. Thanksgiving and pool parties were always looked forward to. I was lucky to know you rest in peace, brother.

Bob W - February 07, 2025 at 02:01 PM