



## Gary Lee Edgar

April 5, 1947 - March 28, 2023

Gary Lee Edgar 75, of Estero, FL died March 28, 2023, in Ft. Myers after a brief illness. Gary was born on April 5, 1947, in Batesville, OH a son of the late Dean and Irene (Finley) Edgar. He had been a resident of Estero since 2014.

He graduated from Shenandoah High School in 1965. In 1970, he began his career with the Central Ohio Coal Company as a welder. He was the last operator of the largest dragline in the world “The Big Muskie” when he retired from the mine after 30 years.

Gary loved his family and his God. He enjoyed traveling, whale watching, running heavy equipment, fishing and shelling.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother and sister-in-law, Tony and Janet Hannum, and his mother-in-law, Dorothy Hannum.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma A. Edgar of Estero, FL, his daughter, Beth (Tod) Gundrum of Hilliard, OH, step-son, Bryan (Kim) Kerns of Zanesville, OH; brother, Larry (Barb) Edgar of Pataskala, OH, sister, Pam (Mike) Flood of Crooksville, OH; brother-in-law, Bill (Ruth) Hannum; grandchildren, Tessa Gundrum, Blane Thomas, Spencer and Elias Munshi, Drew, Ethan and Carson Kerns, Austin and Jake Mahan, Cooper and Laken Kerns, Brynn

Chafin, and Brady and Bryson Hottinger.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held Saturday, April 1, 2023, at 10:00 AM at the Estero Church 8088 Lord's Way, Estero, FL with Rev. Tim Carson, officiating.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Ohio later this spring.

In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Gary be made to the Estero Church.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home and Crematory Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

Estero United Methodist Church  
8088 Lords Way Street  
Estero, FL 33928

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gary Lee Edgar*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Sending Love and Hugs to Wilma and family. Gary was a great guy and a great witness to his faith. He's rejoicing in Heaven !!! Tim and Cheryl Todd*

**Timothy M Todd** - April 02, 2023 at 09:47 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss he was a sweet person. Hugs!!! Prayers <3*



**Tim and Sharon Miller** - April 01, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dear Wilma, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your love was an inspiration to others. Gary and you were such a blessing to the Emmaus community. He will be missed. Sincerely, Christy Collins*

**Christy Collins** - March 31, 2023 at 04:39 PM

TF

“ Tara, Melissa, Nicole and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gary Lee Edgar.



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**Tara, Melissa, Nicole and family** - March 31, 2023 at 11:16 AM

TH

“ Tara Hannum lit a candle in memory of Gary Edgar



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**Tara Hannum** - March 31, 2023 at 10:53 AM

TR

“ Gary and I had a love/hate relationship, lol. I think he just tried to get my goat, but Wilma says I was about the only one who could get away with saying the things I said... But seriously Gary was such a strong Christian, and was truly an influence on so many as a leader in the Emmaus community. I know he will be so missed. Gary, if you could see me now my hair is purple. Someday we will see one another again, and laugh about all the fun the four of us had together. Love u and Wilma both. Have fun asking Jesus all the questions you couldn't wait to ask.

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**Tammy Rogers** - March 31, 2023 at 09:49 AM

DH

“ Sending love and prayer . So sorry for your loss 💜

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**Dean and Cathy Hopkins** - March 30, 2023 at 11:09 PM

LA

*We are so sorry to hear about Gary passing prayers to his family.  
Danny and Lisa Anderson*

**Lisa Anderson** - March 31, 2023 at 03:47 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Edgar.*



March 30, 2023 at 10:50 PM

MD

“ *Melissa DeLong lit a candle in memory of Gary Edgar*



**Melissa DeLong** - March 30, 2023 at 10:16 PM

HS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Hank & Linda Sherby** - March 30, 2023 at 09:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Edgar.*



March 30, 2023 at 09:44 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Edgar.*



March 30, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Edgar.*



March 30, 2023 at 05:01 PM



“ *Beth Gundrum and family: So sorry to hear of your loss. We are praying for comfort and peace and that your special memories will help you during this difficult time. Love, Brian, Keisha, Joshua and Faith*

**Keisha Hughey** - March 30, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Edgar.



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March 30, 2023 at 03:54 PM