Gale Edward Twitchell

April 18, 1942 - September 16, 2024

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Gale Twitchell, 82, passed away in the same manner that he loved to live—peacefully and surrounded by his loving wife, children, and grandchildren. He was born on April 18, 1942, in Wacousta to Malcolm and Mary Twitchell and lived all his life in Wacousta—spending most of his years on the very same land where he grew up alongside his parents.
Gale was a man of immense strength—both physically and mentally. He faced life's challenges, including his recent diagnosis with stage 4 cancer in July, head-on with courage and determination.
Gale was a devoted husband to his wife, Dianne. His greatest joy was the time spent with her and their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, whom he loved unconditionally. An outdoorsman at heart, Gale loved fishing, hunting, and spending time at their cottage on Thousand Island Lake. In his younger years, he loved exploring the beauty of the U.P. and Canada with his wife and kids and touring the United States on his Honda Goldwing.
He was a man of hard work with abundant intestinal fortitude. Gale worked for 35 years for General Motors after which he enjoyed 28 years of retirement. He was a hands-on kind of guy and skilled at many trades—whether it was auto body work, welding, construction, or operating heavy machinery, there was nothing mechanical he couldn't figure out. He took great pride in his work and was always willing to lend a helping hand and teach others what he knew.

His legacy is one of kindness, integrity, and love. His family meant everything to him, and his memory will forever live in their hearts.

Gale is survived by his wife Dianne; children Brenda (Ken) Copley, Brian (Amanda) Twitchell, Becky (Tony) Whitney, Bethany (Owen) Twitchell Flynn, Bonnie Twitchell, Betsy (Charlie) Twitchell, Angelia (Scott) Gibbs; grandchildren Allison (Andre), Jacob (Libby), Brian, Joshua (Megan), Mackenzie, Cameron (Haylee), Sidney, Anna (Jared), Josette (Tyler), Emma, Mateo, Eleanor, and Zoe; great-grandchildren Zach, Niles, Mila, Madi, Athena, and Crue; brother James Twitchell; lifelong friends Stan Walker, Bob Marsh, and Lyle Patrick; in-laws Carol Twitchell, Ridge and Vicki Owen, Michelle (Al) Ayers, Michael (Lisa) Pierce, Janette (Paul) Walton, Carol Pierce, Jeff Shepard, Randy Shepard, Ridge Owen,Jr.; Clara Twitchell, the mother of his children; and several nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Predeceased by his parents, infant son Dennis, sister Joyce (Ted) Kaminski, sister Janet (James) Eimer, brother Gary Twitchell, and sister-in-law Dawn Twitchell.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, September 21, 2024, 11:00 AM at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with Pastor Chuck Foerster of Immanuel Lutheran Church, officiating. Visitation will be Friday from 4-7:00 PM and Saturday one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow at Wacousta Cemetery. A luncheon following the service at the cemetery will be at the Wacousta Community United Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1640, Hagerstown, Maryland 21741 (https://donate.cancer.org/?campaign=default&lang=en&_ga=2.15923125.2011167817.1726624265270271 92.1726624265&_gac=1.220277482.1726624265.CjwKCAjw0aS3BhA3EiwAKaD2ZReVqK11L5--h7ct69JJJjuW9cF66Cods8cbzcPzxWmzQYche4BZ6BoCdJMQAvD_BwE) or the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48906 (https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=cahsad&id=23). Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com

Cemetery Details

Wacousta Cemetery

13500 Wacousta Road
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
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Visitation

SEP **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

SEP **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LW

Lina W. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gale Edward Twitchell.

Lina W. - September 21, 2024 at 07:37 PM

AH

Always so kind! Gale was a warm-hearted man ~ my prayers are with his family ~ my God provide them with peace at knowing he lived life well ❤️ Annette

Annette H - September 20, 2024 at 10:08 PM

W1

Thank you Gale for your senior leadership on the First Grand Ledge High School Wrestling Team. You were instrumental in kicking off a 64 year wrestling program tradition in Grand Ledge.

Wrestling class of 1963 - September 19, 2024 at 08:05 PM

DT

Gale Twitchell is 3rd wrestler from the left in the back row. This was his senior year in 1960.

Dianne Twitchell - November 05, 2024 at 08:01 PM

DE

1 file added to the tribute wall

Doug Eschtruth - September 19, 2024 at 07:13 PM

161 files added to the album LifeTributes

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home - September 19, 2024 at 05:25 PM

PM

Patricia M. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gale Edward Twitchell.

Patricia M. - September 19, 2024 at 03:25 PM

Sympathy Silk Vase was purchased for the family of Gale Edward Twitchell.

September 19, 2024 at 03:13 PM

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gale Edward Twitchell.

September 19, 2024 at 01:13 PM

TS

Tori (Twitchell) and Mike Schneider purchased the Love's Tapestry for the family of Gale Edward Twitchell.

Tori (Twitchell) and Mike Schneider - September 18, 2024 at 09:51 PM

TS

Tori (Twitchell) and Mike Schneider planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gale Edward Twitchell.

Tori (Twitchell) and Mike Schneider - September 18, 2024 at 09:51 PM

Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Gale Edward Twitchell.

September 18, 2024 at 05:34 PM

EL

Eleanor purchased the Lavender Love Bouquet for the family of Gale Edward Twitchell.

Eleanor - September 18, 2024 at 04:28 PM

Purple Rose Buds with Baby's Breath (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Gale Edward Twitchell.

September 18, 2024 at 04:09 PM

Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gale Edward Twitchell.

September 18, 2024 at 04:01 PM

RB

Rosemary Black planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gale Edward Twitchell.

Rosemary Black - September 18, 2024 at 04:01 PM

RR

Ridge, Vicki, Coltyn, and Ridgie purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Gale Edward Twitchell.

Ridge, Vicki, Coltyn, and Ridgie - September 18, 2024 at 12:41 PM