



Gary Lee Storey

April 13, 1951 - September 23, 2010

Gary Lee Storey, age 59, of Oskaloosa, and formerly of Albia and Knoxville passed away on Thursday evening, September 23, 2010, at the Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Gary was born on April 13, 1951, in Ottumwa, Iowa to Willis M. and Helene (Johnson) Storey. Gary lived in Albia and Knoxville. He graduated from Knoxville High School. During high school Gary began to work with Hy-Vee Food Stores. Gary worked and retired from Hy-Vee Food Stores in Knoxville, while living in Oskaloosa. Gary enjoyed his family, traveling, and car racing, especially sprint and stock cars.

Gary is survived by his brother Richard Storey and Dourthy Clark of Oskaloosa; one sister Debbie (Richard) Coop of Albia; one nephew Josh Coop; two nieces Megan Coop and Chelsea Coop; and one great nephew Josh Aaron Coop. Gary is preceded by his grandparents; parents Willis and Helene Storey; and two brothers Larry and Lester Storey.

Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, September 29, 2010 at the Winfield Funeral Home in Albia, with Rev. Sonny Smyser officiating. Burial will follow services at Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation for Gary will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, September 28, at the Winfield Funeral Home in Albia with Gary's family present.

A Memorial will be established to Hospice Serenity House of Oskaloosa.

Condolences may be sent to www.winfieldfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Gary Lee Storey

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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“ We met Gary at the Knoxville Raceways many years ago. We also saw him when he worked in the bakery of the grocery store there. We always enjoyed visiting with him. His crinkly smile and warm chuckle were his unique and very special to us. We would look for Gary at about any raceway in the region where we went and we usually found him there. Racing has lost a true friend. Peace and God be with you on your journey, Gary.

Bob & Judy Tyson - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ My family and I have known Gary since the early 70's from attending the sprint car races in Knoxville. In that time, it was always a pleasure going to a race track throughout the Midwest, seeing Gary and talk racing. Very knowledgeable on all forms of auto racing but stayed true to his heart for the love of short-track dirt racing. RIP Gary.

Dave Tyson - October 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I'm sorry to hear this. I knew Gary when he lived in Avery. His grandma (Edith) lived just down the street. Gary was a great person to know. My condolences to the family.

Joe Athey - October 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I met Gary at the races when I was about 14 years old. Over the years I enjoyed visiting with Gary at many different racing venues. Gary had a passion for all types of racing. I will never forget Gary's smile and laugh, it seemed no matter what Gary was suffering with health wise, when he was at the race track he was in great spirits. Gary will be missed by many at the race tracks across America, he was a quality person, and good friend.

RIP, Gary

Ray Cunningham - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I worked with Gary at HyVee for several years. He always had a smile and I loved his hearty laugh. Jerry and Jeff always enjoyed his visits to Haines Auto Supply to talk about racing. Gary was a sweet gentle gentleman. Our pleasure to have known him. He will be missed.

Lois Haines

Jerry and Lois Haines - September 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I was so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Know he will be greatly missed. Also wanted to tell you that my grandfather's name was Richard Coop and he lived in Melcher Iowa. Wondered of we are related. His parents names were Jeffery & Ann Coop. Grandfather was Giles Coop. Thought this might be of interest to you. My prayers are with your family during this sorrowful time.

Linda (coop) Shinn - September 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Debbie, Richard and family, I am sorry to hear of the loss of your brother, Gary. I hope you can find peace in the knowledge that whatever pain or troubles he had are no longer a burden to him and I hope the sorrow of your loss eases as the days go by.

Tammy (Harris & June's daughter) - September 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Gary will be greatly missed in the racing community. We would find him in a parking lot most anywhere we went to a race...far or near. We will remember fondly that laugh he always had when he spotted a familiar racing friend. RIP, Gary.

Dick and Joyce Eisele - September 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I met Gary at Knoxville through a mutual friend in the late 70's. I live in Sioux Falls, SD and he came to a few of the old original Cheaters Day at the fairgrounds in late September. I always sat with him here and near him at Knoxville as I enjoyed his friendliness, smile, and knowledge of the sport. The last time I saw him and spoke to him was in 09. RIP my friend, you will be missed. You have won lifes biggest race.

Charlie Boese - September 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Gary was a good friend. I shared the road with him on several occasions. He always knew a short cut, and never knew a stranger. Racers across the country will miss this great

Dennis Goad Sr. - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ I'm not sure when I first met Gary but it nearly 30 years ago - what a wonderful, gentle guy -- he is what made racing such a great sport - -- you had a great run my friend

Patrick Sullivan - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ RIP Gary. Great guy who promoters loved because he supported his favorite sport (Auto Racing) by buying tickets to witness auto racing throughout our great country. I'll always remember his kind demeanor whether talking with him at a race or in his dairy Dept. at the Knoxville Hy Vee store. Hope you find a special place in heaven's speedway-don't forget a blanket to save your seat.

Larry Janicsek - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Gary was a dedicated race fan..... How he made it to so many races all over the country was a mystery to me.... I always enjoyed visiting with Gary about his travels and will miss seeing him at Knoxville especially.... He was one of the really good guys.... RIP Gary

Andy Clark - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Sorry to hear this. I went to HS with Gary, always a friendly guy.

He loved sprints, but it didn't really matter to him what they were racin', if he could get there, he'd make it. I remember this ol' van he had. Nothing in it but a sleeping bag on the steel floor. That's how bad he wanted to go.

I went to a USAC sprint race once in Bloomington, Ind., early '80's. Who'd I run into but Gary. Didn't matter where I went, he was usually there too.

RIP

David Woody - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Gary loved the sport of racing, loved his family and was a great friend. He always had a smile and loved to talk racing and how to get there by an obscure path down the back roads of Iowa and other states. Not only was Gary visible at Knoxville and other Iowa tracks but around the US. You could find him in Oklahoma in Jan, Florida in Feb and many other places. His knowledge and friendship will be missed. He has gone to a better place at the right time.

Jim Harris - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Gary was a great racing fan and was always so nice to talk to him about racing. RIP Gary.

Stacy Ervin - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Rest in Peace, Gary. I will never forget his easy smile, his laugh or the twinkle in his eyes whenever I would run into him at the races, or Hy-Vee, for that matter. A great guy!

Tom Schmeh - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Gary will be missed by all of Knoxville and his race friends. Always enjoyed talking to Gary at all the tracks because for years he never missed a race. RIP Gary

Rick Rankin - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Gary will be greatly missed by all his friends and classmates from Knoxville High School class of 1969. I worked with Gary during High School at the Knoxville Hy-Vee.

My sympathies are with the family. RIP my friend.

Rich Rees - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Gary was a good friend for many many years. We liked to talk with him and always enjoyed his company. RIP Gary.

les and karen domina, Fremont, NE - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ I will miss Gary on my trips to Knoxville. It was always a pleasure to set with him and bench race. One of the true nice guys in the sport. RIP good friend.

Allan Brown - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *It was always great to run into Gary at the races. It was always a pleasure, and never a suprise to see him, no matter how far from Iowa you happened to be.*
RIP

Jim Thurman - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ *Gary will be greatly missed by the racing friends that he has had over the many years that Gary attended races. Rest in peace Gary.*

Warren & Carol Busse - September 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM