



Gary Robert Selner

September 16, 1994 - December 13, 2020

Gary Robert Selner made his way home to the Lord on Dec. 13, 2020, after a lifelong battle with muscular dystrophy.

Throughout his 26 years, Gary brought light, laughter, and joy to everyone who had the good fortune of meeting him. His disability never defined him, and no one who knew Gary pitied him. Instead, his courage and perseverance motivated others to improve their own lives.

Gary graduated with honors from Cairo-Durham High School in 2012. He went on to earn several certifications in gemology from the Gemological Institute of America. Gary enjoyed crafting jewelry for friends and family, cheering on his favorite NASCAR drivers, and sampling all sorts of different hot sauces. He also taught himself about stock trading and writing code, which he put toward numerous self-directed projects. He was very proud of Progress, his homemade remote-control rover.

Gary leaves behind his parents, Tracy and Dave Selner; siblings David and Kristen Selner; cousins Maureen Selner, Colleen Selner, Joe (Alexandra) Selner, Angela (Tyler) Endress, Ben Selner, Thomas Selner, Sarah Midani, Tahseen Midani and Lenah Midani; grandparents Carolyn and Gary Wank and Dorothy Selner; and many loving aunts and uncles.

He is predeceased by his grandfather, Joseph K. Selner, Sr.

Gary always lived by the motto, "Go big or go home," and would encourage others to do the same. We remember him for his humor, intelligence, and generosity, and for those he will always hold a place in our hearts.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Richards Funeral Home and services will be private.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cairo, NY.

Tribute Wall

LE

“ *Lee lit a candle in memory of Gary Robert Selner*



Lee - January 03, 2021 at 07:37 PM

SV

“ *Sharon A Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Gary Robert Selner*



Sharon A Vaughn - December 20, 2020 at 01:38 PM

LH

“ *My deepest sympathies. I am very sorry for your loss. Love and prayers to all of you. God bless.*

Lynn heath - December 18, 2020 at 08:47 AM

DK

“ *To the Selner family, I'm so so very sorry for your loss. You're all in my thoughts and prayers 🙏😊*



Dawn Kuenstle

Dawn Kuenstle - December 18, 2020 at 08:22 AM

JR

“ Tracy, Dave, Dotty and the entire Selner family,
It is with great sadness that we read of Gary's passing. We didn't know him well, but we know what a loving family the Selners are. Having lost our own 24 year old son, we know the grief you're experiencing. Nothing ever fills the hole but time will soften the hurt. Celebrating his life keeps his memory alive and helps soothe the soul. And most of all ,love is eternal. Our love to your family.
Jim and Joleen Roe

Jim Roe - December 18, 2020 at 08:01 AM

CG

“ Our deepest sympathy to Dave and Tracy, Bill has fondest memories of having Gary on his bus! May he rest in peace.

Bill and Claire Gustavson

Claire Gustavson - December 17, 2020 at 07:46 PM

MD

“ MeAne DiStefano lit a candle in memory of
Gary Robert Selner



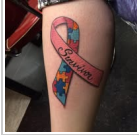
MeAne DiStefano - December 16, 2020 at 10:25 PM

NK

“ My heart breaks for the Selner Family. May he
RIP. Pain free. ❤️🕊️🙏



Nancy Karklin - December 16, 2020 at 09:39 PM



“ *Marlo Parker lit a candle in memory of Gary Robert Selner*



Marlo Parker - December 16, 2020 at 09:09 PM



“ *Kriss Monteverd lit a candle in memory of Gary Robert Selner*



Kriss Monteverd - December 16, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ *Donna Alfano lit a candle in memory of Gary Robert Selner*



Donna Alfano - December 16, 2020 at 07:19 PM



“ *Gary's bright light lives on in the many lessons he taught others about a life worth living. Rest In Peace Gary.*



Diana Swanson - December 16, 2020 at 07:02 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Spohler lit a candle in memory of Gary Robert Selner*



Barbara Spohler - December 16, 2020 at 06:39 PM

DC

“ *Dave, Tracy, and Family*
So sorry for your loss, cherish the memories, our deepest sympathy at this time. Tracy
Aidan said to tell you he wishes he could just hug you right now.

Dawn, Mike, & Aidan Cody

Dawn Cody - December 16, 2020 at 06:16 PM

DC

“ *Dawn Cody lit a candle in memory of Gary Robert Selner*



Dawn Cody - December 16, 2020 at 06:11 PM

SR

“ Dear Dave, Tracy and family,

Every time I had an opportunity to visit with Gary, I was impressed. With him, with all of you. Looks like he successfully followed through on his interest in gems and we are glad to see that. A few years ago, at Aunt Jane's birthday party, he shared his interested with us. So good! Gary's live was well lived. Hugs to all of you.

Sandy & Larry Rivenburg

Sandy Rivenburg - December 16, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ Sheila Christine Gallagher lit a candle in memory of Gary Robert Selner



Sheila Christine Gallagher - December 16, 2020 at 05:08 PM

MM

“ *"I believe that tears can heal, memories can comfort, and love lives on forever"*

Mary (Prapolsky) Thomas Murphy

Mary Murphy - December 16, 2020 at 11:15 AM

RB

“ Dear Mr. & Mrs. Selner,
Gary was an amazing boy! It was my great pleasure to have know him while he was a student at CD. He certainly enriched my life! Fly high sweet angel!
Rosemary Beury

Rosemary Beury - December 15, 2020 at 11:12 PM

MM

“ Dave and Tracy,

There are no words.... You are wonderful parents and your son is a perfect boy!!!! Sending love your way always to your entire family.

Missy and Kevin Maldonado

Melissa Maldonado - December 15, 2020 at 10:53 PM

BW

“ Betty A. (McNulty) White lit a candle in memory of Gary Robert Selner



Betty A. (McNulty) White - December 15, 2020 at 08:49 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Robert Selner.



December 15, 2020 at 08:47 PM

AF

“ Gary, I'm happy I had the chance to be your friend and have such great memories with you over the last seven years. From watching all the Star Wars content we could find, to scaring the daylights out of Bear with your R2D2 robots, you were never afraid of a challenge. I remember bringing over spicy wine with habaneros; I managed to drink one shot in the time you had three. When I asked how you did it without milk, you smiled and said "I'll take another." You lived your life how you wanted to live it! Gary, you are an inspiration and a great friend that I'll remember for the rest of my life.

Alec Felitte - December 15, 2020 at 07:42 PM

NZ

“ Nicole Zacchio purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gary Robert Selner.



Nicole Zacchio - December 15, 2020 at 07:42 PM

AD

“ God chose another ANGEL to watch over us, Gary Robert Selner.

Amalia Donvito - December 15, 2020 at 06:13 PM

RS

“ My boy. Will miss our fishing trips and laughing on the boat, garage parties and quality time hanging out enjoying the day. What happens on the boat stays on the boat.

Rich selner - December 15, 2020 at 05:48 PM

AC

“ Anthony Cugini purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Robert Selner.



Anthony Cugini - December 15, 2020 at 05:40 PM

JJ

“ We are so sorry for your loss, may all your happy memories bring you all comfort during these difficult times. May he be resting comfortably and watching over you always.



Jessica & Curtis Jarris - December 15, 2020 at 05:37 PM

SF

“ Gary
You were my very best friend even if life took us in different directions lately. There is no one else I would have chose to work with and share so many great times. You were the strongest, smartest, funniest most caring people I have ever had the pleasure to know. If I has to do it all over again I would choose to do it with you hands down. It was my pleasure. I will miss you always. Your buddy. Miss F.

Sandy Fuegmann - December 15, 2020 at 05:19 PM

JL

“ Dave and Tracy you and your family are in my heart, thoughts and prayers. Although so many years have passed, I still remember his smile. Such a sweet young man. I am so sorry and will keep you all in my prayers.

Jennifer Leis - December 15, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ *Jennifer Leis lit a candle in memory of Gary Robert Selner*



Jennifer Leis - December 15, 2020 at 03:05 PM