



## Gary Donovan Holt

November 26, 1944 - June 1, 2020

Gary Donovan Holt, 75, of Mason City, passed away Monday, June 1, 2020 at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center, Mason City, Iowa with his wife of fifty years, Cathy, and their oldest son, Cary, by his side.

Per Gary's wishes, his body was cremated. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Gary was born on November 26, 1944, the son of Richard and Maxine (Mitchell) Holt of Mason City, Iowa. The oldest of four children, Gary grew up working on the family farm, where he helped raise hogs. He was a member of 4H and Future Farmers of America. Gary also worked at the family business, Holt Sanitation. Gary graduated from Mason City High School in 1963. After graduation Gary married Naomi Finette. They welcomed a daughter, Penny Sue in 1965, and a son, Troy Donovan in 1967.

Gary was united in marriage to Cathleen Marsh on April 11, 1970 at Trinity Lutheran in Mason City, Iowa. The couple started their life together in Mason City before moving to Des Moines, Iowa in 1973 where they owned Des Moines Plate Glass and Mirror, and would start their family in 1977 with the birth of their first son, Cary Donovan. Their second son, Douglas Richard, was born in 1979. The couple celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary earlier this year.

The family moved back to Mason City in the early 90s. Gary worked for Mason City Glass until his retirement in Fall of 2019. Gary traveled all over Iowa for Mason City Glass, installing some of the most difficult and impressive glass work in hotels, hospitals, banks, schools and many other commercial buildings. It wasn't uncommon to hear Gary proudly say "I installed that glass." Almost all of us have been in a building where Gary could claim workmanship.

Gary loved to tinker in the garage with his son Cary at his side and a cigar in his mouth. Gary always had a cigar, whether he was in the garage or out fishing with his son Doug. Gary and Cathy loved to get in the car and head out for an adventure. As a family, every

weekend was an adventure living near the Des Moines River and Saylorville Lake. Gary loved to take his family boating. Many a weekend was spent on the water, exploring hidden coves, picnic basket in tow. When they weren't enjoying the outdoors, boating or camping, Gary would check his family into a hotel for the weekend so his boys could go swimming.

Those left to cherish memories of Gary are his wife, Cathleen Ann Holt and their children Cary Donovan (Louisa) Holt, and Douglas Richard Holt. Gary is also survived by his two children, Penny Sue Holt and Troy Donovan Holt, from his previous marriage; a brother, Ron (Theresa) Holt; sister, Joella (Rich) Winters; and many nieces and nephews.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Maxine Holt; and a sister, Karen M. Eskildsen.

# Comments

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“ Gwen Lewis lit a candle in memory of Gary Donovan Holt



**Gwen Lewis** - June 11 at 07:28 PM



“ Cathy I am so sorry, Your in my thoughts and Prayers

**Gwen Lewis** - June 11 at 07:30 PM



“ Sandy Hahn Flugge lit a candle in memory of Gary Donovan Holt



**Sandy Hahn Flugge** - June 09 at 01:14 AM



“ To the Holt family sorry for the loss of your loved one. Sandy & Dan Flugge

**Sandy** - June 09 at 01:15 AM



“ Cathy and family, Walt and I are very sorry to learn about Gary's death. He was a good man and I know he loved his family dearly. Keep all those wonderful memories close to your heart. Walt and Sue Muskovich

**Sue Muskovich** - June 08 at 11:26 AM



“ Cathy and family I am very sorry to see this obit today. My condolences to you all. Had some happy time with you and Gary when your family would come to the Minnesota State Fairs etc.. Many hugs and prayers to you. Marilyn Winton

Marilyn Winton - June 08 at 09:14 AM

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“ Carol Franta(Stanfield) lit a candle in memory of Gary Donovan Holt



Carol Franta(Stanfield) - June 07 at 06:20 AM



“ Godspeed to all the Holt families. Gary was a great man.

Carol Franta(Stanfield) - June 07 at 06:21 AM

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“ Sorry for your loss.  
Mike and Mary Lee-Anderson.

Mary Lee-Anderson - June 06 at 02:42 PM