



Gary Kula

October 7, 1949 - February 5, 2024

Gary Kula, 74, of Murrells Inlet, SC passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on February 5th, 2024.

Gary was born and raised in Northeast Philadelphia and was a graduate of Father Judge High School class of 67. Soon after, he entered the carpentry trade where he worked his way to becoming a master carpenter and a foreman until he retired in 2002. Gary was an accomplished guitar player and musician and most recently a member of the Old School Band, Deltone 4, and the Upstairs band. He was the life of the party, enjoyed golfing, vodka martinis, and spending time with family and friends. He entered a room, whistling and always singing some tune and a big smile on his face, making everyone in his life feel like he was their best friend. He will be missed dearly by his wife of 23 years, Joyce, her son Chris and wife Heather, his grandchildren, Caitlin, Brian, Isabella and Gavin and sister Dolores.

His service will be private, and in lieu of flowers, Donations can be made to the Salty Dog Animal Rescue saltydogsrescue.org – Rehoming senior dogs SDSAR PO box 4121 Pawleys Island SC 29585.

Tribute Wall

TP

“ As you journey through life, you meet a lot of people, have many acquaintances and friends in school, work etc. But how many would stand the test of time, the ones you call my best friend, not so many maybe two, three. In my case just two, Gary was one of them. He was my friend for over 40 years, the friend who you could always count on the one who always had your back. He was there when you needed help to fix anything he was a great carpenter, and never asked for anything in return. Yes we all know he was the life of the party with a sense of humor that was second to none. But he was so much more than that, always pulling for the underdog, and always a straight shooter who loved family and country. We played a lot of golf together when we reunited in Myrtle Beach some 12 years ago. I will always cherish the time we shared together on and off the golf course. Golfing and laughing together from start to finish, when he would make a bad shot a could hear him say “ that was Ugleeee”. The crazy things we did when a brought a video camera on one of golf trips back in the 80’s. I’ll leave it to your imagination to fill in the blanks. Anyway you get the idea of what he meant to all of us that knew him. We will miss you! We love you! By the way , when it my turn to pass, keep a spot open for me in you foursome. Hit them long and straight. Tommy

Tommy Paris - February 09, 2024 at 05:42 PM

CM

Lovely tribute Tommy, Thank you. Love Joyce

Chris McMullin - February 10, 2024 at 09:51 AM

SG

“ Sari G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Kula.

Sari G. - February 07, 2024 at 09:37 PM

BM

“Joyce and Gary are neighbors in Brookfield. Years ago, I had a cookout and invited some neighbors over. As the day went on, and after a few drinks, we encouraged Gary to get his guitar and play some oldies for us. He finally got it and we sat around and sang, or tried to sing, to his music. It was a blast, didn't matter that we didn't know all the words, it was just fun going back to the old days. Gary was such a great guy, played for a couple hours. A lot of fun, great memories, will never forget. May he rest in eternal peace. 🙏🙏🙏

Bonnie Mike - February 07, 2024 at 08:20 PM

LO

“Always had a smile on his face. Great guy! Tony and I will miss him.

Linda Omelio - February 07, 2024 at 04:28 PM

JM

“Knew Gary in Philly for almost 40 yrs...worked with him and it was always fun. Many, many golf trips through the years and needless to say, always crazy when Gary was along. Ironically, in later years, I owned a construction company and when it was time to close and move south, Gary paid me the honor of running my last jobs to perfection. Can't believe we moved south almost together and we were then able to spend time golfing, talking of old and new times and sharing (many) of those vodka martinis. Gary was a great carpenter, so much fun and mostly, my great buddy. I miss you.

John Matter

Ditto to above and I will miss him terribly and how much we enjoyed our couples dinners with Joyce.

Barbara Matter

John Matter - February 07, 2024 at 02:29 PM

CM

Thank you John, he always loved our dinners together. And, of course golfing with you ;and Tommy

Chris McMullin - February 10, 2024 at 09:53 AM

SF

“ *I played a lot of golf with Gary in the GSSGG league here in Myrtle Beach, which he was a leader for awhile! I loved his sense of humor and his stories of Philly & the construction business. My condolences to the family. He will be missed by many! RIP my friend*

Shawn Fogarty - February 07, 2024 at 01:02 PM

BE

I knew Gary many years ago. He was fun and always kind to me. RIP Gary Kula.

Barbara Cohen Ehrlich - April 21, 2024 at 06:27 PM