



## Gary Dale Kuiper

August 26, 1951 - November 30, 2023

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Mr. Gary Dale Kuiper, 72, passed away Thursday, November 30, 2023, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oxford, MS. A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Michigan. Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is in charge of local arrangements.

Mr. Kuiper was born on August 26, 1951, in Zeeland, MI. He was always an extremely intelligent and hardworking man. He worked throughout his life to obtain his Doctorate of Law from Michigan State University, formerly known as Detroit College of Law. He proudly practiced as an attorney for over 35 years, and was a long time member of the Michigan State Bar Association. Being an alumni, Mr. Kuiper was also a huge Michigan State University sports fan.

Away from work, Mr. Kuiper always enjoyed learning new things. He enjoyed reading in his free time and became an avid reader. He also enjoyed being active by biking, jogging, and tennis. Mr. Kuiper also had a love for traveling, visiting over 100 countries with his beloved wife, Linda Kuiper. However, he loved nothing more than watching his grandchildren play the sports they love and spending time with family. Mr. Kuiper was known to be an extremely kind hearted man and brought joy to everyone he came in contact with. He always looked out for others and was very involved in volunteering with the Big

Brothers Big Sisters of America organization. He will truly be missed by all who knew him.

Mr. Kuiper is survived by his wife, Linda Kuiper of Grand Blanc, MI; two sons, Jacob Kuiper of Flint, MI, and Daniel (Bobbie Jo) Bruff of Durand, MI; two daughters, Danielle Eldridge of Rockford, MI, and Janet Crenshaw of Hermosa Beach, CA; seven granddaughters, Dominique Hiney, Mackenzie Weaver, Annalise Bruff, Gabrielle Bruff, Madelyn Eldridge, Isabella Bruff, and Hailey Bruff; two grandsons, Robert Hiney and Hunter Bruff; two sisters, Sandi (Bernard) Allen of Colorado, and Betty Nederveld of Michigan; one brother, Dennis (Terree) Kuiper of North Carolina; one sister-in-law, Rhonda (Barry) Eaton of Michigan; and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Mr. Kuiper was preceded in death by his parents, Gerrit Kuiper and Josie Kuiper.

Donations and memorials in honor of Mr. Gary Dale Kuiper may be made to the donor's choice of the Michigan Pit-bull Education Project ([www.michpitbulleducation.org](http://www.michpitbulleducation.org)) or the Fish of Grand Blanc ([www.fishofgrandblanc.org](http://www.fishofgrandblanc.org)).

Online condolences may be left on his Tribute Wall at [www.colemanfuneralhome.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

OB

“ I worked as an officer in segregation in two different prison with Gary and I enjoyed watching him listening to him as he would hear inmates plead their cases. Gary was always fair and impartial. We had a lot good talks over the years and a lot of laughs and some interesting moments pulling inmates away from him as they disagreed with one of his decisions lol. I for one will truly miss and always cherish his memories and friendship.

officer, pastor Michael Bradley - April 05, 2024 at 10:22 PM

OT

I worked at Saginaw Corrections I always remembered him being so calm and what a nice man I'm sure his family will miss him prayers for them RIH ,

Officer Tami Trumbley - April 06, 2024 at 01:43 PM

AD

“ Such a sweetheart of a guy!! Met him at the Flint corrections center, knowing him over 20 years. Called him 'Kuiper the Typer'. Hurts my heart to see this. Rest in peace.

Anna Dowd - April 04, 2024 at 01:53 PM

TT

I remember him from the Saginaw Correction Center, he was soft spoken and so very nice prayers for his family

Tami Trumbley - April 04, 2024 at 11:56 PM

DL

“ I spent many years and experienced a multitude of great times with Gary. He was my best friend in grade school and on through high school. We had many good times shooting hoops, playing a variety of games in our backyards, riding our bikes, hanging out in and around Jamestown, and playing sports together. I have so many fond memories.

Gary reached out to me about 10 years ago and we got together a few times to reminisce and catch up with one another, and I am so thankful for those occasions. Gary was the kind, generous, witty, and humble person I had always known and appreciated.

My wife, Judy, and I extend our heartfelt sympathy to Linda and Gary's family.

Dave Lammers

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David Lammers - December 06, 2023 at 10:49 AM

AS

“ My wife Hana and I, feel very fortunate to have known such a wonderful man. Gary had such a calming presence about him. I will miss all our conversations. He will be dearly missed. Thoughts and prayers to Linda and family.

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Al safaoui - December 05, 2023 at 07:53 AM

A&

“ Al &Hana purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Gary Dale Kuiper.



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Al &Hana - December 04, 2023 at 06:31 PM

RG

“ *Praying for Gary's beautiful wife and family. Thank you for being an instrumental factor in Cameron's life. May God bless and keep you*



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**Renee Hill (Cameron's Grandma)** - December 04, 2023 at 06:18 PM

RS

“ *Linda,*

*I cannot express how deeply saddened Nancy and I are at hearing of Gary's passing. We, of course, extend to you are deepest sympathy and condolences at this very difficult time.*

*Gary was a unique and special person who dedicated his life to you and his family. He cultivated many friendships and was appreciated and loved by so many for his kindness and profound decency. To his great credit, he also devoted much time to unselfishly helping and serving others in the community.*

*Personally, he was a fellow traveler, a deep green Spartan. He possessed a sense of adventure, a quick wit, and a seemingly inexhaustive supply of knowledge and curiosity. He was a joy to converse with and simply be with. He was truly a good person. All of us who were touched by him were made better.*

*Nancy and Rick Salomonson*

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**Rick Salomonson** - December 04, 2023 at 03:15 PM

RM

“ Though our time together was brief, Gary's kindness as the father of my host family in Michigan left a lasting impression. His welcoming spirit and genuine hospitality made a significant impact during my high school exchange. His generosity spoke volumes about the wonderful person he was. My thoughts are with the Kuiper family during this difficult time.

Ricardo de Montreuil - December 03, 2023 at 08:40 PM

ER

“ Thinking of so many fond memories with the Kuiper family. Gary was always warm and inviting and he will be immeasurably missed. My condolences to all who knew and loved him.

Erin Helms Reen - December 01, 2023 at 11:20 PM

BG

“ So sorry for your loss. I still remember when you came to my house to get the bike I fixed for Gary. Watching him ride up and down Bagley St. with the biggest smile on his face.

Brian Granger - December 01, 2023 at 06:30 PM

DD

“ Treasured memories of Aunt Peg and I being picked up at our condo's for dinner with you and Linda when we arrived home after our winters in the south and our big family open house for Koegel hot dogs before we departed Michigan for the winter. Such a loving and kind nephew to all. You will be missed.

Dona Elaine Draper - December 01, 2023 at 06:16 PM

LK

Thank you Aunt Elaine

Linda Kuiper - January 16, 2024 at 09:01 AM