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Gary Smolka Obituary

Gary F. Smolka, 76, of Elyria, died Saturday, February 15, 2025. He was born March 23, 1948 in Cleveland and was a graduate of St. Edwards High School. Gary was a US Coast Guard veteran serving in Vietnam. He grew up in Sheffield Lake and loved boating and fishing. Most of his life, he had been employed as a machinist. He was a member of Elyria VFW 1079 and the Veterans Honor Guard.

Gary is survived by children, Gary (Shelley) Smolka of Avon Lake; Kimberly (Tony) Rogozinski of North Olmsted; Amanda (Dylan) Smolka of Avon Lake and Kathleen (Dennie) Smolka of Sheffield Lake; nine grandchildren; one great-grandson; brother, Tom (Fran) Smolka of Maumee; sisters, Gayle (Dan) Kimpton of Bradenton, FL, Teresa Williams of Sheffield Village and Christine (Dan) Clark of Vermilion and a sister-in-law, Jean Smolka.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn and Rose Smolka and a brother, John Smolka.

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AS

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Gary F. Smolka posted:

A Memorial Tree was planted for Gary F. Smolka We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

April 22 at 8:56 AM

TO

Tom Orr posted:

Uploaded a photo [View All Gallery Uploads](#)

May 2 at 10:12 AM

TO

Tom Orr posted:

I served with Gary in Vietnam with the Coast Guard. He was always a good friend and ready to listen if you had a problem. Sorry for your loss, he was one of the good guys.

May 2 at 9:42 AM

AL

Allison posted:

We moved next door to the Smolka family in November 1970. I remember when Gary had his first two children. Gary has always been a family man. He will be missed. Allison Signor Smith

February 19 at 12:24 PM

DG

Dennis Gidich posted:

So sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. I have great memories of the fun times we spent while working at our first paying job at Pic-n-Pay in North Ridgeville. We always remained close in spirit and cherished the times we met up through the years. He will be missed.

February 19 at 9:00 AM

TW

Teresa M Williams posted:

Gary is my big brother and always will be! We had fun at oldies night when we were younger! I will always remember the times we met at Perkins pancake house for breakfast big brother! RIP UM ❤️

👤 UM YOUR SISTER TERESA ❤️ 👤 UM

February 19 at 6:31 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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