



Mr. Gary A. Donnelly, Sr.

December 22, 1949 - June 17, 2013

Gary A. Donnelly

Loving Husband and Father

Retired Tewksbury Postal Employee

LOWELL—Gary Anthony Donnelly, Sr., the loving husband of Deborah A. (Firth) Donnelly, and a resident of South Lowell, passed away following a brief illness, on Monday, June 17, 2013 at Lowell General's Saints Campus. He was 63 years old.

Gary was born in Lowell on December 22, 1949, a son of the late Leo J. Sr. and Helena M. (Hebert) Donnelly. He graduated from the Sacred Heart Grammar School and Lowell High School with the class of 1968. Mr. Donnelly was an Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and received the Purple Heart for wounds received in action. He was honorably discharged in 1971.

For over 30 years Gary was employed with the United States Postal Service. He retired in 2003 after many years as a window clerk at the Tewksbury Post Office.

Gary loved sports and especially all the Boston Teams. He had a contagious personality and was always smiling. A true people person, Gary was a good listener and would talk to everyone he met. Some of his pastimes included traveling to Florida, playing golf, and going to the beach. He also enjoyed playing the lottery and trips to Foxwoods. Gary took meticulous care of his lawn and was proud of his yard. He enjoyed his Corvette and his motorcycle. He loved playing with his grandkids.

Gary will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by his wife Deborah (Firth) Donnelly of Lowell; his two children, Gary A. Donnelly, Jr. of Plaistow, NH and Kimberly M.

(Donnelly) Bramante and her husband Peter of Reading; his three adoring grandchildren, Samuel, Seth, and McKenna Donnelly; his sister, Nancy T. Donnelly of Dunstable; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Patricia Donnelly of Lowell, Thomas E. Firth, III and his wife Linda of Methuen, Richard A. Firth and his wife Brenda of Richford, VT, Valerie Fernald and her husband Brian of Chelmsford, and Victoria Firth Trudel and her husband Jamie of Nashua. Gary also leaves many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Mr. Donnelly was the brother of the late Leo J. Donnelly, Jr. who died in 2009.

FUNERAL NOTICE

DONNELLY—In Lowell, June 17, 2013 at Lowell General-Saints, Gary A. Donnelly, Sr., 63, the beloved husband of Deborah A. (Firth) Donnelly.

Family and friends may call at the FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STREET, LOWELL, on THURSDAY from 4 until 8 P.M. Mr. Donnelly's Funeral will begin on FRIDAY MORNING, June 21, 2013 at 9 o'clock from the Funeral Home, followed by his Funeral Mass at 10 o'clock at HOLY FAMILY PARISH – ST. MARIE'S CHURCH, corner of Chamberlain and Grafton Sts. Lowell.

His burial service will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

ARRANGEMENTS BY THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS, 978-459-9222. www.faymccabe.com

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

1251 Gorham Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 458-8464
<http://www.stpatrickcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUN **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home
105 Moore Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 459-9222
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Funeral Mass

JUN **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Parish – St. Marie's Church
75 Chamberlain Street
at the corner of Grafton Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 453-2134

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Gary A. Donnelly, Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *Mr. Gary A. Donnelly, Sr.*

peter bramante - June 19, 2013 at 09:00 AM



Gary, a tremendous void has been left by your sudden departure. You were a devoted husband, a loving father and a great friend. I am so glad we got to spend our time together, no matter how brief it was. You will be sorely missed by those who were blessed enough to know you. I'm gonna miss you "Dad"! Godspeed!

peter bramante - June 19, 2013 at 09:04 AM



Debbie, Kim, young Gary and Cousins, I was shocked and saddened to hear about the passing of Gary! I used to see him all the time at the Post Office in Tewksbury, I stop in on my lunch break when I worked at Wang. So, I guess it's been awhile, glad I got to stop by and see him once more, in the present, I will miss his smiling face and twinkle in the eye. Sorry for your loss, he will be greatly missed. Judy O'Connor

Judy O'Connor - June 19, 2013 at 10:13 AM