



## Gary Paul Burda

March 14, 1951 - May 21, 2021

Gary Paul Burda, 70 of Tiverton, RI formerly of Hatfield, MA passed away on Friday May 21, 2021 doing what he loved most, fishing on the ocean. Gary was born at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton, MA on March 14, 1951 to the late John and Pauline (Prystupa) Burda of Hatfield, MA. Gary was also predeceased by his beloved aunt Helen Burda and Uncle Gilbert Burda both of Hatfield, MA.

Gary leaves behind his beloved childhood sweetheart and long-time partner Carol Flynn Veronneau of Tiverton, RI. He also leaves behind Carol's three children: Christine Basil and her husband Jason of Baldwinville, MA, Michael Veronneau of Waterbury, CT, and Patrick Veronneau and his wife Lauren of Wallingford, CT. Gary treasured the time he spent in Rhode Island with Carol's grandchildren: Sophia, Olivia, Matthew, Madison, Luke, Cole and Lillian. They will forever remember the fun they had at the beach, taking rides on the boat, and going for ice cream.

Gary loved the outdoors. Before his retirement, you would find Gary on the slopes of Stratton Mountain working as a ski instructor. Skiing was one of his passions and something he enjoyed all throughout his life.

During the spring, summer and fall, Gary would be on his beloved boat fishing for stripers off Sakonnet Point, RI or on the waters of Cape Cod. He also loved

fishing the Brewster Flats of Cape Cod.

Gary was known for loving a good cup of coffee from Coastal Roasters in Tiverton, RI or Uncle Jon's in Mattaspoisett, MA.

Gary was a kind and gentle man who loved seeing those he loved happy. In lieu of flowers or donations, Carol asks that we all spend some time with the ones we love and cherish the things we love most.

Burial will be private for family and close friends at a future date. DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME OF NORTHAMPTON has been entrusted with his services.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

Bridge St.  
Hatfield, MA 01038

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

DO

“ Sending deepest sympathies at the passing of Gary. He was a good neighbor for many years. His passion for the outdoors, particularly skiing and fishing on his boat, brought him many hours of peace and enjoyment. Sending special sympathy to his longtime love, Carol.



*Donald and Hildie Osley*

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**Donald and Hildie Osley** - May 31, 2021 at 11:20 AM

EP

“ So sorry to hear of Gary’s passing. A memory I have of him is when a group of us went skiing at Mount Snow. Some of us were novice skiers and I was one of them. He helped me ski down the mountain. If it weren’t for him I’d probably still be there. Carol, so sorry for your loss.

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**Elizabeth Pelis** - May 30, 2021 at 03:28 PM

KE

“ Sad, sad news. While we had lost contact through the years, news of his passing brought back many fond memories. So glad to hear he was enjoying life. Rest in peace my friend.

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**Ken** - May 29, 2021 at 10:07 AM

KZ

“ *My sympathies to Carol and family. Gary was a friend and classmate of mine at SA. Always friendly and just a good person. I will always remember him as a good friend. Much too young to leave us. Happy to hear he was enjoying life, friends and family. RIP Gary*

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**Karen Zerner** - May 28, 2021 at 09:34 PM