



Gary "Coop" Fortin

July 24, 1951 - August 27, 2024

Gary "Coop" Fortin, age 73, passed away on August 27, 2024 in St. Augustine, FL. He was born on July 24, 1951, in Chicago, IL, the beloved son of Jo Anne Buege and Jerry Fortin.

Coop held many jobs over the years, starting as a construction worker and retiring from the Chicago area electric company, ComEd, in the Underground Department. However, his most beloved jobs were those that allowed him to interact and enrich the lives of those around him. Most recently, he spent some time as a crossing guard for elementary schools around St. Augustine.

Coop was a very enthusiastic and avid member of Turning Point at Cavalry church as well as a lifelong member of the National Rifle Association. He loved being outdoors and close to nature, often going to see the sea turtles hatching on the beach. Most days he could be found riding his bike on various trails; on occasion for over 10 miles at the young age of 70 years old. Most importantly, though, he loved interacting with people around him. Coop's true passion was connecting with others. His favorite hobby was improving the lives of those he cares about through laughter and heartiness.

He is survived by his two children, Elliot (Nikki) Fortin and Emmet Fortin; and his sister, Trish Scanlan. He was preceded in death by his mother, Jo Anne Buege.

Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 31st at Turning Point at Calvary Church, 3500 FL 16, St. Augustine, FL 32092.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **31**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (est)

Turning Point At Calvary

3500 FL-16

St. Augustine, FL 32092

(904) 829-9795

Tribute Wall

SK

“ *What does one say about having known Coop? He was so unique, goofy in a very sweet way and devoted to his kids and extended family but most of all, his faith was never waving EVER.*

Our bike rides were not just 10 miles, they exceeded 17 miles at times and I can remember coming home just saying I need a long nap. Was not easy keeping up with him, and I will miss those rides especially when we would go to GMT Reserve and ride the nature trails.

May he soar high above with his new wings, and spiritual healing to his family at this time.

Suz Kiamil - August 31, 2024 at 08:17 AM

TS

Yes he was a very goofy guy. Imagine growing up with him as I did. I will miss my big brother 😭. Thank you for your lovely wishes. Trish Scanlan.

Trish Scanlan - August 31, 2024 at 11:15 AM

AA

“ *Angela and Doug Acklin purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gary "Coop" Fortin.*



Angela and Doug Acklin - August 30, 2024 at 10:07 AM

BF

“ I have had the pleasure of knowing Gary for the last 7 years. In that short time, he came to be one of my favorite people. Such a good man with a huge heart and a sunny disposition! I will really miss him but I know I will see him again one day.

Becky Fieber - August 30, 2024 at 08:59 AM

TS

Ty so much for your kind thoughts. Trish Scanlan

Trish Scanlan - August 31, 2024 at 11:17 AM

JB

“ 9 files added to the album Coop at Church



John Burton - August 30, 2024 at 06:45 AM

TS

Thank you so much for all your families help with Gary. Unfortunately I had to get back to Nevada but we were here for Gary's final hours. I will cherish these pictures. Ty. Trish Scanlan

Trish Scanlan - August 31, 2024 at 11:52 AM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - August 29, 2024 at 02:49 PM



“ *Coop was a character in a really good way. He always had a big smile, and he always tried to make others around him laugh. The times we played golf together were always fun, and when we served together directing traffic for the Christmas lights at Turning Point, he was a hoot! Very animated! He will be sorely missed, but praise God he's with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ right now, probably making Jesus laugh! Garry Randolph*

Garry Randolph - August 29, 2024 at 12:37 PM



He just told his sons and I that he loved the crossing guard job. Also working the golf tournaments. Ty all for being his friend. Trish Scanlan

Trish Scanlan - August 31, 2024 at 11:56 AM