



## Gary Lee Krug

May 1, 1948 - May 15, 2024

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Gary Krug 76, of Braidwood, IL, passed away on May 15, 2024. An Army veteran from 1968-69, SP4, 11c20 Inf Ind fire crewman, 2nd Bn 84th Artillery fifth United States Army, National defense service medal: Bronze star, Vietnam service medal with 3 bronze service stars, Vietnam campaign medal with 60 device. Gary was honorably discharged to come home and fight his own private war. He fought the many effects of Agent Orange and mental challenges that didn't stop when the war did.

Gary was the son of the late Arthur and Esther nee Briddick Krug. He is survived by his twin brother Jerry (Angie) Krug of Godley, IL. He was preceded in death by his brothers "Big" Jim (Joan) Krug and Donald (Jerri) Krug, sister Alice Pulido, and grandchildren Jensen Esparza and Ashley Roads. Gary also joins his wife, Doris Krug, on Heavens dance floor. They married on March 9, 1986. They resided in Braidwood Illinois where they enjoyed a family together of four daughters Tammy (Al) Krzysciack of Morris IL, Misty Krug of Littleton Co, Robin Esparza, and Dottie (Doug) Savarino of Braidwood IL, and one son David (Kim) Kern of Dwight IL. Together they shared 14 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

He was a dedicated cart pusher come rain or shine at the Morris Walmart for 26 years. He retired accident-free in 2018. In his retirement, he was restless and could often be found visiting the local establishments to meet with his friends to enjoy live music or at the events his grandchildren were participating

in. He had a love of baseball that never went away from his days of playing with the Goldminers at Godley Park. Visitation for Gary will be held at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Wednesday, May 29, 2024, from 4 pm to 7 pm. Funeral services will be on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home with a full military honors burial at the Abraham Lincoln Memorial cemetery.

The family invites you to join them after burial services for a luncheon at the VFW Post 5422 in Wilmington, IL. In lieu of flowers, the family asks remembrances be made in honor of SP4 Gary Krug to Operation Firm Handshake, 260 S Mary St Coal City IL, 60416 care of Max Valdez. For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to [www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com) or find us on Facebook.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes & Crematory  
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# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 29.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
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## Service

**MAY 30.** 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

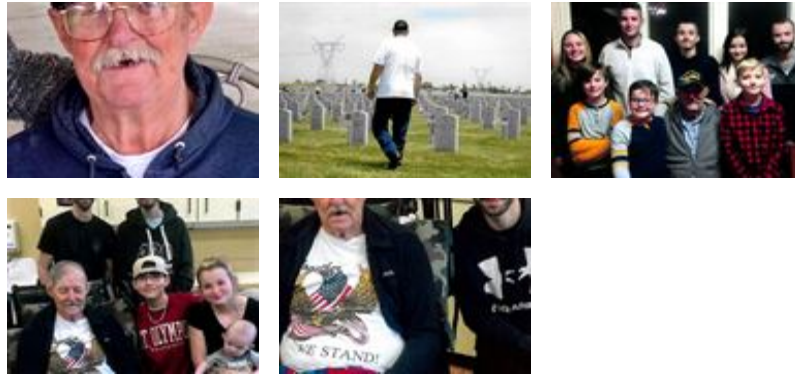
RK

“ I'm Gary's Nephew he was my Dad's "little "Brother I'm gonna miss him so much. I love you Uncle Pee Wee share your ice cream in heaven with Donny

Ron Krug - June 02, 2024 at 12:54 PM



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R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - May 28, 2024 at 03:33 PM

KL

“ To Gary's family, Gary was such a friendly and personable man whenever I would see him at a store we would talk for a few minutes and reminisce about when he would go hunting with my dad and sometimes he would "borrow' dad's dog "Bum", who happened to be an exceptionally great hunting dog, many hunters from Coal City knew and borrowed Bum. Gary and dad had good memories of when they worked together also Gary was truly a genuinely nice man. Our condolences to his family. From the family of Wayne Pierard, Sr.

karen (Pierard) de Leon - May 28, 2024 at 02:38 PM



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R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - May 23, 2024 at 02:43 PM



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R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - May 22, 2024 at 05:19 PM

PS

“ So sad to hear of Gary;s passing. Always upbeat and hppy greetings taking care of the carts. RIP Gary.  
Pat Swisher

Patricia L Swisher - May 20, 2024 at 06:26 PM

MI

“ So sorry for your families loss. Gary was a great guy. Missed seeing him at Walmart. Now he's with Doris. Hugs & prayers to you all.

Mitzi - May 20, 2024 at 03:32 PM

RZ

Always great to visit with , grew up with Jim for a few of my younger years, so for the families loss

Richard Zilm - June 02, 2024 at 09:27 PM

SC

“ Sorry for your loss..



sandy k coggins - May 20, 2024 at 03:42 AM

DM

“ Very sorry for your loss! I knew Gary for a long time.

Don McKinney - May 18, 2024 at 08:15 AM

PF

“ Patricia feazel(castello) lit a candle in memory of Gary Krug



Patricia feazel(castello) - May 18, 2024 at 12:09 AM

 Buck Reidenbach

“ I'll sure miss my old friend being in this world. Our real phase of a lasting friendship took place in Vietnam.

Buck Reidenbach - May 17, 2024 at 10:28 AM

JC

“ Condolences to the Family. Rest in peace Gary.

Joe Cosgrove - May 16, 2024 at 07:32 PM

PF

*Rip GARY YOU WILL BE MISSED.HAD ALOT OF FUN THROUGHT THE YEARS WITH LITTLE BIT.DANCING .SO MANY MEMORIES.CONDOLENCES TO YOUR FAMILY.*

Patricia feazel(castello) - May 18, 2024 at 12:08 AM

SP

*“ Gary always was very polite and had a smile on his face. We were neighbors when we were you h. Nice family. Rest easy Gary.*

Sharon Pickles - May 16, 2024 at 05:10 PM

JN

*“ So sorry for your loss*

joyce Newton - May 16, 2024 at 04:47 PM