



Gary L. Wallerich

November 3, 1958 - July 23, 2024

Gary Lynn Wallerich, 65, of Braidwood Illinois, passed away on July 23, 2024, after his brave fight against Pancreatic Cancer.

Gary was born on November 03, 1958 to Charles and Noweta (Vandever) Wallerich in Blue Island, Illinois. After Gary graduated from Bremen High School in 1976, he attended Lewis University to study Criminal Justice, and later decided to join the Operating Engineers Local 150 Union.

Gary married his high school sweetheart Emma Jean (Adler) on July 2, 1977. They enjoyed 47 years of marriage that included raising their 3 children.

Gary was highly active throughout his life, being an avid baseball player from little league to trying out for the Chicago White Sox. He also enjoyed bowling, and fishing. He was a track coach for Reed Custer High School and volunteered with the Reed Custer football chain gang in the 90's. He attended all of his children's and grandchildren's sporting events including Cheer, Volleyball, Baseball, Wrestling and Dance and was proud to watch all of their success.

Outside of his family Golf was Gary's passion, telling Emma "If he couldn't golf, life was not worth living". He forged a bond with the men on his league, many becoming like brothers. His proudest moments on the golf course were

his “hole in 1” on the 12th hole and winning the Mens Club Championship in 2023 at the Silver Oaks Golf Course, in the Braidwood Recreation Club. Loving golf as much as he did, he golfed up until 2 weeks prior to his passing.

Gary believed any job worth doing meant giving 110%, and not taking the easy way out. That dedication is what he put into everything he pursued and instilled in all of his children and grandchildren.

Gary retired in 2022 and his dream was to travel with his wife and enjoy some of the places they always wanted visit and make new memories. They purchased a camper and traveled to Indiana, Tennessee and Texas, enjoying the time with their family.

Gary is survived by his wife, Emma; his children, Christy (Brandon) Roberts, Robert (Rebecca) Wallerich, Jackie (Johnathan) Ward,; his grandchildren, Bryce (Keyshira), Joshua (Haley), Ashlyn, Kaytlyn, Victoria, Jason, Johnathan Jr., Jackson; his great-grandson Kylo; his godchildren Lisa Thompson, Bridget Gutierrez, Nichole Wood; his sister Diana Bellah and brother Terry Wallerich.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents Charles “Lee” Wallerich and Noweta Wallerich; his father and mother-in-law Wilbert “Red” Adler and Ramona “Mona” Adler.

A celebration of life for Gary will be held on July 30th, 2024, at the Braidwood Recreation Club, 33915 Il. Rt. 53, Braidwood, Il. 60408 main office building Conference Room, at 3:00 pm.

As Gary found joy in life and sharing it with others, the family asks you do the same, go out and do something that brings you real joy and share it with those around you. If you feel so moved, reach out and tell us about it - or another joyful time you shared with Gary.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation in Gary's name to Pink Heals Joliet Chapter. <https://pinkhealsjoliet.org/donate/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **30**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Braidwood Recreation Club
33915 IL Rt 53
Braidwood, IL 60408

Celebration of Life starts at 3:00 PM.

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary L. Wallerich.*



July 29, 2024 at 12:19 PM



“ *Mike & Michelle Kellenberger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary L. Wallerich.*

Mike & Michelle Kellenberger - July 29, 2024 at 12:19 PM



“ *Emma, Sending our love and thoughts to you and your family during this tough time. Gary touched so many lives in the very best way. His colleagues and customers were all grateful to get the chance to know and work with him. Everyone at the office is thinking of you. We hope you feel our best wishes and support right now. Much Love, Amy Gollan*



Amy - July 28, 2024 at 02:32 PM



“ *Much Love, Your ProMed Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gary L. Wallerich.*



Much Love, Your ProMed Family - July 28, 2024 at 01:55 PM

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“ To Emma, Christy, Bob, Jackie and the rest of Gary’s family, we extend our sincere condolences for such a great loss. Our last time shared together in person was at our shared retirement celebration. You and Gary were already packed up and ready to head off to Texas to visit family and embrace retirement together. Oh how we wish you could have been able to do that together for much, much longer. Gary was such a nice guy who was loved and respected by many. As former employees, Christy and you both know how much the staff at the facilities Gary delivered medical supplies to loved and appreciated how he went the extra mile to make sure they got there shipments delivered as smoothly as possible with care and a smile. As much as we are glad Gary is no longer suffering, we know how much he is deeply missed by all. Keeping you in our prayers.
Patty & Glenn Adams



Glenn and Patty Adams - July 28, 2024 at 10:39 AM

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Emma, it's been almost seven years since I retired from ProMed but I want to send you and your family my deepest sympathy. You two were such a wonderful couple and always so nice to work with. My thoughts and prayers are with you Emma and all of your family.
Donna Schroeder

Donba Schroeder - July 30, 2024 at 02:22 PM