



## Gary Praet

July 23, 1949 - February 25, 2019

PRAET, Gary R. age 69, "Suddenly" February 25, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Helen Marie. Dearest father of Angie Lee. Proud grandfather of Katie Beth and Megan. Dear brother of Alan, Randy, Denis (Marie) and Glenn (Diana). Also sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins, dear friends and "4 legged friends; Annie & Roxy. Co-Founder of Praet Tool & Engineering in Macomb, MI. Proud Vietnam Veteran. Visitation Fri. 4-9pm and Sat. 10:00am until time of service, 11:00am at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. (Shelby Township) 54880 VanDyke @ 25 Mile Rd. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" at [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

# Tribute Wall

JB

“*May you take comfort in the warm memories you have created and always keep them close. Sending our prayers for healing, understanding and peace. Much love to you all.*”

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**Jeni Bell** - March 11, 2020 at 04:07 PM

JM

“*We just learned of Gary's passing and are shocked. Gary,his daughter and grand daughters became costumers of ours several years ago , we always enjoyed their company and are deeply saddened he is gone. Rest In Peace Gary.*”

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**Jamrs Monte** - March 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JV

“*Gary and Helen both live in Marshall, MI and we all went to school together.Gary was a major part of our "group" of friends and kept us laughing all the time.So many fond memories at Lyon Lake, and night time antics and sports.....Gary was in the midst of it all. As adults we have continued to be connected. A friend of Gary's was a friend for life. Love you Gary! Hug Helen for me and know that you are greatly missed.Jeff Venn Lansing Michigan vennjav@yahoo.com*”

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**Jeff Venn** - March 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“*Dear Angie & girls, So sorry to hear about your Dad's passing, we are in Florida for the winter. We are thinking of you at this difficult time. Your old neighbors from Charmwood Dr. Ron & Becky Schultz*”

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**A friend** - March 01, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PK

“My sincere condolences and prayers to the Praet brothers I always enjoyed talking to Gary when picking up grinding work.”

Paul Knowles - February 28, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Sincere condolences for your loss and the passing of a great guy. Although it has been many years since we last crossed paths...have very fond memories of Gary. Will always remember his spirit and zest for life. May his spirit live on in the hearts of his loved ones and the many other who loved him. John Davies”

A friend - February 28, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TW

“May we continue to honor and respect all the lessons we have learned; acting as living symbols of a loving spirit. You are in our prayers.”

The Wujek - February 28, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Brother , I miss you so much, I hope God watches over your family! Love Randy and family ❤️❤️”

A friend - February 27, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DS

“So sorry for you loss Angie and too your uncles and other family members.”

Dorothy Supanich - February 27, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RK

“It was always a pleasure to see Gary and Helen at the reunions. Gary was always outside at the hotel to greet everyone as they arrived and their to say goodbye to the next time. Spent time with him in December in Las Vegas. We will miss him. Thoughts and prayers are with you all. Robert Kneece”

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**Robert Kneece** - February 27, 2019 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“When I arrived at my unit in Vietnam, I was 20 and terrified. I would be a grunt, and even more daunting, I would become a "Recon" grunt with the 3rd Platoon, D Troop, 2/17th Cavalry, of the 101st Airborne Division. A unit that had lost, and would lose, many, many "boys" too young to die. Upon my arrival, and even though he was of my same age, an obvious "oldtimer", confident, swagger, with old faded fatigues, and red rusty boots, the true sign of any "survivor", came up to this obviously bright and brand new green "Cherry", and introduced himself as "Gary". I immediately knew that Gary, "Two Bits", and Dennis were experienced guys who knew how to stay alive. Besides, he was from my mother's home state of Michigan, where I had dozens and dozens of cousins and I had enjoyed the fireflies, lakes and fun. Most Oldtimers hated Cherries, but Gary took me under his arm and guided me through my first few terrifying combat assaults...And because of him I lived to see the "World" again. I repeated this to "Midget", a nickname I never used, last December 8th and 9th in Las Vegas. We were surprised to learn that only he and I remembered certain "missions", particular the "BBQ Chicken Cobra Pilots Body Bags", and as with all of my "Dirty Delta Brothers", we instantly reminisced about how "dorky" I was at first. Laughing, hugging and clearly special friends. I write this as a tribute to my friend, Gary, aka "Midget", who we all loved then and now. All I can now think of and sing, is "Would you know my name, if I saw you in Heaven...Would it be the same, if I saw you in Heaven"...I hope so.”

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**John Imsdahl** - February 27, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AR

“I served with Gary in Vietnam. Attended many of our reunions with Gary and Helen over the years. Just spent time with him in Las Vegas last December visiting another Vietnam "Brother". It was quite a shock to hear that he had passed. God Speed Brother, I'll see you again at Fiddlers Green.”

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**Anthony Robinson** - February 27, 2019 at 12:00 AM