



## Gary W. Anderson

December 7, 1937 - November 28, 2017

Gary W. Anderson, 79, of Clarion, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on December 7, 1937 in Argentine, PA; son of the late Harry W. "Ted" and Ethel Deets Anderson.

Gary was a 1955 graduate of Concord High School.

After High School, he served our country in both the Army and Navy. He also served in the Naval reserves. While in the Navy, Gary achieved the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

He had multiple tours in Vietnam, served in the Gulf of Tonkin and the Bay of Pigs. Gary was awarded with the Vietnam service medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary medal, the Navy Commendation medal, the Navy Good Conduct medal, the National Defense medal, as well as others. After his 24 years in the military, he attended the Clarion College, then went to work for Owen's Illinois Glass Plant, where he retired from in 2000.

Gary married Bonnie June Terwilliger on October 19, 1959, and she survives. He was a member of the Clarion V.F.W. Post #2145 and the American Legion Post #066.

Gary enjoyed crossword puzzles, reading, gardening, the family dogs, Ollie and Oscar, and the family cat, Lillie. He had an extensive knowledge of facts and trivia and could answer nearly every question correctly in any game show on television.

Gary also enjoyed his travels in the Military to Europe, Argentina, and Japan.

In his youth, he was both a talented artist and writer.

Gary had a keen wit, with a dry sense of humor that was often lost on others. He is survived by his loving wife, Bonnie, his children, Ted Anderson and his wife Peg of Pittsburgh, Sharon Anderson and her husband Larry of Shippenville, Dana Michelle Anderson-Reinhardt and her husband Jeff of Charlotte, NC, Brian Anderson and his wife Teresa of New Bethlehem, Ernie Anderson and his wife Darlene of Gettysburg, Robert Eric Anderson of Clarion, and Gary Anderson of Clarion, twelve grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

Gary is also survived by his siblings, Dana Balsamo of Parker, Betsy Kriebel of York, Kathleen Branham of Redkey, IN, and Danny of Denver, CO.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters, "Little" Elsie Genevieve Anderson and Valjean McIlwain, and a granddaughter, Kristen Cope.

Gary was loved dearly by his family and will forever be missed.

There will be no public visitation.

Services will be private.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Valarie Balsamo Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Gary W. Anderson*



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**Valarie Balsamo Gillespie** - December 03, 2017 at 04:20 PM

SA

“ *Love you dad forever and ever!*

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**Sharon Anderson** - December 03, 2017 at 01:41 PM

WH

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the Anderson Family. We have known most of you for many years ... you have our deepest sympathy. We know you will miss Gary..so very much. But rest assured you have memories and stories to share . You will never forget. GOD be with you in the days ahead.*



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**Wayne,Pam and Bryan Smith(Barger Hollow)** - December 03, 2017 at 11:53 AM

SA

“ *Sharon Anderson lit a candle in memory of Gary W. Anderson*



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**Sharon Anderson** - December 01, 2017 at 09:12 PM

SA

“ Sharon Anderson lit a candle in memory of Gary W. Anderson



Sharon Anderson - December 01, 2017 at 07:46 PM

MU

“ Mugs sent a virtual gift in memory of Gary W. Anderson



Mugs - December 01, 2017 at 07:31 PM

TA

“ Tas lit a candle in memory of Gary W. Anderson



Tas - December 01, 2017 at 07:29 PM

TS

“ Sharon sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family



Tina schreiber - November 30, 2017 at 08:36 PM

WH

*Thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Anderson Family . We have known many of you ..for many years..you have our deepest sympathy. We know you will miss him very much... but cherish the memories and the stories you share. GOD be with you.*

**Wayne,Pam and Bryan Smith(Barger Hollow)** - December 01, 2017 at 03:07 PM

KW

“ *Ernie,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you, Darlene and your family in my prayers.*

*Kevin whalen*

**kevin whalen** - November 30, 2017 at 07:57 PM

SG

“ *Sharon and family, I'm so very sorry for your loss. Hugs,love and prayers sent over yours. May God's angels wrap you in their wings and surround yours in comfort and peace.*

**She Gilbert Gindlesperger** - November 30, 2017 at 06:47 PM

CC

“ *Carol Converso lit a candle in memory of Gary W. Anderson*



**Carol Converso** - November 30, 2017 at 06:44 PM

DK

“ Some of my best childhood memories were being at Uncle Gary and Aunt Bonnie's house. None of us ever had much but we didn't know any other way than to make due with what we had, which was each other. Although he was typically a quiet man when I was around him, the few times he spoke it was either something highly intelligent, very humorous, or yelling at us kids deservedly for breaking or going crazy on something. I have the utmost respect for his service he provided to our country. It is sad to see a patriarch of the Anderson side go away, but he has left behind a strong wife and children who can carry the legacy forward.

*May God bless him and his family.*

*Danny Dean Kriebel*

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**Daniel D Kriebel** - November 30, 2017 at 06:17 PM

RA

“ To my dad, I will always remember you, you were the best dad there ever was and will be, we had lots of good times together, watching the Steeler games, planting flowers, trees, bushes, shrubs. Only did I lose you I lost my best friend the day you went away. Mom, Ted, Sharon, Michelle, Brian, Ernie, Gary, your grandchildren, great grandchildren, the dogs, Ollie, Oscar, and the cat Lily, will miss you always. When ever the Steelers play I will always think of you, when someone is doing a crossword puzzle, Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune. I promise to keep that nasty neighbor out of our yard you for and promise to keep the yard looking the best on the block. Say hi to everyone I know in heaven for me. Love you always and forever. PS thank you for serving our country for 24 years.



*Your son Eric.*

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**Robert "Eric" Anderson** - November 30, 2017 at 05:47 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all...with all my Love...Larry*

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**Larry Goughler** - November 30, 2017 at 05:44 PM

SW

“ *Susan Walter lit a candle in memory of Gary W. Anderson*



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**Susan Walter** - November 30, 2017 at 01:32 PM