



## Gary J. Bailey

January 14, 1944 - April 24, 2023

Gary J. “Beetle Bailey” Bailey, 79, of Shippenville, passed away peacefully in his sleep at home early Monday morning, April 24, 2023.

He was born on January 14, 1944 in Alcola; son of the late George Bailey and Annie Harriger Barkefelt.

Gary married the love of his life, Barbara Schaeffer, on June 1, 1968, who survives.

He worked for Dolby Blasting in Clarion and then worked for Commodore Homes in Shippenville in the final finish department, retiring in 2009.

Gary was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Clarion and attended the Fern Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church with his grandson, Conner.

He was also an active member and local legend of the “Dubs on the Move” Volkswagen Club.

Gary always looked forward to getting together once a month with his retired Commodore coworkers for breakfast. He also enjoyed taking rides with Barb and Bailey in his Herbie replica.

Gary loved volunteering and helping with bingo at the Shippenville Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. He was a people person and was always giving hugs and compliments.

But above all, Gary adored his family and enjoyed picking on his grandsons. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Cecelia Oyer and her husband, Christopher, of Corry; his grandsons, Christopher Henry and his

significant other, Stacy Slimick, and Conner Henry, affectionately known to Gary as “Doctor Henry”, and his significant other, Stacy Arbuckle, all of Shippenville; his beloved dog, Bailey; and numerous in-laws, nieces, and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Gary was preceded in death by his step-father, James Barkefelt and his dear friend, Jed Brewer.

Family and friends will be received from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Rev. Monty Sayers presiding.

Interment will follow in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery.

The family asks that you pass on a random act of kindness in Gary’s memory. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the funeral home to help with funeral expenses.

# Cemetery Details

## Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery

Clarion, PA

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Robert V. Burns Funeral Home  
638 Wood Street  
Clarion, PA 16214  
(814) 226-6300  
<https://www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com>

## Mass

APR 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
715 East Main Street  
Clarion, PA 16214

# Tribute Wall



“ Robert V Burns Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary J. Bailey



---

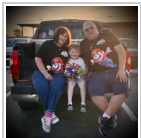
**Robert V Burns Funeral Home** - April 26, 2023 at 10:06 AM

JS

“ I met Beetle at Commodore Homes. I sold him a 1973 VW Beetle. We became GOOD friends after that... We had some good times together. We went to car shows in the center of pa... Sorry to hear of his passing. I will miss him as well of others will too. May he rest in peace.

---

**JAMES SCHETTLER** - April 26, 2023 at 02:14 PM



“ Angie and Myself are Praying for the family - sorry for the loss of your husband, father, and Grandfather - remembering the good times we shared while growing up - RIP uncle beetle - David Clark



---

**David Clark** - April 26, 2023 at 09:32 AM



“ 60 files added to the album LifeTributes



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - April 26, 2023 at 09:29 AM



“ Judy Calcutta lit a candle in memory of Gary Bailey



Judy Calcutta - April 25, 2023 at 06:21 PM