



## Gary P. Milsom

April 26, 1942 - April 22, 2026

April 22, 2026, suddenly, of Cheektowaga, NY.

Beloved companion of the late Maria Gump and former spouse of JoAnn (nee Ippolito) Milsom; loving father of Derick (Gina) Milsom and Deanna (Andrew) Bower; cherished grandfather of Zoey, Aiden, Alana, Jack, James, and Jillian; dear brother of Dale (late Carol) Milsom; also survived by nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends. Gary was a proud US Army Veteran. He enjoyed sailing and was a board member of the WNY Corvette Club. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Sunday, April 26th from 1-5PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (2 blocks south of William St.). A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, April 27th at 10AM in St Philip the Apostle RC Church, Cheektowaga. Please assemble at Church. Please leave condolences online at [www.SmolarekCares.com](http://www.SmolarekCares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **26**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (est)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga  
2510 Union Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227  
(716) 668-3122  
<https://smolarekfh.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR **27**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Philip the Apostle Church  
950 Losson Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

*Please assemble at Church*

# Tribute Wall

DO

“ I am so sorry for your sudden loss. I worked at Orchard Park Middle School with Gary. He was such a nice man, with a great sense of humor. That guy had so many interests, and was always fun to talk to. May you feel the Lord's comfort and love during this most difficult time. You are in my prayers.

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**Deborah Marie Ogden** - April 30 at 07:24 PM

IL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. With my deepest sympathy. Brenda Lehrman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary P. Milsom.

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**I am so sorry for your loss. With my deepest sympathy. Brenda Lehrman** - April 29 at 09:42 AM

AV

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

*I taught at Orchard Park MS with Gary for 26 years. He was a great teacher and a warm, supportive colleague. He will always be remembered fondly.*

*With sympathy,  
Anne Violanti*

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**Anne Violanti** - April 28 at 03:08 PM

MT

“ I grieve with you today as the tragic loss of life is never easy. Condolences to the children, grandchildren, families and friends of Gary.

*I hold the memories I have of many occasions of laughter and smiles and humorous times gone by and hope you can as well. May Gary rest peacefully in God's care and the best of happy memories sustain you.*

*Sincerely, Peggy Tabone SC*

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**Margaret Tabone** - April 26 at 01:56 PM

JC

“ My sister Lindy and my mother Lorraine and I always had good times with our cousin Gary and his brother Skip. I'll never forget when he stuck a suction cup on his forehead and when he pulled it off it left a big bruise on his head. Then when Gary was in the service, my mother sent him a picture of a big turd with a ruler and coffee cup next to it. His commander in chief asked a lot of questions about it. He was quite the character and we truly loved him. Joanne nee Pauly

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**joanne Culbertson** - April 25 at 07:46 PM

MM

“ Gary was a very good teacher, his dry sense of humor and patience in the classroom kept his tech classes interesting and always. His love of Maria, family, corvettes and sailboats always provided great stories! My sincere condolences to family and friends

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**Mare Matyas** - April 25 at 06:21 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gary P. Milsom.*



April 24 at 12:11 PM



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April 24 at 12:04 PM



“ *The Mathewson Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Gary P. Milsom.*



**The Mathewson Family** - April 24 at 10:50 AM



“ *Danielle, Ilya & Eliana purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Gary P. Milsom.*



**Danielle, Ilya & Eliana** - April 24 at 10:08 AM

DE

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Danielle, Ilya & Eliana - April 24 at 10:08 AM



“ Gary was a member of my corvette club. I approached him last year at a car show. I had just purchased my 69 vette and I was looking for some people to talk to to learn more about it. Gary was sitting in a folding chair with another gentleman named Tom. Gary told me about the Corvette Club they was in and invited me to join. He was so warm and friendly. After I got the vette he told me how much he liked it and even offered me some pointers on what could be wrong with the numerous electrical issues I was having. He told me at one of the first car shows that I brought my car to "that car would look great with side pipes" Well the side pipes are going on and every time I hear them, I'll think of you Gary. You will be missed.



Sara O'Connor - April 23 at 06:20 PM

TS

Knew you since the 50s. We were kids growing up. 75 years of memories. Riding our Harleys together, working on the Corvettes and having dinner two nights a week together. I'll miss you every day for the rest of my life. I'll never forget you..

Tom Szaras - April 25 at 09:22 AM

JS

*Grew up together with my dear cousin Jimmy and brother Tom. Gary will be missed dearly. You couldn't find a nicer guy. Now Gary and his beautiful girl friend Maria, will always be together. Rip my friend.*

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**Jamison Szaras** - April 26 at 10:45 AM

TF

“ *The Bower Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gary P. Milsom.*



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**The Bower Family** - April 23 at 03:10 PM