



Gary A. Wilson

MAY 7, 2024



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Gary A. Wilson, 61, passed away after a short battle with Pancreatic Cancer. He leaves behind many associates and friends, especially Barbara Galica, Tina Binheimer, Jennifer Miller (Tim), Rob Wilson (Evelyn), as well as two beloved Golden Retrievers Max and Kash, who were all at his side assisting him through his final journey. Gary also leaves step siblings Colleen Lozier (Jay Griffin) and Ted Williams, as well as his friends since childhood Jack and Kent Dungfelder. He was predeceased by his father Curtis Wilson and mother Madeline “Joyce” (Haynes) Wilson. Gary was a true Patriot and loved his country. He served in the US Navy from 1981 to 1985 and Navy Reserves from 1985 to 1987 as an Aviation Structural Mechanic working on the VS-28 Gamblers. During those years, Gary had multiple deployments to Beirut, Lebanon as well as Grenada during Operation Urgent Fury and was proud to be aboard “his ship”, the USS Independence (CV-62). Gary honorably discharged at the rank of AME3 and earned Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (2 awards), Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Expeditionary Ribbon (2 awards), and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. Besides his country, Gary’s passion was protecting animals. He did this over his years by working in many roles such as Animal Cruelty Investigator for the CT Humane Society, Municipal Animal Control Officer for several towns, and Animal Inspector. The last five years prior to his passing, Gary worked as a State Animal Control Officer for the CT Department of Agriculture of which he was the most proud of. Besides his country, friends, and animals, Gary loved helping his community. He did this in various ways, however, he is most proud of being a member of the Stafford Fire Department No. 1 as an Engineer, EMR, attended many school events and Safety Days as well as being member of Tolland County Dive Team, both of which he was still an active member. Calling hours will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2024 from 3:00-5:00 PM at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, CT. Burial with Military Honors will be held on Friday,






Obituary

Gary A. Wilson

May 17, 2024 at 12:00 PM at the State of Connecticut Veterans' Cemetery, 317 Bow Lane, Middletown, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to an animal rescue charity of choice, or to Stafford Fire Department No. 1, P.O. Box 147, Staffordville, CT 06077. To leave a condolence online, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com




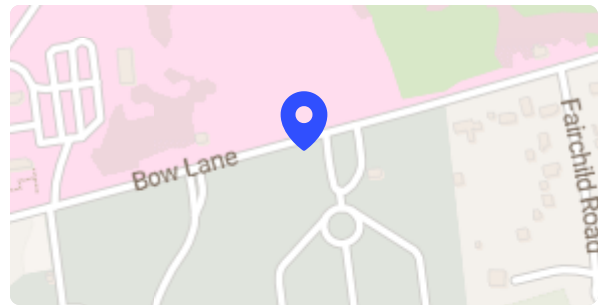
Viewing

-  **Thursday, May 9, 2024**
-  3:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET
-  **Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc.**
51 East Main St., Stafford Springs CT 06076



Cemetery Details

-  **State of Connecticut Veterans' Cemetery**
317 Bow Lane, Middletown CT 06457





Tribute Wall

Gary A. Wilson

KM

Kim Mullen posted:

I was married to Gary for 18 years and we shared a love for animals both domestic and feral (along with a few horses and cows...and then there were the geese lol!) Oh the stories! Gary started his ACO career in Windsor Locks after we had an encounter with 2 roaming dogs while biking. At the time he was working with the CT Humane Society. Janet (WL ACO) took Gary in under her wings and the rest, as they say, is history. I joined Gary many many times on calls to rescue animals and grew to know the ACO community very well. It was the norm for us to feed and clean the kennels together and I can say we had our fair share of fostering and nursing kittens during the Spring! Gary was also a member of the Enfield Fish & Game in addition to starting his own business rescuing wildlife. He had his hands in many pots! I am very happy to have read all the tributes and love sent his way upon his passing. I will always be grateful for the beautiful memories.

March 16 at 9:57 PM

LU

Lucy lit a candle in honor of Gary.

May 14 at 3:07 PM



WB

Wayne Berriault lit a candle in honor of Gary.

May 10 at 5:21 AM



CH

Colleen Heitson lit a candle in honor of Gary.

May 10 at 4:00 AM



BN

Brian Neal lit a candle in honor of Gary.

May 9 at 12:26 PM





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Barbara Godejohn posted:

I didn't know Gary very well, but I did work with him several times. Gary was always respectful and attentive, as I worked with him while he was training for State Animal Control. He was a fun loving guy with a great sense of humor. RIP Gary Wilson.

May 9 at 7:31 AM



Lisa Greene Everett lit a candle in honor of Gary.



May 9 at 7:25 AM



Nancy Collier lit a candle in honor of Gary.

I will miss Gary, he was a wonder man. So kind, caring and funny. Prayers for his family.



May 9 at 12:59 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Wilson family.



May 8 at 5:39 PM



Bryan Hurlburt shared a photo to the **Gary** album.



May 8 at 4:02 PM



Tina Binheimer May 8 at 9:45 PM

Thank you sir! He was so proud that day.



Tribute Wall

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PB

Paul Burns lit a candle in honor of Gary.

May 8 at 12:35 PM



RO

Rose lit a candle in honor of Gary.

Rose DeFrancesco

May 8 at 12:17 PM



AC

Anthony Volpe & Marena Castro sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Wilson family.

May 8 at 9:14 AM



KO

Kolossos sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Wilson family.

May 8 at 7:07 AM



JG

Judy Geary lit a candle in honor of Gary.

May 8 at 6:25 AM



JG

Judy Geary May 8 at 6:28 AM

Thank you for all your years of service and kindness. RIP my friend.



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Grace Parrow posted:

Several years ago, I was trying to help a senior citizen who had lost her home. She had a cat that was her closest companion in this world, and she was distraught when she had to leave her home without it because she had no place to go. Gary went into the house, found the cat, and took care of it while we worked to find her a place to land where she could have her kitty. We were successful in the end, and they were reunited. I'll always be thankful to Gary for his kindness.

May 8 at 4:41 AM



Tina May 8 at 9:44 PM

Well said Tanya



Saco Tanya Wescovich May 8 at 3:28 PM

The world will be different now, cancer is brutal and does not discriminate. Gary had so much hope and positivity while he went thru this journey. The amazing things I will remember him by : how he would always be ready for a new case, how his extreme concern for animals made us question his sanity at times, how he would always call and not text but never leave a message (then keep calling over and over till you answered) and how he lived for the job. I wish he could have gotten that one big seizure he always felt was needed....I sure hope there was a giant pizza waiting for him to eat as he pleases. Rest in peace Gary, we have the watch.



Jack Dungfelder lit a candle in honor of Gary.



May 8 at 4:07 AM



Tina May 8 at 9:41 PM

We love you Jack!



Jack Dungfelder May 8 at 4:29 AM

RIP



Jack Dungfelder May 8 at 4:29 AM

Rest peace

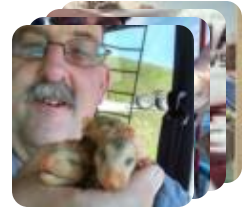


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Tina shared 4 photos to the **Gary** album.



May 7 at 11:48 AM



Douglas Dains posted:

I had the honor to serve with him in VS-28. I have nothing but great memories. Even on worst days he would cheer us up. His sense of humor was contagious. Rest in Peace shipmate!

May 7 at 4:55 PM



Tina May 8 at 9:43 PM

His humor certainly was contagious! Thank you Doug



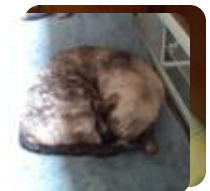
Laura Nielwocki lit a candle in honor of Gary.



May 7 at 3:03 PM



Joan Mitta shared 2 photos to the **Mia** album.



May 7 at 12:27 PM



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Joan Mitta lit a candle in honor of Gary.



May 7 at 12:12 PM



Joan Mitta May 7 at 12:17 PM

Larry and I have had the pleasure of knowing Gary for many years in his role as Animal Control Officer. He worked tirelessly to save the lives of many animals and enforce the law to protect them. Our fondest memory is when he saved a Tortie Siamese and let us adopt "Mia" who is enjoying her life now that she is off the streets. We will miss you, Gary...rest in peace.



Mandy Fisher lit a candle in honor of Gary.



Gary was a true friend to all animals. I had the honor of volunteering under his watch at Stafford Animal Control. He always wanted to help, never uttered the word "no", and showed compassion in everything he did. He will be missed.

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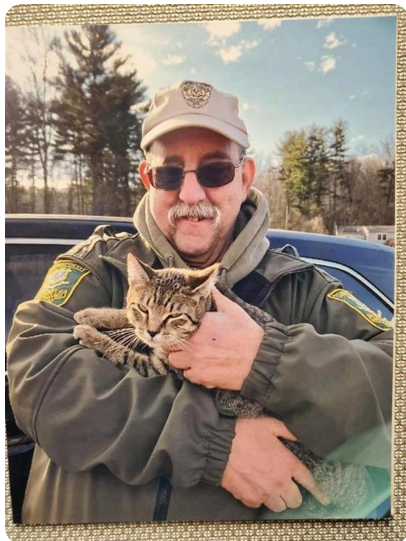
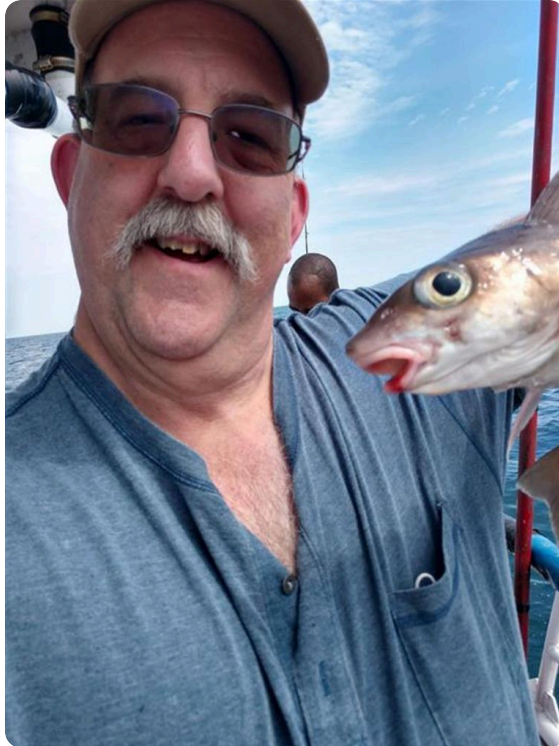


SACO Wilson at his swearing in ceremony as a SACO.



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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