



## Gary Ray Dydyk

August 19, 1947 - March 17, 2020

Gary Ray Dydyk, 72, of Cicero, NY, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on March 17, 2020 in Sarasota, FL. He was born in Syracuse, NY to the late John “Lefty” and Julia (Ewanicki) Dydyk. Gary graduated from Solvay High School and Fredonia State University and graduated with a Master of Music degree from Binghamton University.

He was a great jazz musician; he played saxophone, flute and clarinet in many bands around town, including the Syracuse Symphony, multiple theatre productions, and at the Syracuse Jazz Fest. Gary was an avid SU sports fan and spent many hours watching SU games with his grandsons. He volunteered time to organize and play music at Andrews Memorial Methodist Church. Gary taught school at Frankfurt Schuyler High School from 1969 until 1974 and retired from the Teamsters 317 P&C Warehouse. He was an avid golfer and two-time medalist in the state SUNY golf championship in 1967 & 1968 and won many golf tournaments in the Syracuse area.

Gary was a dedicated family man, loving husband, wonderful father and cherished grandfather who will be truly missed. Family always came first.

Gary is survived by his High School Sweetheart and loving wife of 50 years, Grace Marie (Stanton) Dydyk; his sons, Todd Hayden (Rachael) Dydyk and Derek Gary (Kindelyn Robinson) Dydyk; his beloved grandchildren, Hayden Robert Dydyk and Ethan Ray Dydyk; a brother, Jon Scott Dydyk, along with 2 nieces and 3 nephews.

Calling hours will be held on Sunday, July 19, 2020 from 2 to 4 pm followed by a memorial service in celebration of Gary’s life at 4 pm at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Road (corner of Buckley Road), North Syracuse.

Donations may be made on behalf of Gary Ray Dydyk who was an avid animal lover, especially Beagles, to ones’ favorite rescue organization.

# Events

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**JUL** **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home

3401 Vickery Rd, North Syracuse, NY, US, 13212

**JUL** **Funeral Service** 04:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home** - July 17 at 03:27 PM

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“ Gary and were good friends at Fredonia in the late 60's. He was an excellent clarinetist, and roommate through our college years. He always spoke with love about his high school sweetheart. I was saddened to hear of his early passing.  
Terry Gamble  
Trumpet major  
music teacher, Amherst Central Schools  
SUC Fredonia 1965-69

**Gamble** - July 21 at 11:03 AM

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“ Grace and family, so sorry for your loss. Gary was a classmate, bandmate, and friend. I saw him often at P&C. A talented musician, a great loss. My thoughts and prayers.  
Michael Fabisiak

**Michael J Fabisiak** - July 20 at 11:41 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Ray Dydyk.



July 18 at 07:19 AM

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“ 84 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home - July 17 at 03:17 PM

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“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Gary Ray Dydyk.



July 15 at 11:13 PM

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“ Grace,  
I was saddened to hear of Gary's passing today. While I have not been in touch with you both since high school except for a brief visit at a recent reunion, I certainly have vivid memories of you both from the 60s. I'll never forget joining Gary one winter Friday night freshman year and shoveling snow off the court at St. Charles School so we could play basketball. I'm sure his memory will live on through your sons and grandchildren. All my best,  
Mike Fabio

Michael Fabio - July 02 at 04:04 PM

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“ Dear Grace,  
  
So sorry for your loss, My Don loved Your husband and spoke of Him often with much fondness, I lost Don on December 18, 2018,,,,please know my heart & prayers are with you and for you and your family to cope at this difficult time and beyond.....

With My Deepest Sympathy,  
Helen Filipkowski

helen filipkowski - April 27 at 12:46 PM

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“ Grace and family- so sorry to hear of Garys passing. We were classmates, and band mates at Solvay, and also spoke frequently at P&C. My sympathy for your loss.

Michael Fabisiak

Michael J Fabisiak - April 17 at 02:46 PM

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“ Grace to you and your family so sorry to here of Garys passing. Mickey Lorber

Mickey Lorber - April 15 at 10:22 AM

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“ Grace and family- I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. May God watch over you all and bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Much love, Samantha and family

Samantha Hofstetter - April 15 at 09:33 AM

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“ Grace, words cannot express the love Steve and I have for you and Gary, nor the depth of our sorrow at his passing. May God grant you and your family the Strength you need during these trying times. Our prayers are with you

Diane Hofstetter - April 15 at 09:06 AM

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“ My husband Stan and I worked with Gary at P&C many years ago. Such a gentle man, We always enjoyed him and Grace at all our company get togethers back in the good old days!  
Prayers going out to Grace and her grandsons. Stan passed away in 2018 just short of our 50th anniversary so I share your sorrow.

Vall Pietrowicz - April 15 at 08:02 AM

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“ I was in 10'th grade in 1970. Being that Chicago and Blood Sweat & Tears were popular, I wanted to start up a brass band and Gary was our music teacher in Frankfort NY. I asked Gary for some help. The man wrote and taught the entire brass section how and what to do. It sounded great. He spent many hours with us after school, weekends, all summer, and never asked for anything but come to one of our gigs. One of the nicest and trusting men I have ever met. Such great memories.

So form all of us in the band, Rick Palumbo, Chuck Disanto, Joe Bellino, John Cushman, Chris Simmons, Dave Jones and Jeff Jones,  
YOU ARE THE BEST.

Proof that the man upstairs wants the great ones as soon as he can.  
Thoughts and prayers to all,  
Rick Palumbo

**Rick Palumbo** - April 15 at 07:44 AM

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“ Grace & family, very sorry to hear of Gary's passing. We had some good times together, he was a great musician and an even greater person. Somewhere a band just got a new lead alto player. That will always sound good to me.

John

**John Saltamach** - April 12 at 06:56 PM

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“ 4/11/2020 Dear Grace, my condolences on your Husband's passing. I remember when you both got married a few weeks before Richard and I did back in August 1969. Richard passed on 9/11/2019. We were able to celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary which we were very happy about even though he was in the hospital. Keep all those memories you made together close in your heart because they will help you get through this difficult and sad time. You, your children and grandchildren will be in my prayers. Barbara Esposito

**Barbara Esposito** - April 11 at 10:52 PM

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“ Grace Marie, Linda and I are truly sorry to hear about Gary's passing. I will always remember the time you guys came to France and Gary taught me how to play when the saints come marching in on the trumpet I did not know how to read music but he wrote which piston to press .  
A very good man.

**Daniel Rodriguez** - April 11 at 08:18 PM

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“ Grace, Scott and the boys, I am very sadden that our friend and golf buddy has passed. When you were with Gary you knew you would have a good time! When I think of Gary , Scott my brother and I golfing It always makes me smile. RIP Gary, Tony & Patty DeSpirito

anthony j despirito - April 11 at 12:28 PM

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“ Heartfelt sympathy to you Grace, your children and grandchildren. Gary was a great guy. Always smiling. Cherish so many wonderful memories. Love, prayers and hugs

Annette DelVecchio - April 11 at 11:07 AM

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“ Grace Marie,  
Our hearts are broken, we weep with you, we will forever hold dear our memories of you and Gary. We still often share with friends some of the great stories of our adventures with you both. Stories of your visit to our home in PR, our special 25th wedding anniversary cruise we all celebrated together, to our visits with you both in Sarasota. These memories and many more will keep Gary and his love for you and family, alive for us. We wish we were allowed to be with you both and the boys in those last days at the hospital, but our brief visit with you and our shared tears, spoke to our love for you both. May Gary Rest In Peace now that his pain is gone, and may your broken heart mend. We love you dearly.

Anna and Larry

Larry Miller - April 10 at 07:11 PM