



## Gary Gledhill

March 27, 1960 - August 26, 2021

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# Tribute Wall

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“*Man. Just a few months ago I just spent an hour or so trying to track Gary down online without any luck. I got a call last night with the news of his passing.*

*I met Gary working at Ocean Casino in Ocean City in 1985. I worked there for parts of four summers living in the apartment below. Gary was the adult supervision as he was 7-10 years older than the rest of us. He was our weekly ride to grocery shop - sometimes cramming his old Nissan pickup so full that some of us would ride under the plywood bed cover. So many memories. Four wheeling in his Nissan packed full of people on "stinky beach," riding his old Honda CB125s, learning to service pinball machines... I can still here the same old tape that he seemed to always have in the tape deck.*

*As I recall, Gary opened an arcade on 142nd street in OC before moving over to Ocean Pines. Prior to my meeting him, he had one at the Tri-State Mall in northern DE. He shared a few stories/details about family over the years but sadly I've forgotten them all. He was an electronics/electrical genius (or at least it seemed that way to me at the time). I remember in the 80s chasing an electrical problem in my ratty Chevelle for months (including paying a specialty shop) with no luck. Gary told me to bring it by and had it fixed in an hour or so while I manned the counter at the arcade.*

*We'd pop in and visit him (and Raisin) anytime we were in OC - usually a couple of times a season. I was surprised the year that we stopped by and the Family Fun Center was gone. I was never able to track him down after that.*

*Rest in Peace Gary. For the rest of us: track down that old friend you've been thinking about before it's too late.*

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**Craig** - September 17, 2021 at 02:18 PM

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“ I remember Gary from the family fun center. He was always smiling and so great with all the kids that came there. Even if you didn't have any money he would let you have a game or two for free. He was such a kind person. He will be missed by all the people who's lives he touched 😭

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**Kaitlyn Morris (Dansberger)** - September 15, 2021 at 09:29 AM

SR

“ I have found a name that seems to be associated with Gary. The name is Charles, who possibly lives in the Philadelphia area and is 9 years older than Gary. Given the small-ish difference in age, the two may be brothers or cousins. There is also a William, of no given age who may be his father, possibly deceased, from Florida. Gary mentioned living in Florida some time before opening the Fun Center. I wish a family member or one of the "regulars" at the Fun Center was able to claim him and had the financial means to give him a more dignified burial. Wish it could have been me.

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**Steven R.** - September 15, 2021 at 03:00 AM

KH

“ Gary was a great friend to me for over 30 years. He is someone who had a positive impact on my life. Gary at times was a father figure to me, there is no doubt I have him to thank for many great things in my life today.

He was always there for me and many others and he never expected anything in return. He helped me in all type of things in life, hundreds if not over a thousand times. I was very fortunate that I was able to return some of the favors over the past few years, as he was a proud person and never wanted to be a bother to anyone, the truth is I would have done anything for him and was like a proud son when I was able to help him.

There were so many great times at the arcade, riding motorcycles, fixing games, countless meals..... I have thousands of great memories and will continue to have those great memories of a great person and a great friend. If heaven exists he is on the carpet playing with his old pet dog Raisin right now. I love you.

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**Keith Hovance** - September 14, 2021 at 10:16 PM

SR

Raisin! Gosh, I haven't heard her name in so long. She was such a good dog despite her health issues. Bless her heart.

This is a nice and thoughtful message, Keith. Your comment about him being something of a father figure is true for me too. I was thinking about that today after I submitted my message below. He gave us Ocean Pines kids a fun place for our birthday parties and a hang-out spot. It is hard to imagine growing up without the Fun Center. He tolerated me as an occasional troublemaking brat in middle school into a good friend by the end of my high school years. I'm grateful for his graciousness and patience. I regrettably lost contact with him around 15 years ago. I will make it a point to visit his grave whenever I am on the east coast again. Some of my best memories of the 1990s and early 2000s are associated with the Fun Center including some of the regulars. Gary had a genuinely good heart. God bless him.

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**Steven R.** - September 15, 2021 at 01:23 AM

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*Beautiful tribute, Steve. Gary indeed had a kind and generous heart, and a smile for everyone.*

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**Bonnie Robertson** - September 15, 2021 at 10:48 AM

RP

“*Gary was a great guy that kept a lot of us kids out of trouble. He would always let me do odd jobs like taking out the trash or cleaning up around the arcade to earn money for games and a soda. I remember helping him load stuff up when he had to close. By the end we were all standing in the pool room eyes full of tears. That was the last time I got to see him and I've always looked back on the fond memories wondering what he was up to now and if he was doing well. I will miss you my friend.*

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**Ricky Powell** - September 14, 2021 at 06:45 PM

SR

*Nice message, Ricky. That is certainly true about keeping us out of trouble. Although, there were times in my middle school and early high school years where I caused some occasional trouble there. If you didn't get kicked out for manually releasing the basketballs in that one game while hoping Gary wouldn't catch you, you haven't lived. I think Gary understood our youthful indiscretions and didn't take it personally, thankfully.*

*I was out of contact with him by the time he closed. Wish I could have been there with you guys during the final days. It was truly the end of an era. One wasn't a true "Ocean Pines kid" unless they had at least one birthday party at the Fun Center. He was good to all of us and I hope he can sense our appreciation in Heaven.*

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**Steven R.** - September 15, 2021 at 01:43 AM

SR

“ I just heard this sad news. I used to visit the Fun Center all the time in my middle and high school days and sometimes after high school. Gary was a generous guy and had a good heart. Gary would often order from the local Chinese restaurant and would pay for our meal if we went on our bikes to pick up his order for him. Gary, me, and some of the other regulars used to play laser tag (back when Q-Zar was still in operation), see movies, go to Rocky Horror in Newark Delaware, and eat the local Chinese buffets. Good times I will fondly remember forever.

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**Steven R.** - September 14, 2021 at 05:04 PM

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*Hunans in the pines plaza. Took many trips over there myself.*

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**Ricky Powell** - September 14, 2021 at 06:46 PM

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*I can visualize every single moment of the bike ride between the Fun Center and Hunan. Riding down into the ditch by the car wash and back up was always a highlight of the trip.*

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**Steven R.** - September 15, 2021 at 01:29 AM

DW

“ Gary, was an awesome guy. He'd give you the shirt off his back. Always had a smile, he was a great friend. Yes he was very private and I guess that's why no one knows if he has any family. I sure wish someone would come forward and claim him. He deserves better. All the love he showed over the years to people. He owned and operated the Family Fun Center in Ocean Pines and after that began repairing video game for other businesses. I personally will miss you a lot my friend.

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**David Watson** - September 12, 2021 at 11:54 PM

SR

*Nice message, David. In all the years I knew him, I don't think I ever thought to ask about his relatives, and I can't specifically recall him mentioning anything about them. I want to say that he mentioned having a sister once, but that might not be accurate. For some length of time, in the 90s, he had a girlfriend named Deb. That I know for sure.*

*I actually didn't even know his real last name until today. My cousin and I never inquired and we always joked that he didn't have a last name.. we wanted to keep it a mystery in those days. One of the regulars told it to us one night back then but we acted as though we didn't hear it ("he's just Gary from the Fun Center, he doesn't have a last name!"). After some years, I was thinking about that night again and the name "Campbell" came to mind, so ever since I assumed that was it. Turns out the mystery continued after all, until today.*

*In reference to your reply about Hunan on my comment, Mr. Hunan used to come in to the Fun Center and play Skee-ball on rare occasions. I think Mr. Hunan passed away in the early or mid-2000s. Perhaps he was one of the first to greet Gary upon his entrance into Heaven, along with Gary's dog Raisin.*

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**Steven R.** - September 15, 2021 at 02:04 AM