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On Saturday, July 1, 2023, Gary quietly passed at home with his loving wife, Susan, by his side. They were married on January 4, 2005, and spent 34 adventurous years together. He was born June 5th, 1953 in Phoenix, Arizona.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his six children, David A. Schaffer (Marilyn), Shawn R. Martin (Gary), Christy L. Castleberry (Scott), Travis J. Schaffer (Kristen, fiancé), Robert R. French II (Lisa, fiancé), and Stephanie M. Bergozza (Zale); sixteen grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and his extended family, Bryce and Gina Blair.

In addition, Gary has six siblings, Connie Sirks (Bill), Robert Hamrick (Gwen), David Hamrick (deceased), Nancy Schaffer-Heath (deceased), Debbie Schaffer-Awalt (deceased), and Richard Morrow Sr. (Arika). He also had and numerous nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Gary began carpentry at a young age, working alongside his father and grandfather, and later owning his own business in Arizona, working with some of the most elite builders in the Phoenix area. In 1983, he settled in Tallahassee and opened G. A. Schaffer Construction, Inc., providing master-carpentry work with numerous builders in the area for the last 27 years. He produced some of the most beautiful trim work, staircases, and custom woodworking pieces, including his signature work, crown mold bells.

Gary was a master mechanic of carpentry, taking the most challenging project and finding a way to complete it. He never hesitated to try something unique for his customers and was willing to think outside the box. Gary always took a moment to share his knowledge if someone was interested in carpentry. He took his work seriously but never missed a chance to have fun, like dumping ice water on his work crew on hot days.

Gary loved telling jokes and pulling pranks on his family and friends. One of his favorite past-times was sitting on the back porch with his morning coffee, watching the wildlife. Gary also



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loved surf-fishing, visiting Daytona for Bike Week, and outdoor motor recreation, which started in his younger days in Arizona. He enjoyed traveling and just exploring different places.

Gary will be greatly missed by all who knew him. A celebration of life is planned for Saturday, July 29th from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the Schaffer home.



Tribute Wall

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Katelyn Castleberry shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

just some of the pretty sunsets you continue to make. i love you grandpa.

February 14 at 10:39 AM



Susan Marie Schaffer shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Thoughts and memories of our life together fill my mind. It's hard to believe that we spent 34 years together and now you are gone. I hope you are at peace and surrounded by loved ones. I remember all of our first. From the first kiss to the last. I remember all the trips we took and how much fun we had exploring all the new places together. From the Grand Canyon to Niagra Falls. I know I will see you again. Until then keep the jokes rolling and the angels laughing.

August 9 at 3:29 PM



Elizabeth M Renna lit a candle in honor of Gary.

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart". My sister met a beautiful person and found her soulmate in him. Gary was warm, kind, and always ready to have a good time with his family and friends. Over the years we all watched in awe as he excelled in his career as a master carpenter, but always managed to remain humble. Thank you for being so caring, loving and kind. I light a candle for you today to celebrate you and to thank you for being a great addition in our family.

July 9 at 10:10 AM



Yvonne Renna lit a candle in honor of Gary.

Gary was always so fun to be around. He played jokes on me always. As Susan said he loved having his morning coffee on Greg back porch! The home was built by the two of them and all the projects together. He truly loved Susan and all of his family. He will be missed!! Love till we meet again!!

July 9 at 8:48 AM





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Lisa Kowlessar posted:

I will always remember Gary for his sense of humor. He always made me laugh and was very kind. He will be truly missed and forever loved ❤️

July 6 at 8:37 AM



Bobby French lit a candle in honor of Gary.

He loved playing jokes and making others laugh and smile. Seems like every time he walked outside he would find some kind of critter or snake and share it with you. Gary loved my mom very much, he helped raise my sisters and I along with his children. His heart was big and he would share anything he could with you even if it was just a cool story. Gary was a master craftsman, I bet there are a few hundred people in Tallahassee that are still enjoying something he built with his hands. He dedicated his life to his wife and big family and he will be missed dearly.



July 6 at 7:38 AM



Christy Castleberry shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I don't even know what to say... He will truly be missed. I will miss the dad jokes that he always told and hearing about the pranks he pulled on mom. ❤️



July 6 at 7:25 AM



Kellie Carson lit a candle in honor of Gary.

You will truly missed



July 6 at 3:06 AM



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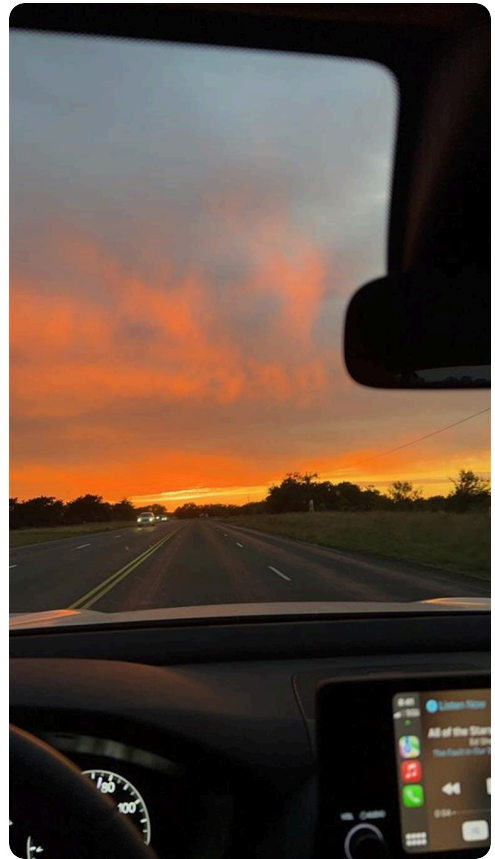
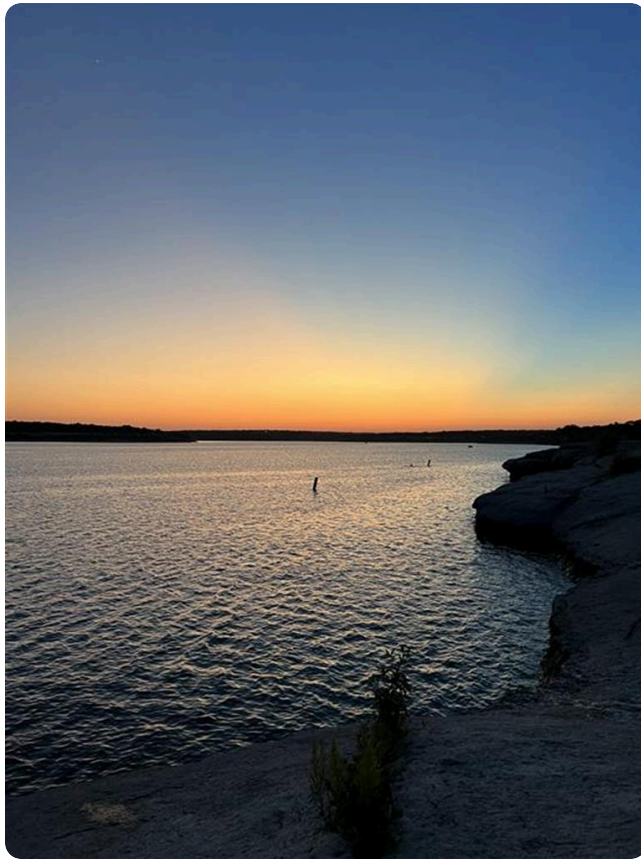




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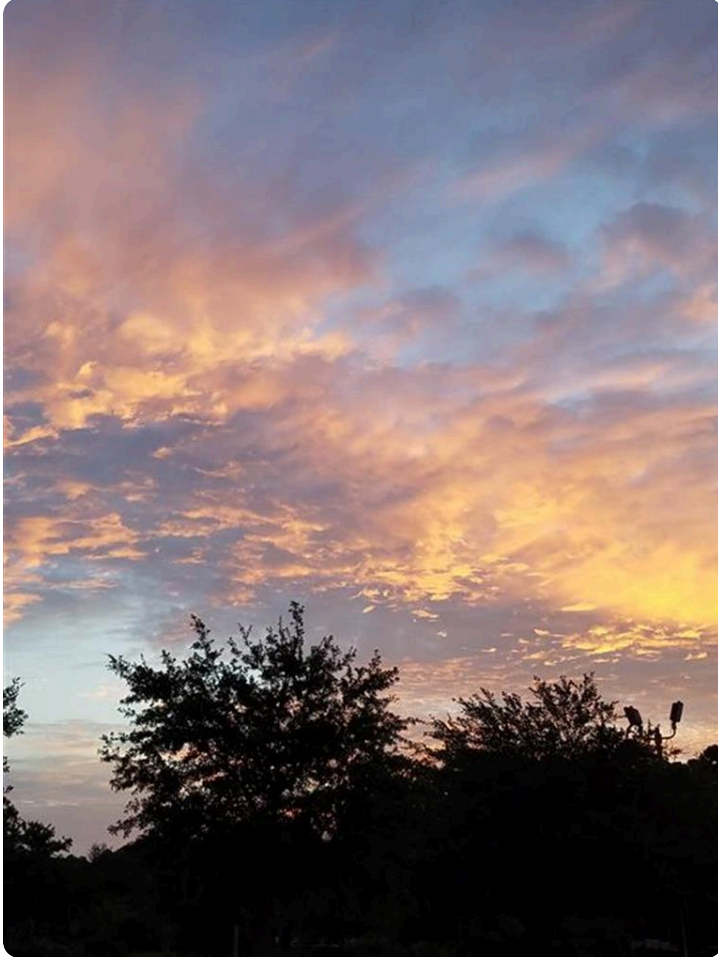
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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