

# REMEMBERING Gary



Gary Wade Poff, age 76, passed away peacefully with his wife Kathy and wonderful caregivers at his side on October 21, 2020 at Stonebridge Oak Tree Villa in Jefferson City. A man appreciated for his dry sense of humor and excellent culinary skills, he enjoyed many adventures in life with his wife, friends and family. Rarely late but always moving at a

slow pace, a close friend teased, "He's the only person I know who takes 2 hours to watch 60 Minutes!"

Born in Thompson, Mo., Gary was the middle child of William "Cal" and Allene (Dollens) Poff. He graduated from Mexico High School in 1962. The first in his family to attend college, he worked full time at a gas station while earning his business degree in 1966 from the University of Missouri Business School. Gary lived in many places in Audrain County as a child (a favorite being Possum Walk Road) and felt blessed when he was able to build a family and settle in Jefferson City with his wife of 38 years, Kathy Poff.

Gary took pride in being a sharp-dressed professional and was highly experienced in the insurance industry, holding CLU and CPCU certifications and earning a long career of 23 years at Missouri Farm Bureau. He retired from Farm Bureau as the Treasurer and Assistant Secretary in 1994. He went on to start GWP Investments, and a family run business, Town & Country Lawn and Leisure Equipment Co. – the Polaris, Kawasaki and John Deere dealership - until his retirement in 2007.

Gary was an avid hunter all his life and an active member of Ducks Unlimited, serving as both State Treasurer and Chair

of the Missouri State Chapter. He loved playing golf with family (never beaten by his sons) and friends, watching golf and cooking shows, and was a member of the Jefferson City Country Club since 1974, where he served as Treasurer for a time. Gary also was a parishioner of the Cathedral of St. Joseph and later St. Stanislaus Catholic Parish. He enjoyed a good book, all things historical, and eating jellybeans. Gary also loved watching his kids and grandchildren's sporting games and events, attending every single track and cross country meet for five years.

Gary enjoyed world travel, some of his favorites being Spain, Hong Kong, Germany, and Hawaii. He treasured family trips to Hilton Head Island, Winter Park, Co., and especially the trip to Gulf Shores, where the entire family was together under one roof. Once retired, Gary's favorite destination was much closer to home. He loved to strap on his revolver, put on cowboy boots and hat, and head to the family farm or "ranch" as he referred to it, in Vienna, Mo. He cherished the quality time spent there with family and friends.

While battling Parkinson's, Gary still shared his favorite quote, "This too shall pass." Above all else, he loved his family. Survivors include his wife, Kathy Poff of Jefferson City, Mo.; his children, Michele Poff O'Guinn (James) of Chester Springs, Pa., Jeremy Kirsch (Jessica) of Jefferson City, Mo., Justin Kirsch (Kathy) of Jefferson City, Mo., and Wade Poff (Sarah) of McKinney, Tx.; his siblings, Donna Pulis (Wesley) of Centralia, Mo. and Estil Poff (Susan) of Columbia, Mo.; his grandchildren, Aidan Kirsch, Blake Kirsch, Bryan Kirsch, William Poff, Westin Poff and Clara Poff; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, William "Cal" and Allene Poff.



MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

11:00 a.m. Monday, October 26, 2020

Cathedral of St. Joseph  
Jefferson City, Missouri  
The Reverend I.C. Medina

Gathering Hymn ..... “Amazing Grace”

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading .....Lamentations 3

Responsorial Psalm .....Psalm 27

“The Lord is My Light & My Salvation”

Second Reading. ....Romans 14

Gospel ..... Matthew 11

Homily ..... Father I.C. Medina

Prayers of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts .....“Hail Mary, Gentle Woman”

Communion.....“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

Remembrances

Final Commendation

Recessional Hymn .....“Be Not Afraid”

Until we meet again,

*may God  
hold you*  
in the palm of His hand.

MUSICIAN  
Craig Branum

LECTORS  
John Meyers Olivia Meyers

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL  
Olivia Meyers

REMEMBRANCES  
Jeremy Kirsch & Wade Poff

PALLBEARERS  
Blake Kirsch R.L “Lee” LaFarge Aidan Kirsch  
Duane Kraft Bryan Kirsch Jesse Boehm

HONORARY PALLBEARER  
Lowell Mohler



IN APPRECIATION

All of Gary’s family want to express their sincere appreciation for the many comforting thoughts and prayers, floral tributes, food and many acts of kindness extended to each of them during this time.

**Freeman**  
MORTUARY

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

*Gary Wade Poff*

FEBRUARY 12, 1944 - OCTOBER 21, 2020

