



Gary Lee "Pots" Pontenberg

October 12, 1950 - September 7, 2011

We Mourn His Passing And Celebrate His Life

Gary Lee "Pots" Pontenberg, 60 of Rockton died on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at Rockford Memorial Hospital. He was born on October 12, 1950 in Oak Park, son of Forrest John and Ada (nee Daughenbaugh) Pontenberg. Served in the United States Army in Korea and Vietnam. Pots married the love of his life, Debbie on August 18, 1972 at the Old Stone Church in Rockton. Member of the Rockton American Legion Post 332. He worked for 36 years at Ecolab. Gary loved visiting Florida spending time near the ocean, and fishing . When he wasn't watching the Green Bay Packers, he could be found walking his favorite sweetheart, Sheba. His hobbies included target practice, reading, and playing on the computer. He enjoyed visiting with his buds at the Turtle Tap and the Wheel. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Debbie; son, Dustin (Heidi) Pontenberg of Rockton; sister, Darlene Ballard; brother Forrest Pontenberg; brothers in law, Gary Lee, James Dale (Donna) McMaster, and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents; son, Corey Lee Pontenberg, brother in law, Lee Ballard. A Celebration of Life will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at the Rockton Community Center, 302 W. Main St. Rockton, IL. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services, Rockford, is assisting the family. In Lieu of Flowers, memorials to the American Cancer Society. To share a memory or condolence online, visit www.graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Service

SEP 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Rockton Community Center
302 West Main Street
Rockton, IL 61072

Tribute Wall

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“ *Debbie,*

I was very sad to see Gary's obituary in the paper. I never really got to know Gary well. It seems that you were the one I got to know. It seems that he was too young to be going now....maybe a reflection of how damn old I'm getting.

I'm so sorry for your loss.

Rick Holmes

Rick Holmes - September 14, 2011 at 06:34 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Very sorry to hear this news.*

Phil & Maggie Tripp



Phil Tripp - September 11, 2011 at 03:36 PM

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Dear Deb, Rick H. shared Gary's obituary with the group. I wanted to write and tell you: you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sue

Susan McKillips - September 14, 2011 at 01:06 PM

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“ *Gary was a very dear friend many many years ago when I was living in Rockton we worked together at the Wagon Wheel Carousel and he was like a brother to me, spent many hours talking about the things we wanted to do in our lives, and things that had happened to us growing up. He shared memories about his Dad and Mom that impacted his life as I did with him about my life. When I boarded a bus to return to Iowa he gave me his Honenegah letter jacket to wear and took me to the bus where we vowed to always keep in touch. He was my best friend at that time in my life and I never forgot about him. I always looked him up whenever I visited my parents in Rockton. He was a special person to me and I never forgot the relationship we had so many years ago, and the bond between us never changed.*

Carol Kephart

Carol L. Kephart - September 10, 2011 at 10:56 AM