



Gary Bruce Scranton

May 23, 2022

Gary Bruce Scranton, 80, of Mount Joy, PA and formerly Towanda, PA passed away peacefully on Monday, May 23, 2022 at Hospice & Community Care in Mount Joy, PA. Gary was born in Elmira, NY, he was the son of Bernard and Cora Bryant Scranton and the husband of Mary Jane Bradley Scranton.

In addition to his wife, Mary Jane Bradley Scranton, Gary is survived by daughter, Carrie (Kerry) Johnson of Lancaster, PA and son, David (Megan) Scranton of Lancaster, PA and two brothers, Thomas (Kathy) Scranton of Wellsboro, PA and Ben (Lorrie) Scranton of Springfield, MA. And five grandchildren: Hannah, Libby, Jake, Kara and Brady.

Gary and Mary met at Wellsboro High School and were married 57 years.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Lycoming College where he played baseball and was in the Kappa Delta Rho fraternity. He then earned his Master's Degree in Psychology from Millersville University of Pennsylvania.

Gary was a lifelong educator and worked for BLAST IU 13 as a School Psychologist and later at Wyalusing School District as the School Psychologist and Special Education Coordinator.

While at Lycoming College he met lifelong friends with whom he started the North Country Rod and Gun Club in Tioga County in 1970. Some of his passions include trout fishing and hunting. Every birthday you would find him fishing on Pine Creek. He was a true outdoorsman and loved sharing his knowledge with his family and friends. Gary also belonged to South Mountain Hunting Club in Canton, PA. He was an avid snowmobiler and would travel to Quebec for many winters to ride with friends.

Always an adventurer and teacher, he led a trip with high school students to Costa Rica on a sea turtle preservation trip. He also accompanied a musher in the 75th anniversary of the Serum Run from Nenana to Nome, AK (768 miles) on part of the Iditarod trail. That ride commemorated the anniversary of the delivery of life-saving serum during the 1925 Diphtheria Outbreak. He adopted this quote from explorer, Norman Vaughn on that trip and brought it to life daily; "Dream big and dare to fail".

Gary was a coach and served as the President of Towanda Little League. He also was a Towanda High School Baseball coach for several years, a member of Wellsboro, PA United Methodist Church, Towanda Elks Club and Towanda VFW, a member of the Ossea Masonic Lodge and served as a Towanda Township Supervisor.

Gary's memorial will be at 11:00, Wellsboro United Methodist Church, 36 Main Street, on Saturday, June 25, 2022 where he and Mary were married. He specifically asked that there be his favorite hymns sung at his life celebration. There will be a reception and storytelling at the Deane Center, 104 Main Street, Wellsboro, PA following. All are welcome and please come with your favorite Gary'isms to share as we lift up a man of great adventure and who lived life out loud. Interment will be family only at Wellsboro Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Gary's name may be made to Hospice & Community

Care, 685 Good Drive, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125 and Trout Unlimited, PA Council, PO Box 5148, Bellefonte, PA 16823.

Please visit Gary's Memorial Page at www.TheGroffs.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wellsboro United Methodist Church
36 Main Street
Wellsboro, PA 16901

Tribute Wall



“ Gary Bruce Scranton

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ I was so shocked to hear of Gary's passing. I was Gary's secretary at the administration office for many years. The thing I remember most about him was how very proud he was of his children and, at that time, first granddaughter Hannah. He loved life and the great outdoors and the many adventures. The best advice he ever gave me was, "You never sell any property that was given to you by your parents." He had a great impact on many in our district. I was out of town and was not able to attend the memorial service, but I understand from Cathy Keeney (former high school teacher) that it was a beautiful tribute to him. God bless. RIP Gary.

Marilyn Burke - June 27, 2022 at 10:21 AM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss of Gary. I worked with Gary for 25+ years as a Learning Support Teacher at the Wyalusing Valley High School. I attend his Memorial Service at the Methodist Church in Wellsboro. It was a wonderful tribute to a special man.

My special memory of Gary was the day he rescued a fairly newborn fawn who had curled up on the edge of the road. He had a new pair of gloves and picked up the curled-up fawn and placed her behind the guard rail. I called him at his office at the Administration Office in Wyalusing. I thanked him for his good deed. He was so excited.

Godspeed Gary, Godspeed

Cathy Keeney - June 25, 2022 at 05:57 PM

RO

“ Rosie & Bill O'Donnell purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Gary Bruce Scranton.



Rosie & Bill O'Donnell - June 23, 2022 at 09:24 AM

KL

“ I was so saddened for you and your family on the passing of Gary. Please except my sincere condolence.



Kate LeStrange - June 13, 2022 at 02:07 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Gary Bruce Scranton.



June 13, 2022 at 09:33 AM

RF

“ I was shocked and saddened to hear of Gary's passing. I got to know Gary while working in the Wyalusing Elementary School office and I always enjoyed him stopping in for a quick chat. Sending heartfelt condolences to his family.

Rena Furman - June 10, 2022 at 03:29 PM

JF

“ Please know how sad we felt on hearing of Gary’s death. Happy memories of baseball, laughter and home runs! A good life! The John Demangone family

John Demangone family - June 09, 2022 at 07:43 PM



“ God Bless you all. Gary was a true gentleman and a pleasure to know. I enjoyed selling him his snowmobiles and hearing about his Canadian adventures with his college pals. Rest easy kind Sir~

Erin Groves - June 08, 2022 at 12:09 PM

BH

“ To the Family and Friends of Gary: I know that Gary’s passing leaves a tremendous hole in your hearts and the hearts of folks who were part of his community. I am sorry about his passing and extend my condolences to each of you. I carry with me fond memories of past times spent with Gary fishing and hunting Tioga County, Pa. The photo here of Gary is terrific and is a perfect way to remember him. It tells The Story! Bob Harding Laupahoehoe, Hawaii

Bob Harding - May 30, 2022 at 04:18 PM

LK

“ Gary and I worked together in Lebanon County Schools. We spent many enjoyable sessions in conversation having fun and solving the problems of the world. While our paths have not crossed in the last 50 years, I have fond memories of our time together. I am saddened at his passing, knowing it was only a few short miles from Lebanon County where his professional career had its start and our friendship happened. RIP Gary and my condolences to you all. Larry Killian, Lebanon, PA

Larry Killian - May 29, 2022 at 03:51 PM