



## Gary Anthony Lang

October 4, 1954 - December 27, 2025

Gary Anthony Lang, Born October 4th 1954

It is with heavy hearts and deep gratitude that we share that our beloved father, Gary Anthony Lang, was called home to rest in paradise on December 27, 2025. As a man of God, he lived his life grounded in faith, believing deeply that life itself is a gift — one to be treasured, shared, and lived humbly with purpose.

Standing at 6'7", Gary had a truly magnanimous, larger-than-life presence — one that filled a room the moment he entered it. Though his stature was often the first thing to catch one's attention, it was his kind and generous heart and welcoming spirit that stayed with people. With an unrivaled sense of humor and a natural way of engaging with others, he created moments that made people feel seen and welcomed — even if the playful razzing heard from his side of the line during a “scam likely” call might have occasionally suggested otherwise. Those within earshot always caught the humor of the moment.

His loved ones were always at the center of his world. As a devoted father, he led with all of this heart, with complete selfless devotion, and deep love. As a proud Pop-pop, he found immense joy in his grandchildren, delighting in their laughter and cherishing their time spent together — occasionally exercising his “Pop-pop privileges” by sneaking them a little extra candy (and of course,

a lot of love).

By trade, Gary was a skilled craftsman who took great pride in laying ceramic tile and marble. He approached his work with precision, patience, and deep respect for the craft and creating something of meaning and quality. He loved to point out his creative work at popular sites such as the Fischer Building, the Ford Plant and local department boutiques. When driving about locally with his family, it wasn't uncommon for him to ask “you see that building over there? To which he would then say, “I tiled it”. Eventually, his children would answer him, “you tiled it” before he could finish his sentence. Creative by nature, he loved to make things, build, and tinker — finding satisfaction in working with his hands. His latest work-in-progress? A tremendous shed in his backyard, or perhaps more appropriately coined as “the man cave”. More than the finished work, it was the care behind it that mattered most. He believed in doing things well because it mattered and was a representation of himself, and in that way, his work — much like his love — made the lives of those around him better.

He also loved music, finding joy and connection in the songs that accompanied his life. Music was another way he expressed himself and brought people together. He often played music when driving around with his grandchildren and fostering their love of various songs such as his grandson Elijah's love of “Ode to Big Blue” by Gordon Lightfoot.

Speaking of his many loves, Gary was a devoted Detroit Lions fan, supporting his team with the same loyalty and perseverance he showed in life. Through every season, he watched with hope, humor, and the confident belief that “this year was the year” — a gentle reminder that faith often lives in the unseen.

Above all, Gary was a devoted father, beloved brother, uncle, cherished friend, and proud Pop-pop. His faith, wit, creativity, and larger-than-life presence leave a legacy that lives on in the family he adored and in all those

who loved, appreciated and walked alongside him throughout his earthly life.

Gary always told his children that life was a gift. Though we grieve his passing, we give God thanks for the gift of his life — a life that reminds us that love endures, laughter heals, and faith carries us home.

Gary was called home, surrounded by his loved ones on December 27th 2025 and was preceded in death by parents Walter Sr., Pocahontas, sisters Angela and Cheryl, and nephew Julian. Gary is remembered warmly by his children Jason (Tanya), Jessica (Kazutoshi) and their mother Linda Lang; his brothers Walter Jr. (Carol) and Brett (Arika); his grandchildren Mackenzie, Hiro and Elijah; his nieces and nephews Alexis, Porsha, Alana, Paige, Jonah and Elyse (Bonnie), Brett “ZZ”, Kimber and many more loving nieces, nephews and extended family.

Having witnessed how many stories were left to be shared, we invite family and friends to contribute memories or reflections to a remembrance collection that will be shared. To share a memory, use the link; <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-poGu-TZHW7rp0sBrnkJh-owmkq4fcvL1VDErZa1lodE8Mg/viewform>

Memorial Visitation, Sunday, January 11, 2026, 1:00 PM until the 2:30 PM  
Memorial Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46041 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

JAN 11. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

## Memorial Service

JAN 11. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
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# Tribute Wall

SG

“ I unfortunately just learned of Gary's departure. We lived in the same apartment building and talked frequently. He was dancing on cloud nine when he learned he was going to be a grandpa!! I remember baking chocolate chip cookies and took some to him across the hall. He had just baked Ranger cookies so we laughed about our unplanned cookie exchange. We both attended the same church and would talk about the sermon that Pastor Brad would deliver. We moved to a 2 BR apt and needed help installing a Pantry...yup, here comes Gary with his toolbox. He was well loved, very jovial and his heart was his children and grandbabies. May he RIP. Thoughts and prayers to his family.



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**sue gorman** - April 27 at 06:29 PM

EW

“ We enjoyed many days with Gary when our boys were in marching band together. We had so much fun at competitions and band camp! Gary was always at the ready with hot coffee for all of us chaperones at camp. What a great guy! Gary installed the tile in our bathroom many years ago. We are happy to have a reminder of this remarkable man!  
We are so sorry for your loss. May God comfort you all during this difficult time.

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**Eddie and Tom Wysocki** - January 12 at 02:10 PM

LJ

“ My story about Gary was the time growing up he told me to put a popcorn kernel in my ear and I did! My mother was supposed to be going out that night. Needless to say, her plans changed. The medical professionals got it out. Hmm, I wonder if that has anything to do with the excessive amount of earwax I produce and the fact I don't like buttered popcorn. Cousin Lisa-Gay Johnson

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**Lisa-Gay Johnson** - January 11 at 01:09 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Anthony Lang.



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January 11 at 06:24 AM

TF

“ The Epelman family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Anthony Lang.

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**The Epelman family** - January 11 at 06:24 AM

KO

“ Kaori and Naoki Omura planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Anthony Lang.

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**Kaori and Naoki Omura** - January 10 at 08:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Gary Anthony Lang.



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January 10 at 08:56 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Gary Anthony Lang.



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January 10 at 08:48 PM



“ *Maki & Maki Mitsuya* purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Gary Anthony Lang.



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**Maki & Maki Mitsuya** - January 10 at 05:31 PM



“ *Gerald (Jerry) Scruggs, Sr.* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Anthony Lang.

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**Gerald (Jerry) Scruggs, Sr.** - January 09 at 03:29 PM

GS

“ Gerald (Jerry) Scruggs, Sr. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gary Anthony Lang.



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**Gerald (Jerry) Scruggs, Sr.** - January 09 at 03:29 PM

LY

“ Lesley Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Anthony Lang.

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**Lesley Y.** - January 09 at 02:02 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gary Anthony Lang.



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January 09 at 12:04 PM

MF

“ Michael, Lisa Gay Johnson and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Anthony Lang.

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**Michael, Lisa Gay Johnson and family** - January 09 at 12:04 PM

JT

“ Jason and Nikki Torrey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Anthony Lang.

Jason and Nikki Torrey - January 08 at 06:41 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gary Anthony Lang.



January 08 at 06:41 PM

DC

“ DPSCD Speech and Hearing Center purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gary Anthony Lang.



DPSCD Speech and Hearing Center - January 08 at 03:26 PM

LG

“ Love, Florida & Tammy Golden purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gary Anthony Lang.



Love, Florida & Tammy Golden - January 08 at 03:14 PM

MH

“ Mackenzie, Elijah and Hiro purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Gary Anthony Lang.



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**Mackenzie, Elijah and Hiro** - January 08 at 03:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Anthony Lang.



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January 08 at 02:56 PM

CR

“ Charlie and Renita planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Anthony Lang.

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**Charlie and Renita** - January 08 at 02:56 PM

DL

“ Dave and Sue Lindeman purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Gary Anthony Lang.



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**Dave and Sue Lindeman** - January 08 at 02:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Anthony Lang.*



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January 08 at 01:56 PM



“ *Sugiyama Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Anthony Lang.*

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**Sugiyama Family** - January 08 at 01:56 PM



“ *Morgan & Joe Fender purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gary Anthony Lang.*



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**Morgan & Joe Fender** - January 08 at 10:11 AM



“ *The Kovalski Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gary Anthony Lang.*



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**The Kovalski Family** - January 08 at 09:26 AM

TF

“ The Kovaleski Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Anthony Lang.

The Kovaleski Family - January 08 at 09:26 AM

LK

“ Lanetta and Jayden (Louisville, KY) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gary Anthony Lang.



Lanetta and Jayden (Louisville, KY) - January 08 at 08:12 AM

MI

“ Michigan Rehab Care Incorporated purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Anthony Lang.



Michigan Rehab Care Incorporated - January 07 at 01:35 PM

AB

“ Amella B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Anthony Lang.

Amella B. - January 07 at 01:32 PM

LK

“ Love Brett, Arika, Zeric and Kimber purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gary Anthony Lang.



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Love Brett, Arika, Zeric and Kimber - January 07 at 12:42 AM

SS

“ Gary my high school buddy will be truly missed. Sorry to learn of your early departure from our lives. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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STEPHEN SWETECH - January 06 at 10:06 PM

LA

“ Love Your Paul Robeson Malcolm X Academy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gary Anthony Lang.



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Love Your Paul Robeson Malcolm X Academy - January 06 at 05:53 PM

FR

“ From Percy, Willie and Ray. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Anthony Lang.

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From Percy, Willie and Ray. - January 06 at 12:11 PM

FR

“ From Percy, Willie and Ray. purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Gary Anthony Lang.



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**From Percy, Willie and Ray.** - January 06 at 12:11 PM

CD

“ Curtis and Darlene Downs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Anthony Lang.

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**Curtis and Darlene Downs** - January 04 at 01:53 PM

CD

“ Curtis and Darlene Downs purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Anthony Lang.



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**Curtis and Darlene Downs** - January 04 at 01:53 PM

LJ

“ This is really my mother, Velma Lee Johnson's story, as she would tell it quite often. It happened in the late 70s or early 80s and this was long before we had a title for it of road rage. Gary was in a compact car and other man was going to challenge him. When Gary unfolded his 6'7" frame from the car all the vibrato that the man had was gone. Cousin Lisa-Gay Johnson

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**Lisa-Gay Johnson** - January 04 at 12:55 AM

TR

*I worked with Gary years ago at Musanti tile along with my brother Roger, and brother in law Greg Snider. It was never a dull moment. Intelligent conversation and a lot of laughter. He was an excellent chess player that I was never able to beat. When we did commercial tile jobs, I would run the bottom third of the wall, my brother did the middle and Gary ran the top. We never needed a scaffold. . I talked to Gary a couple months ago, probably for at least an hour. I laughed until my cheeks hurt. I'm going to miss you my brother.*

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**tom rustin** - January 05 at 12:31 AM

DG

*Brett,*

*The loss of your brother saddens our hearts, and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.*

*"Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories."*

*Love,  
Darrell & Linda Goolsby*

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**Darrell Goolsby** - January 06 at 06:55 PM

ET

“*Eddie & Renee Taliaferro planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Anthony Lang.*”

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**Eddie & Renee Taliaferro** - January 02 at 12:42 PM



“*Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Anthony Lang.*”



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January 02 at 12:42 PM

DS

“ *My thoughts are with you! Your dad was the best! I'll never forget his smile and laughter! You could always tell when he was laughing, even from my second floor apt! He was truly the best! Rip my friend you will be greatly missed!*



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**Dana Stutzman** - December 31, 2025 at 09:32 PM

EL

“ *Enoch Loudermilk purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Anthony Lang.*



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**Enoch Loudermilk** - December 31, 2025 at 08:20 PM