



# Gary Van Kampen

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## **Gary Van Kampen**

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**G**ary Van Kampen, known to his friends as "Bull" or "Moose", 64, of Alliance, died on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at 1:22 a.m. Born on August 15, 1945 in Alliance, he lived in Alliance all of his life and graduated from Alliance High School. He was a U. S. Army veteran, serving two tours in Vietnam as a Sergeant. Gary was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. Mr. Van Kampen owned GL Van Kampen Distributing and International Gift Exchange (I.G.E.). He was the past president of the Stark County Veterans Commission and was also a founding member and president of the Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 157 in Alliance. He was a member of the American Legion in Sebring, the V.F.W. Post 6730, the Christopher Columbus, the Roma Society and the Dante Alighieri Society. He was an avid reader and history buff who loved a good story. He is survived by his daughter, Steffany Van Kampen of Alliance; two sons, Art Van Kampen of Pasadena, CA and Keith Van Kampen of Alliance; five grandchildren; his mother, Lou Van Kampen of Alliance; two sisters, Robin (Steve) Caruso of Alliance and Lori (Fred) Lyberger of GA; two brothers, Art (Linda) Van Kampen of Alliance and Craig (Pearl) Bolog of Alliance; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death was his father, Arthur Van Kampen. The family will receive friends for a gathering at the Christopher Columbus on Sunday, December 20, 2009 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Interment will take place at Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, OH.



## Tribute Wall

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RR

**Ron Russell** posted:

Ah, Gary - I'm so darn sorry to see this. You are one of us - VVA 157. Our ranks are thinning comrade ....

March 30 at 8:00 PM

BR

**Barney Rummel** posted:

I'VE KNOWN YOU SINCE SCHOOL, A FRIEND, A FIGHTER, A VIET NAM VET BROTHER. YOU AND YOUR SPIRIT WILL BE MISSED. BARNEY.

March 30 at 8:00 PM

DF

**David Favazzo** posted:

Gary will miss you your poker buddies at CC

March 30 at 8:00 PM

SB

**Sarchione Boys** posted:

Uncle Bull we miss you already. Thanks for the memories.

March 30 at 8:00 PM

BL

**Barb & Tom Layton** posted:

Our thoughts are with you. May the words in John 5:28,29 be of comfort to you.

March 30 at 8:00 PM



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DC

**Dc** posted:

G.L.: I learned more from you when you owned The City Sport Shop in Sebring than most 18-19 year-olds absorb in a lifetime. I lived in a lot of towns and states, and you were always one of the people I would tell my new friends about, because I am proud to have known you, and you were surely good for a story or two--good stories. I will miss you for sure, and I am sorry that I did not go down to Mountaineer the last time you invited me to go along with you. Although the Tables in Heaven are getting full of fallen buddies, I am sure that we can at least get a game of Gin started when we meet again. You will be missed; but you most certainly will not be forgotten. Your friend, DC.

March 30 at 8:00 PM

SH

**Shelly** posted:

Steffany, my thoughts & prayers are with you and your family!

March 30 at 8:00 PM

MH

**Mel And Mary Heckert** posted:

We sure are going to miss you (I'm here to please)Gary. God Bless you buddy. Mel and Mary

March 30 at 8:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Gary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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