



Gary A. Hale

November 30, 2021

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Ogden - Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at age 80. Survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Sharon; children, Darcie (Bob) Kozlowski, Tracy Washburn and Stephen Riley; grandchildren, Meagan (AJ), Christopher, Mikayla, Liv and Jake; great-grandchildren, Max, Rosie and Cal; siblings, Duane (Carolyn) Hale and Linda (Kenneth) Swyers; brother-in-law, Jerry (Donna) Davis; and several nieces, nephews, dear friends and his fur baby, Malika.

Gary was a 1961 graduate of Letchworth Central School. During high school, he was a four time NYS Section V wrestling champion in the unlimited weight class. He was inducted into the Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2012. After graduation Gary married his high-school sweetheart Sharon Davis and were blessed to have 60 years together.

Gary also graduated from Simmons School of Embalming in 1962 and went to work at Corbett Funeral Home. He then went to work at General Motors for the next 30 years as a product engineer. Shortly after starting at GM, he was drafted into the army and served in Vietnam.

Gary's greatest love was his family; his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He loved to hunt, fish, travel and read. Some of his most precious memories of traveling were the trips he took to Paris, Hawaii, Las Vegas, Florida fishing trips, camping and hunting trips, Honor Flight and Myrtle Beach.

Gary was forced to retire young due to heart disease, but thanks to many

incredible doctors, he was able to live another 30 blessed years with his family. A special thanks goes out to Dr. Ridder, Dr. Massey, and Dr. Scott Feitell without whom these past 30 would not have been possible. Dr. Feitell and his staff went above and beyond to keep Gary here at any measure. The family is eternally grateful for all that they did. Also a heartfelt thank you to the entire staff of the ICU at Rochester General Hospital for their compassionate care.

Family and friends may call at the Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home Sunday 12-3pm. Funeral Service Monday 11am at Pearce Memorial Free Methodist Church, 4322 Buffalo Rd. N. Chili, NY 14514. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 12:00 PM - 3:00 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 Service

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pearce Memorial Free Methodist Church
4322 Buffalo Rd.
North Chili, NY 14514

Tribute Wall

BY

“ Dear Sharon: Just a note to let you know we are sorry to hear that Gary has passed.
Our deepest condolences to you and your family. With love, John and Betty (Hale) Young

Betty Young - December 06, 2021 at 08:54 PM

CP

“ Sharon, I just heard about Gary's passing (Randy Day told me). I am so very sorry to hear this! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Char Pawley

Char Pawley - December 06, 2021 at 02:16 PM

BR

“ My condolences to all Gary's family members. I remember Gary from a home wrestling match where Warsaw came to Letchworth I believe on January 18, 1961. My sister Barbara was going with Philip Mucher who also wrestled for Letchworth. All I knew when I came to the viewing was that it was Jake Washburn's (Churchville wrestler) grandpa and did not know his grandpa was Gary.

*Bob Raines,
Ogden*

Bob Raines - December 05, 2021 at 04:28 PM

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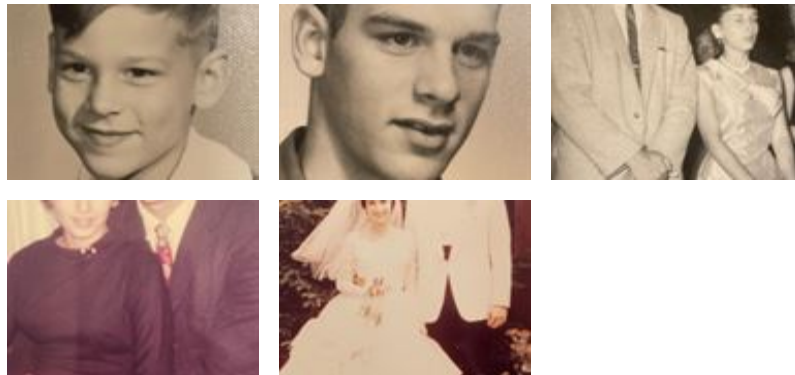
“ I met Gary in high school and he was always smiling. His name appears on a plaque near the gym with other Section V wrestling champions, but to say he was just a champion is an understatement. He was revered for his sportsmanship and humble manner. It was an honor to call him a friend and always a treat to be in his presence.

Tom Surtel

Tom Surtel - December 03, 2021 at 02:40 PM



“ 50 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home - December 03, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Gary A. Hale.



December 03, 2021 at 11:34 AM

TR

“ To the family of Gary Hale--I worked with Gary at GM (Delphi, Rochester Products) . As you can imagine, Gary was/is a great guy---Peace to you all. He was a great guy to work with ! Ted Rivera

Ted rivera - December 03, 2021 at 10:40 AM

TB

“ Tom and Bev purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary A. Hale.



Tom and Bev - December 03, 2021 at 10:05 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gary A. Hale.



December 03, 2021 at 09:58 AM

PH

“ Sorry to see Uncle Gary go. He will be missed by his children, wife, grandchildren, family, & friends. Wishing we would have lived closer to visit.

Paula Hale and family

Paula Hale - December 03, 2021 at 09:55 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gary A. Hale.*



December 02, 2021 at 09:44 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gary A. Hale.*



December 01, 2021 at 10:13 PM