



Gary H. Duell

October 3, 1936 - September 1, 2024

Gary H. Duell, 87, of Lakeland, FL, formerly of North Creek, NY, passed away September 1, 2024 in Lakeland.

Born October 3, 1936 in Glens Falls, NY, Gary was the son of Harold B. and Alice M. Duell.

Gary graduated from South High in 1954, where he was active on the baseball, football, basketball, and track teams. He graduated from SUNY Oswego in 1958 where he played soccer and baseball. He belonged to the Delta Kappa Fraternity.

In 1958 Gary married his long-time girlfriend, Janice Mason Duell, and they began their teaching careers together at Johnsburg Central School in North Creek, NY. There Gary taught technology and driver education for 34 years, where he passed on his talent for perfection and pride in one's work. He earned the nickname "proper tool Duell".

In 1992 Gary and Jen retired from teaching and began traveling in US, Canada, and Alaska in their motor home. They became "snow birds" and spent winters in Lakeland, Florida at the Sanlan RV Park, eventually moving permanently to Lakeland.

In addition to traveling, Gary enjoyed carpentry, building his own home, and maintaining their property. He was an avid and competitive golfer and gained respect at several area courses. He loved his family and was affectionately known as "Grandpa Bus." For years he was a timer for the annual White Water Derby. He served as a Webelo Scout leader. In addition he taught adult

education courses at JCS for many years.

Gary was predeceased by his parents; an infant daughter, Laurie Ann; his sister, Flora Casey; and the family pet labradors, Abner and Cricket.

Left to cherish Gary's memory are his wife, Jan, of 66 years; his son, Gegory (Linda) G. Duell of Apex, NC; his daughter, Susan J. Alfaro and her husband, Carlos, of Fairfax Station, VA; four grandchildren; Carlie (Johnny Ross) and Owen Alfaro; and Nathan (Mackenzie) and Hannah Duell; great grandson Jameson Gregory Duell; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. His beloved little Oreo also survives.

A memorial service will be held at the discretion of family. In lieu of flowers, donations in Gary's memory may be made to SPCA, Lakeland FL.

Tribute Wall

HG

“ I was sorry to hear about Gary's passing. Through my high school days and all my years working at the school, the Duells have been such a big part of JCS and North Creek. My condolences to Jan, Greg, and Susan.

Helene Goodman - September 14, 2024 at 07:30 AM

RB

“ Mrs.Duell, Greg and Susan, so sorry to hear about Mr. Duells passing. Cherish the memories you have made. A wonderful man and great memories from JCS.

Chuck Baker and Regina (LaFountain) Baker

Regina Baker - September 07, 2024 at 02:30 PM

JK

“ My Thoughts and prayers are with you. I played a lot of golf with Gary at Chestertown and Schroon Lake, he was a fine man and a real competitor.

John J. Kelly - September 07, 2024 at 10:24 AM

RL

“ Deepest condolences

Robb (Bob) Laber - September 05, 2024 at 08:27 AM

SH

“ My condolences to Mrs. Duell and the family. I had just started high school when you came to JCS. I took driver ed from Mr. Duell oh so many years ago. And also French from Mrs. Duell. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Sharon (Waldron) Hammond



Sharon Hammond - September 05, 2024 at 07:39 AM

JK

“ I LOVED shop class with Mr. Duell. I wonder how many students still have the products we made in that class? I have an AC/DC converter that still works, some 40 years later. There were corn cob holders and paperweights and beautiful wood pieces. I have many fond memories of that room in JCS. I was just recently thinking of Mrs. Duell and French class, which was another one of my favorites. I just returned from a fabulous visit to Quebec City, and my reading knowledge of French is still great. I could understand some of the spoken, although much of it was too fast for my brain, now. Fabulous lifelong skills!

Jennifer Little Kegler - September 04, 2024 at 11:38 AM