



Glenn Smith Finley, III

September 17, 1944 - May 3, 2020

Glenn Smith Finley, III passed away peacefully at home on May 3rd at 75 years of age. Devoted husband to the love of his life, Ann (they just celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary) and doting father of Gary, Kirk (Maggie), Melissa (John), and the late Kelly Finley. Proud “Granddad” to Jackson, Levi, and Evy. Loving big brother to Patricia “Trish” J. Finley, Marylee J. Worley, and the late Radcliffe J. Finley.

Born an “Army brat” to COL. Glenn S. Finley, Jr., and Patricia J. Finley on September 17, 1944; his early years were spent living abroad in Germany. At age 17, he attended the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and then Bowling Green University, where he studied Physics, German, and Mathematics – he was the smartest person we knew. He worked in Foreign Intelligence at TACOM, retiring in 2002 as a Technical Writer/Editor after 36 years of service.

He was humble, witty, and charming, with a dry sense of humor that could make even the hardest person crack. He cared deeply for the special needs population, especially his “Kelly Belly.” Animals and children couldn’t resist him, most recently his dog “Fins.” He was fascinated by the otherworldly and ethereal. After years of travel, he was happiest when he was home. He was our world, and we’ll be telling “Glenn/Dad/Dusty/Granddad” tales forever.

He was an intellectual and an academic, and he was never not reading – oftentimes several books at once! He was a writer and poet; we just found this, his final poem, written in April:

Crossing the Bar

The eyes have closed.

The breath has settled in his chest.

He is no more.

Visitation and Service are Private. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Glenn's honor to the Keith Bovenschen School, 12345 Frazho Road, Warren, MI Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" @ WujekCalcaterra.com

Comments



“ I guess what I remember most about Uncle Glenn is his patience and attentiveness when caring for Kelly. He always seemed to just go with the flow, never getting irritated nor angry. My funny memory of him was when Ann had sent him down this way to drop something off, and Logan answered the door and he thought he was at the wrong house. When grandma was alive he had stopped here more frequently and Logan was just a little guy, but the look on his face was priceless now seeing Logan as a young man. We both got a good laugh that day. RIP Uncle Glenn

Sheryl Bushor - May 08 at 09:58 AM



“ Reiko Book lit a candle in memory of Glenn Smith Finley, III



Reiko Book - May 07 at 05:54 PM



“ Bob and Nancy. We called Ann and Glenn last Friday to find out how everyone was doing When we talked to Glenn he told us about a strange and silly dream that he had and we had a lot of laughs about it with no way of knowing that would be the last time we would talk to him We were shocked and saddened when Ann called Sunday morning and told us the bad news. We are going to miss him and his funny stories when we visited one funny story was when he was working at a military base in northern Florida his co-workers told him about a gator in a nearby pond that they named and would feed and he wanted to see it they were eating lunch and when it came out of the pond it was coming toward them so they tossed some chicken to it and it stopped and ate but by this time he had ran and was sitting on the hood of his car we all had good laugh about that It is hard to believe he is not with us any more We will really miss him and those deep hearty laughs he would let out You did a great job when you were here Buddy Rest In Peace

Bob and Nancy Durphey - May 07 at 08:29 AM



“ This is a memory I have, that was told to me (I don't even remember how it was brought up). It's actually Auntie Ann's memory, but I will never ever forget it. You see my Auntie Ann loves to read, and while reading she loved to munch on

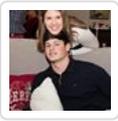
marshmallows, and on her pillow at night waiting for her would be a bag of marshmallows. Something only your soulmate knows about you. A small gesture to some. But to me, it was HUGE. I thought, everyone should be lucky enough to have that kind of love and devotion. That's the kind of love they will always have. Everything they did for one another never went unnoticed by the other. They never considered anything a "small" gesture. Auntie Ann I know your loss is great and runs bone deep. I also know you are one of the strongest women I know. But you are not alone, for you have, Gary, Kirk, Melissa, a daughter-in-law and a son-in-law and 3 wonderful grand babies. All the rest of your family and your friends too. To all of you, my heart and my thoughts are with you during this tragic time.
Love you, Shirley

Shirley Rider - May 05 at 09:11 PM



“ Uncle Glenn always had people laughing and smiling, making sure everyone was comfortable. Even if the jokes were the absolute corniest, you couldn't help but laugh.

Sydney Kerr - May 05 at 07:14 PM



“ Aimee Smallwood lit a candle in memory of Glenn Smith Finley, III



Aimee Smallwood - May 05 at 11:43 AM



“ Known as a great loving husband, good Dad, precious brother, wonderful son, woof-woof pet parent, meow, too, TGF, and Uncle Glenn, May he be in heaven with all who are dear to him. I'm sure he's dancing with Kelly, taking her through, Disney's, It's a wonderful world," twice in a row, with Grandma, as her hearing aid squeals away. A dear man to all. We are so sorry for his loss. Peace and blessings to all of you during this time. Our sincere condolences. Love to all, XO Tim and Colette

Colette Durphey - May 05 at 11:40 AM



“ We all Loved us some Glenn Finley. I remember when Ann colored his hair one time at my house. He would let her do anything with him. We all laughed. God bless hm and family. Aunt GoGo JoJo

Marjorie Garrett - May 05 at 08:23 AM



“ Auntie Ann, Gary, Kirk, Melissa and families, Please know we are holding each of you close in our hearts and thoughts during this sad time. We have so many fond memories of ‘Uncle’ Glenn...his great sense of humor, his intelligence, but, most of all, we will always remember the dedicated husband, father, and granddad he was. He is gone too soon but will never be forgotten.

All our love and sympathies,
Mark & Shelly

Shelly Villaire - May 04 at 10:48 PM



“ My dear Ann, I am so very sorry to hear of Glenn's passing. I am in shock as I imagine you all must be too. Know that my prayers are with all of you. May God wrap HIs loving arms around all of you and bring you comfort.

Love and prayers,
Bernie Mikowski

Bernie Mikowski - May 04 at 09:47 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Glenn Smith Finley III.



May 04 at 08:41 PM



“ Auntie Ann, Gary, Kirk and Melissa, we are so incredibly sorry for the untimely passing of uncle Glenn. Words cannot express our sympathy. Just know we are thinking and praying for all of you. Love, Patti, Jeff, and Jay

Patti LeBlanc - May 04 at 07:58 PM



“ With sincere sympathy. Love and prayers are with your family.....Love Jennie Rae Brockwell.

Jennie Brockwell - May 04 at 07:45 PM