

Gary Lee Herrlinger was born on November 14, 1940 to Edward and Laura (Vosberg) Herrlinger in Dovray, MN. The youngest of five children, Gary spent his childhood years helping his dad on the farm. He attended Glenwood High School and was a member of the wrestling team before graduating in 1958. After high school, Gary enlisted in the Navy. Eventually achieving the rank of Chief Petty Officer, Gary's naval service saw him to places like Guam, Puerto Rico, Barbados, Maine, and all along the east coast of the United States during his decades-long career. While on leave in 1963, Gary met Marion Mullet in Boston, MA, where she was working for Schrafft's candy factory. Marion must have been as sweet as the candy she was making, as the two were married on April 7, 1965 in Boston. The newly married couple balanced raising a daughter, Theresa, and Gary's deployment overseas. Gary affectionately thought of Theresa as his "spoiled military brat" as they moved and traveled often for his work. Finally, in 1977, the family settled into a quieter pace of life in Alexandria, MN. Gary's number one activity in life was tending to Marion and the family's needs; he could always be found by her side. Sadly, in 2014 after 49 years of marriage, Marion passed away, leaving Gary to be the sole spoiler of the grandchildren, carrying on a tradition he had started with daughter Theresa. Gary will be remembered for being an outgoing, generous father who couldn't shake the travel bug that had accompanied him most of his life, expressing a desire to still travel the world even in his last days.

On Monday, January 14, 2019, Gary was reunited with his bride, Marion, after battling several health complications at the St. Cloud Hospital. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife of 49 years, Marion; brother, Edward Paul, and sisters, Dorothy Benedict and Jenell Hoff.

Gary is survived by his daughter, Theresa Keller of Alexandria, MN; grandchildren, Wayne Keller, Jessica Keller, and Keith James, all of Alexandria; great-granddaughter, Brooke James, and brother, Glen Herrlinger of Cumberland, WI.

In Loving Memory



Gary L. Herrlinger

1940 ~ 2019

***For Those I Love,
For Those Who Love Me...***

*When I am gone, release me, let me go...
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
But let my spirit calm your fears,
I gave you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone!*

*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories that lie within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near,
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you must come this way alone...
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."*

In Memory of
Gary Lee Herrlinger

November 14, 1940



January 14, 2019

Funeral Service

Anderson Funeral Home
Alexandria, Minnesota
Saturday, January 26, 2019
11 AM

Officiant

Reverend John Martinson

Honorary Pallbearers

Glen Herrlinger	Joel Herrlinger
Billy Herrlinger	Keith James
Wayne Keller	Jessica Keller

Military Honors

American Legion Post #87
VFW Post #936
VVA Post #235
Marine Corp League #1409
United States Navy Honor Guard

