



## Gary R. Frank

November 12, 1954 - January 26, 2017

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1954-2017

A celebration of life service for Gary Frank, age 62 of Princeton, will be Friday, Feb. 3 at 11:00 A.M. at the First Lutheran Church in Princeton. Pastor Phil Gronbach will officiate. Cremation has been accorded and burial will take place at a later date at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, MO.

Gary Frank passed away on Thursday, Jan 26, 2017 at his home. He was born on Nov. 12, 1954 in Princeton to Gail R. and Grace M. (Gealow) Frank. Gary was a 1973 graduate of Princeton High School. He graduated from Cerro Coso Community College in 1988 with an Associates Degree in Arts, and then graduated in 1990 from California State University in Bakersfield, CA. with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies. He then went on to graduate in 1993 from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, with a Master of Science in Elementary Education. Gary was enlisted in the U.S. Navy from 1974 to 1982 obtaining the rank of E-5. He achieved the ranking of Aircraft Electrician Petty Officer Second Class. Gary married Patricia Gregory in 1973. She preceded him in death. He later married Sheri Williams of Princeton. He was a member of Modern Woodworkers of America and the First Lutheran Church of Princeton. He enjoyed traveling and was an avid woodworker turning bowls and pens in his garage, making urns and fixing wooden items for friends.

He is survived by his daughter, Vanessa (James) Johnson of Dixon; his mother, Grace Frank of Cedar Point; two sisters, Gwen (Pat) Beattie of Concord, NC., Greta (Tony) Dunn of Manlius; and two grandchildren, Brianna Johnson and Damian Johnson both of Dixon.

He is preceded in death his father and his first wife.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the Shriners Children's Hospital in

Chicago.

Online condolences may be left at [www.norbergfh.com](http://www.norbergfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church of Princeton  
116 N. Pleasant St.  
Princeton, IL 61356

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sadden to hear of the loss of Gary. I have many fond memories of family reunions at Uncle Gail's and Aunt Grace's home. Lots of fun cousin time. Thinking of you all. Sheila

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**Sheila Kipp** - February 02, 2017 at 08:19 AM

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“ I worked with Gary at Tractor Supply many years ago. Gary was quite the character and seemed to always have a story to tell. The memory that stands out most is his love for wood working and the many things he made. He had a talent and was very proud to share his work with us all. My Husband and I bought a house and was wanting a unique trim for one of the bedrooms. I asked Gary to help out with my idea and he ran with the idea and made it a reality! It is sad to hear the news of his passing but know that he will be creating really good things where he is going.

*Ann Yepsen*

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**Ann Yepsen** - January 31, 2017 at 06:21 PM