



Gary Wayne Knutsen

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Dear friends and family,

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Gary Wayne Knutsen, who departed this life on August 11, 2025, at 9:58 AM CST. Gary passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family. His life was a testament to his kind heart, unwavering integrity, and dedication to his loved ones. As a beloved husband, devoted father, cherished grandfather, and a loyal friend to many, Gary's presence will be deeply missed.

Gary's infectious humor was well-known; he was always ready with a joke or a witty remark, bringing laughter to those around him. He could always be relied upon to offer a helping hand, whether it was tackling a challenging project or simply lending a listening ear. His generous spirit and genuine compassion touched the lives of countless individuals.

Gary found immense joy in spending time with his family, especially his pets, and indulging in his passions for cars, boating, and the lake. Those who knew Gary will cherish his memory and remember him for his humor, generosity, and love for life.

He is survived by his wife Carol, children Megan and Kristen, grandchildren Haley, Paige, and Kole, and his sibling Kim, along with other cherished family members and friends.

A celebration of Gary's life with full military honors will be held at Wilson Funeral Home on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at 1:00 P.M. A time of visitation will be held at the funeral home on Saturday from 11:00 A.M. until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a charity that reflects Gary's love for animals, the outdoors, and his challenges with managing diabetes. Some suggestions include:

Racine Area Veterans



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<https://vovillages.networkforgood.com/projects/156133-support-our-veterans>

Wisconsin Humane Society

<https://www.wihumane.org/>

Wind Point Lighthouse

<https://windpointlighthouse.org/donate/>

May he rest in eternal peace, his memory forever cherished in our hearts.



Events

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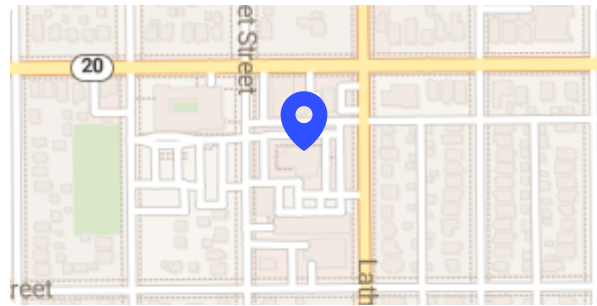
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Visitation

Saturday, September 27, 2025

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM CT

Wilson Funeral Home - Racine
1212 Lathrop Ave, Racine WI 53405

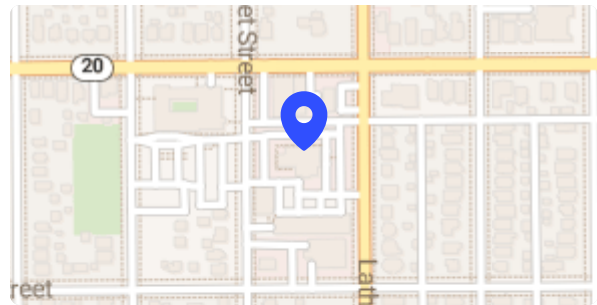


Celebration of Life

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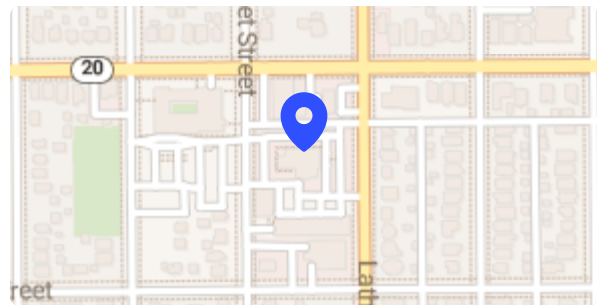


Full Military Honors

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Military honors will be held at the funeral home starting at 1:00 PM.





Tribute Wall

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MJ

Martin Jacobs lit a candle in honor of Gary.

Remembering my good friend and shipmate Gary. I will miss you Gary. Fair Winds & Following Seas, Shipmate.

September 26 at 4:11 PM



KS

Kristina Spetly & Karoline Sell (Spetly) sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Knutsen family.

September 20 at 10:09 PM



KS

Kristina Spetly & Karoline Sell (Spetly) planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gary.

September 20 at 10:09 PM



MJ

Martin Jacobs shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Gary was a long time member of Navy Club USA Ship 60. Gary rarely missed a meeting. He especially loved helping at our annual fundraisers. Gary will be missed. Fair winds and following seas, shipmate.

September 11 at 7:45 PM





Media

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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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