



## Gary Staples

August 24, 2025

Gary Lee Staples, 69, of Carroll passed away at his home on Sunday, August 24, 2025, surrounded by family. Services will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 29, 2025, at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with visitation from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Private family graveside services will be held in the Carroll City Cemetery at a later date.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home and online condolences may be left for Gary's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Gary was the son of Keith Staples and Yvonne (Jorgensen) Staples. On April 15, 1989, he married Pat (Lampe) Staples. Gary attended Wentworth Military Academy, Peru State College and years later DMAACC.

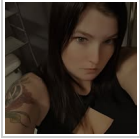
Gary's knowledge and love for cars lead him to opening Midtown Auto Glass. He loved restoring the old cars back to original quality and design. He may have cussed them once in a while but he rolled out beauties when they were finished. He did allow for some fun like swap meets and car shows occasionally. He always joked about the weekend when he wanted to work on his own stuff that wives threw their hubbies out of the house so they came to see what he was up to in the shop, coffee and newspaper in hand. He had hobbies like gardening and yard work or building some crazy yard art that

people couldn't resist. Always busy and never enough time in a day for him. We made one heck of a team on projects and disasters but most of the time I was always in the place he needed to be, how we laughed about that later in life. He was a good cook and only did dishes to get the creases in his hands clean. He was a good father and a good man. His two nicknames were Sammy Slammer and GarBear. I had a few more for him you know like "Honey" and "Sweetie" and we will leave it at that.

Gary is survived by his wife Pat Staples; two children Eric (Tasha) Staples and Trista (Jake) Kalkhoff; five grandchildren: Madi, Peyton, Alayna, Rikki and Elijah; one great grandson River; his brother John (Diane) Staples and their children: Kerri (Bill) Finner, Allie Staples, Brandon (Michaela) and Lennon Staples; a sister-in-law Lori Kunkel; brother-in-law Tracy Hall; Aunts Marlene Walters and Virginia (Norbert) Stoberl; Uncles Darwin Jorgensen and Mick Schurer; and by many other family and many friends.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Jacklin, Pat's parents Lawrence and Ethel Lampe, his best friend Mike Schurer, his niece Linda Steffen, aunts and uncles, a few cousins, some in-laws (or outlaws), and his shop dog Jack. I would name them all but there isn't enough paper. So let's close this knowing that when the Bear said, "I love you!" it was as heartfelt as it could have been. You will never be forgotten!

# Tribute Wall



“ Gary was always for us kids when we need help our vechicle. I looked up to him has a uncle . I will never forget the ride in the truck. You will be dearly missed

Laura Arp - August 30, 2025 at 05:15 PM

MM

“ Mick, Josh, Steve, Deanne, Rich, Michele purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Staples.



Mick, Josh, Steve, Deanne, Rich, Michele - August 28, 2025 at 10:21 AM

MM

“ Mick, Josh, Steve, Deanne, Rich, Michele planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Staples.

Mick, Josh, Steve, Deanne, Rich, Michele - August 28, 2025 at 10:21 AM

RH

“ RANDY HOOVER purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Gary Staples.



RANDY HOOVER - August 27, 2025 at 08:03 PM

RH

“ my condolences to PAT and family.  
Gary was a great friend i have known since the early 80s when we first met at the Fairmont Neb swap meet.  
Gary was the type of friend that you knew how he felt on a subject and stood firmly behind his opinion.  
no gray area with Gary as it should be amongst friends and i respected him for that.  
i always looked forward to setting up next to Gary at the Greenfield swap not just to set up but it was a time to catch up with Gary and more recently Erick about what was going on with life and share some laughs that i will truly miss.  
thanks for the good times and memories Gary you will deeply missed as such a talented good friend.  
RIP Gary

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**Randy Hoover** - August 27, 2025 at 07:51 PM

ST

“ Susan Teter-Lord lit a candle in memory of Gary Staples



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**Susan Teter-Lord** - August 27, 2025 at 06:50 PM

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*Pat and family, so sorry for your loss.*

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**Susan Teter-Lord** - August 27, 2025 at 06:51 PM

MT

*met Garbear in 1979, working at Farmland and over the next few years we became the best of friends, while never officially roommates we both awoke at each other's houses on many occasions. Gary was usually curled up in a ball asleep on my small love seat, with an 8-foot-long couch wide open on the other side of the room. We were in each other's weddings, although I don't remember too much of Gary and Patty's (damn that Wild Turkey). Over the years I moved away, and our lives drifted apart, but our friendship never did, and even if it was a few years in between visits, the conversation started right back up like it was yesterday. I will miss you and cherish the memories we made*

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**Michael Templemeyer** - August 28, 2025 at 12:09 AM

MH

*Pat, so sorry for your loss. Mary Hupp*

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**Mary Hupp** - August 29, 2025 at 12:04 PM

MM

“ *Our deepest Sympathy to the family of Gary, our hearts and our prayers with you all, we hope the love you have for Gary will outweigh the sorrow you are feeling today. Sending hugs and love to all the Family. Mary Ann & Danny Moore.*

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**Mary Ann Moore** - August 27, 2025 at 02:20 PM

PE

*So long GarBear, we had some good fun over the years ....Perry & Betty*

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**Perry** - August 30, 2025 at 05:00 PM