



Gary Joseph Schaaf

October 1, 1956 - August 19, 2024

Gary Joseph Schaaf, 67, of Perryville, Missouri passed away Monday, August 19, 2024 at his residence.

He was born October 1, 1956 in Perryville, MO to Alvin W. "Mousie" and Naomi (Tucker) Schaaf.

Gary and Tamara Geile were married July 10, 1982 in Perryville, MO.

He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Perryville.

He served twelve years in the Army National Guard.

Gary served in law enforcement for over forty years. He was a deputy at the Perry County Sheriff's Department for four years and then served as Chief of Police for the Perryville Police Department for six years and then went on to serve as the Perry County Sheriff for thirty years. He was a member of the American Legion Post 133, where served on the honor guard, president of the National Sheriff Association and the SEMO Drug Task Force. He was also a licensed scuba diver for search and rescue. Gary started the equine search and rescue team.

Gary was a gun advocate and history buff. He loved spending time outdoors,

tinkering with things, fishing, grilling, gardening and astronomy using his own telescope. Gary especially loved spending time with his family.

Survivors include two sons, Brian Schaaf of Perryville, Aaron (Catleya) Schaaf of Cape Girardeau; daughter, Amanda Geile of Perryville; three brothers, Michael (Alesha Caldwell) Schaaf of Savannah, IL, Danny Schaaf of Perryville, MO, Kenny (Gina) Schaaf of Seneca, SC; sister, Gail (Larry) Duvall; grandchild, Serena Schaaf.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Dennis Wayne Schaaf; sister, Sharon K. Donley.

Visitation will be from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, August 30, 2024 at Ford & Young Funeral Home in Perryville and will continue from 8:00 am to 9:30 am on Saturday, August 31, 2024 at the funeral home.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 am Saturday, August 31, 2024 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Perryville with Rev. Fred Wandera C.M. officiating.

Entombment will be in the Mary Queen of all Saints Mausoleum at Mount Hope Cemetery in Perryville.

Military Honors will be provided by Delta Team and American Legion Post #133

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be given for family use for a charity of their choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

Perryville, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Young Funeral Home
110 S. West St.
Perryville, MO 63775

Visitation

AUG 31. 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Ford and Young Funeral Home
110 S West Street
Perryville, MO 63775

Funeral Mass

AUG 31. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church (Perryville)
1000 Rosati Court
Perryville, MO 63775

Tribute Wall

MB

“ He was a good person who will be missed. Sorry for your loss 🙏

Mark Brown - September 02, 2024 at 11:11 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Joseph Schaaf.



August 30, 2024 at 12:55 PM

DP

“ Gary: It is impossible to share just one memory of all the things we shared over the years we knew each other and provided each other with information, that only you, God and I now know.

Dale L. Phillips - August 29, 2024 at 10:32 AM

DF

“ Dale Lee Phillips and Phillips Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Gary Joseph Schaaf.



Dale Lee Phillips and Phillips Family - August 29, 2024 at 10:24 AM

DF

“ Dale Lee Phillips and Phillips Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Joseph Schaaf.

Dale Lee Phillips and Phillips Family - August 29, 2024 at 10:24 AM

RB

“ Our prayers are with the entire Schaaf family. We are so very sorry for your loss. May all the good memories bring you comfort and peace-Rose and Walter Bruner

Rose Bruner - August 26, 2024 at 05:46 PM

KM

“ Gary, you were a great friend to our family!💙. Fly high with the Angels💙💙Herb, Kathleen, Dustin and Nick Miller💙

Kathleen Miller - August 23, 2024 at 01:12 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Joseph Schaaf.



August 22, 2024 at 09:30 PM

JW

“ We are so very, very sorry for your loss of such a wonderful man! Our hearts are broken for you and for all the many, many people who loved and admired his dedication of service! He touched so many lives, and will be missed so incredibly much! May God bless all of you, and give you comfort, and the strength to endure this incredible loss!



Jimmy & Susan Worthy

Jimmy & Susan Worthy - August 22, 2024 at 01:06 PM

JT

“ Thank you for your service Gary. You accomplished a lot for your community while here.

Jim Tucker - August 22, 2024 at 10:57 AM

SJ

“ Sue and Jim purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gary Joseph Schaaf.



Sue and Jim - August 22, 2024 at 07:54 AM

RW

*“ What an amazing career in law enforcement! May your faith provide comfort during this new life chapter.
God's peace,
Rita Weber*

Rita Weber - August 21, 2024 at 09:41 PM

CL

Lost an icon for law enforcement in SEMO !

chris layton - August 21, 2024 at 11:01 PM

JH

Gary was the BEST, he would help you no matter what county you were in. "Little Mousie" as I called him is now free of pain and in God's arms.

JOYCE HURST - August 22, 2024 at 07:41 AM

SB

Sending prayers to All of Perry County for Their Loss 🙏😭

Sarah Bronenkant - August 22, 2024 at 12:02 PM

PK

My dive buddy...on one occasion we did a dive down in the bottoms for a farmer when the water was up. We were so muddy at the end of the dive we had to ride in the back of a pickup to town, where we sprayed each other clean at Strattmans car wash. Sure gonna miss Gary. Our condolences to all.

Paul Klaus - August 23, 2024 at 11:06 AM

SS

May God bless and comfort you during these hard days ahead. Gary's dedication as a law enforcement will always be remembered.

Sandra Hudson Schumer - August 27, 2024 at 08:44 AM

RM

I knew Gary in high school, as a security guard and as a citizen. I thought highly of him, he was a fine man. His career in law enforcement will be remembered as one of the best, if not the best, in the history of Perryville and Perry County.

Rob Mills - September 03, 2024 at 06:56 AM