



Gary Joseph Turri

December 15, 1950 - November 25, 2015

Turri, Gary Joseph, November 25, 2015, age 64 of Westland, Michigan passed away after a life long battle with Juvenile Diabetes Type I with his family by his side. Beloved husband of Mary "Theresa" Turri. Loving father of Adrienne and Jason (Kalin). Proud grandfather of Verona, Brady and Carson. Dear brother of Alan (Claudia) Turri. Gary graduated from Plymouth High School in 1968, Schoolcraft College in 1971, and attended Eastern Michigan University. Gary enjoyed watching sports with special interest in Adrienne's and Jason's participation in many competitive athletics such as swimming, football and especially hockey. He retired from Chrysler Corporation after many years of service as a design engineer. Earlier in life his hobbies were motorcycles, bowling and playing pool. After retirement, he loved taking care of his cats, listening to rock and blues music, and meeting for coffee with his brother to discuss current events. He made regular donations to various animal shelters and the Michigan Humane Society, as well as the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. He will truly be missed by all.

Memorial Gathering Wednesday 5-7 PM and Memorial Service Wednesday 6:30 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road & Cherry Hill) Westland. Memorial contributions may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 24359 Northwestern Hwy Suite 225, Southfield, MI 48075 (JDRF.org) or Shelter to Home Animal Rescue (PAC), 266 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192 (shelkertohome.com). To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

DEC 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gary Joseph Turri*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Love Jake & Mary Smith purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Gary Joseph Turri.*



Love Jake & Mary Smith - December 01, 2015 at 10:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Joseph Turri.*



November 30, 2015 at 01:23 PM

AT

“ Posted by Alan Turri...
(A Letter To MY Brother)

Dear Gary,

It is so very difficult to sum everything up about a person and their life in just a few words. However the best way I can think of is to mention a few things that made our life together so very interesting, special and meaningful. Mom and Dad wanted me to have a sibling so I would not be forced to go thru life alone. You arrived in our lives on Dec. 15, 1950 and you were a blessing to us all. I know you had health problems early in life but I am grateful for all the normal and wonderful things you were able to do and accomplish with the situation that you found yourself in. You always said that "You would play the cards that you were dealt" and in fact, you did that better than most people could.

I will never forget all the people, places and things we shared together as we were growing up in Canton, MI. There were things that we shared and experienced that only brothers could understand. You know that we encountered some bumps and misunderstandings along the road of life's journey but I am confident that we tried to be there for each other when it counted the most.

I thank you brother for any and all issues that we discussed and hopefully resolved to some extent. We did not always agree or know the best answer but somehow it seemed that we were able to discover and arrive at a reasonable approach to most situations that we were presented with and probably beat the odds many times.

I also thank you brother for the friendship, fellowship and closeness we were able to share and experience especially during these past eight years since our mother passed away.

I would further like to thank you brother for all the memories we were able to share during these last few years and am truly grateful for the additional time afforded us to bond and reminisce.

There are many more things that I could thank you for my brother but most of all Gary, I would like to thank you for being my brother

*and being there during my lifetime.
I will never ever forget you my brother and the life we shared. you
will always be with me!
I LOVE YOU GARY > Your Brother: Alan*

Alan Turri - November 30, 2015 at 10:16 AM

AT

“ Love you and miss you daddy❤️..



Adrienne Turri - November 28, 2015 at 07:03 PM

JL

Adrienne, you have such beautiful beautiful pictures of you and your dad it's hard to cry profusely writing this to you. My heart aches for you and I just feel so sad for your loss. I was not close with my dad and I really really AM angry at myself for that. Hold on to your memories and your photos and your thoughts of him because you will always always have that. And I truly believe in my heart that he is in a better place and he is watching over you.

I send all my love to you today with my prayers, and my thoughts are with you Adrienne . I didn't know your dad but I know you I know what a good heart you have and what a wonderful person you are and I feel like I knew him through you. You would not be that wonderful person that you are if it weren't for him. As I said before I'm always here for you if you need anything at all just let me know, Janet

Janet Lowe - November 30, 2015 at 01:01 PM

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Chad Caldwell - July 18, 2025 at 06:08 PM

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I am very late to this news, but I still want to comment. Gary was a great dad/great guy. I grew up with the Turri's. Adrienne and Jason. So many great 80's and 90's memories. Gary used to let Jason and I box in the backyard, and also used to (but only on good/lucky days) play pool in the basement. Hazelwood street holds good memories. I am so sorry for your loss. I last saw Gary and Adrienne together probably in 2001 or so. It has been quite some time. Again, very sorry for your loss Adrienne and Jason. 😞. Reach out sometime: caldwellchad0@gmail.com . Sincerely, -Chad Caldwell

Chad Caldwell - July 18, 2025 at 06:17 PM

 Jake Smith

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Jake Smith - November 28, 2015 at 08:06 AM

AT

Great photos! Looks like they were having a great time! Thanks for posting/sharing Jake..

Adrienne Turri - November 28, 2015 at 09:21 PM

SK

What a great guy! He was very special. Our families have been friends for years... I have many good memories of our get-togethers on their "mini farm". Alan and Gary enjoyed showing my sister Barbara and I their unusual critters to see our reactions--quite a sense of humor. Gary will be missed. Our prayers are with all of his family.

Sandy Krasnodemski - November 29, 2015 at 02:34 PM

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Alan Turri - November 29, 2015 at 04:53 PM