



## Gary Steven Lane

March 17, 1954 - September 14, 2021

Gary S. Lane, 67, passed away on September 14, 2021 in Sarasota, Florida after a brief illness. Gary was born on March 17, 1954 in Lewiston, Maine and graduated from Montville High School in Oakdale, Connecticut 1972.

Gary was the son of Theodore R. Lane and Ruth (Belmont) Lane. He was predeceased by his father, Theodore and mother, Ruth.

As a Coast Guard kid, Gary spent time growing up in Auburn, Maine, Cape May, New Jersey, Hollywood, Florida, and Oakdale, Connecticut with his parents and sister Sandra (Sandi). After high school graduation he spent time in Hawaii and then attended the American College in Lucerne, Switzerland. After returning to Auburn, Maine, he attended what was Central Maine Vocational Technical Institute, the present Central Maine Community College, where he studied graphic design.

When Gary moved to Florida, he settled first in Stuart, working for a marketing agency and then independently in and around Stuart and then Sarasota after he moved there. Later, he became a Certified Nursing Assistant, receiving certificates in Alzheimer's and Parkinson's care. He partnered with health care agencies and also worked long-term private duty assignments with many patients on behalf of families who came to depend on his diligence and care for loved ones in difficult circumstances.

Ever the dreamer, talented artist and creative spirit, Gary was as much of the spiritual world as the real world. He loved being with family and friends and enjoyed music, biking, the ocean, volunteering for various nonprofit causes through his affiliation with Sarasota's Parrot Head Club and, of course, cooking up the most flavorful ribs one could imagine time and again at family and friends' get-togethers. He was a devoted son and caregiver to both his parents, especially in their later years when they needed his skills. Gary will be remembered for his easy smile, humor, storytelling, and love of family and friends.

Gary is survived by a sister, Sandra Lane Peterson and her husband Stephen E. Peterson of Richmond, Virginia, a nephew, Bradford Lane Peterson and a niece, Leah Kathryn Peterson Munn and her husband Jonathan, all of whom are from Richmond, Virginia and life partner, Ann Andrews of Sarasota, Florida. Gary also leaves behind cousins Patricia Sloat and husband Bryan, Cindi LaHaye and partner Mike Yates, Michelle Manter and husband Kevin, all of Freeport, Maine, Richard Lane Bixby and wife Susan, of Sanbornville, New Hampshire.

The family is currently determining the time and date of an as yet unannounced celebration of life.

We ask that you consider donating to the Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation's COVID-19 Support Fund at <https://www.smhf.org>.

# Tribute Wall

FL

“ I just learned of Gary’s passing. My condolences to his sister Sandi and his extended family. I met Gary in middle school when he moved in down the street from us in Montville Manor. We became friends very quickly during that coming of age period in our lives. In the posting below, Mike captured Gary’s description perfectly. While he was from Maine, you would have thought he was from California. We did many things together but listening to music was always top of the list.  
Gary touched many people in such a positive way including me, Rest In Peace buddy knowing that positive glow you left.

*Frank Logano*

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**Frank Logano** - October 16, 2021 at 11:41 AM

BB

“ Gary loved life and was blessed with countless friends. Though I knew him only a few years it was time well spent when we got together. He will be missed. Bob Bergeron

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**Bob Bergeron** - September 16, 2021 at 07:48 PM

MD

“ I remember the first time Gary walked into my classroom, already in session, and was introduced as the new student. This rarely happened in a town with everyone growing up together from elementary school. He glided into the room like some slow motion video of a teen model with perfect hair and a grown man's beard or mustache. I think there was background music but I could be mistaken. My young teen self conscious meter started ringing off the wall. When I introduced myself and got to know Gary, it was obvious that he was genuinely a nice guy with no ego. He marched to the beat of his own drum, never angry, never petty, always smiling. We were a better class for having him as a classmate and I suspect he made every environment and situation better just by being himself. Rest in peace Gary.  
Mike Doviak

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**Mike Doviak** - September 16, 2021 at 11:50 AM

AK

“ I'm so sorry. I went to school with Gary at the American College of Lucerne. Switzerland. He spent a lot of time in our room laughing, listening to music, planning the next adventure. We kept in & out of touch through the years. Such a gentle soul. He will be missed. RIP College buddy. ❤️❤️

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**allison Cadey Krutulis** - September 16, 2021 at 10:31 AM

DL

“ Gary had a locker next to mine in high school. He was always perfectly put together. Always well-dressed with amazing blond hair swept to one side. His locker was neat and tidy. We had some good laughs together. That was probably 1970, though it seems not so very long ago. He used to tell me I should make more of an effort to dress up. That was funny.  
Condolences to all of Gary's family for your sad loss.

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**Dawn Laboc** - September 16, 2021 at 01:13 AM

SC

“ So very sad to hear of Gary’s passing. He was such a loving and caring person, creative, and talented. Jerry says it was always a great time cooking with Gary at the Sarasota Bay Parrothead Club golf outing for Alzheimer’s. I cherish the painting he gave me after I recorded a special rendition of Your Memories are Safe with Us for his Dad. Sail On Gary.

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**Sheree & Jerry Cade** - September 15, 2021 at 08:50 PM

KM

“ *"A beautiful life that came to an end,  
he died as he lived, everyone's friend.}*  
*In our hearts, a memory will always be kept,  
of one we loved and will never forget.*

*Rest in Peace, Gary...*

*Kevin Moriarty - Machala, Ecuador*

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**Kevin E, Moriarty** - September 15, 2021 at 06:12 PM

BR

*so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. The years that he came to Maine I will always remember. All us Danville girls had a crush on him. My sympathy to you Sandy and Steve.*

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**bettina mae robert** - September 17, 2021 at 10:55 AM

LP

“ Ann  
*My heart is broken! I will miss having great conversations with Gary. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers! I am here for you.*

*Lucie*

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**Lucie Przylowicz** - September 15, 2021 at 06:02 PM



RS

“ We both we shocked to hear this news. So sorry for your loss Ann. We are thinking of you and the rest of Lane Family. Loved his sweet smile and laughter. Love Rick and Sheryl.

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**Rick Smith** - September 15, 2021 at 03:44 PM



SB

“ So, Very sorry for this news. I met Gary years ago and he was the gentle spirit and loved his family and life so, much. God Bless Sandi and all the family and Ann. He had many great times at his home and just anyplace he would go. Fly high and we all know you have joined all your family especially your wonderful loving parents....poor Sandi.....God Bless you!  
*Sally Jo Blake*

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**Sally Jo Blake** - September 15, 2021 at 03:01 PM

AF

“ Even though I haven't seen Gary in many years . I do think about my childhood memories with him in them. I have wonderful memories of hanging out at his house listening to the Beatles with Sandy in his room . I'm so sorry to hear this awful news . Know that I pray for you Sandi and your family. ❤️😭

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**Arlene Foley** - September 15, 2021 at 02:37 PM

DT

So saddened by this news. Our thoughts and sympathies go out to Sandy, Steve, Brad, Leah, Jon and Ann as well as his Maine cousins. Fond memories of our Florida Thanksgiving . Gary was truly a free spirit who loved family and now is reunited with those who went before.  
Donna & Mary

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**Donna Tyler-Dyer** - September 15, 2021 at 04:01 PM

RE

“ May the road rise to meet you. May the wind always be at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face ,the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Cheers Mate 👍💋💋

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**Roxey Earley** - September 15, 2021 at 01:39 PM

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“ I'm searching for the spirit of the great heart  
To hold and stand me by  
I'm searchin' for the spirit of the great heart  
Under African sky  
- Great Heart, Jimmy Buffett

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**Steve Peterson** - September 15, 2021 at 01:18 PM

SB

*So sorry to hear of Gary's passing-a fun, happy kinda guy, who enjoyed all he could, daily in life! So many good memories to treasure. We will miss you Gary! Condolences to you Annie, Gary's sister, and all of your friends, in this loss. My heart aches for you Annie-love and caring hugs to you sweet friend. Sailor Mary*

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**Sailor Mary Boclair** - September 15, 2021 at 05:16 PM

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*Oh Ann I am soooo sorry. May you stay safe and well HUGS HUGS*

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**Nancy** - September 16, 2021 at 11:52 AM