



Gary Lauersdorf

February 5, 1964 - May 5, 2026

NORWAY- Gary Lee Lauersdorf age 62 of Norway, passed away peacefully after a long battle with ALS, on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics in Madison, with his Fiancé Shari Bal and one of his best friends Andrew Spounias by his side.

Gary was born on February 5, 1964 in Iron Mountain, the son of Charles and Mary (Marchand) Lauersdorf.

Gary grew up in Kingsford, where he graduated from Kingsford High School in 1982.

Gary started out working in the building trades for several years. Then, for many years, Gary worked for Great Lakes Home Medical (formerly Rotec), delivering and setting up oxygen and home medical equipment all over the Upper Peninsula and Northeast Wisconsin, until medical problems caused him to have to give that up.

After that, he took great satisfaction in volunteer work, always helping others, notably, roasting and selling sweet corn for the Norway Volunteer Fire Department corn stand at the Dickinson County Fair, among other very worthy causes.

Gary is survived by his Fiancé of 34 years Shari Bal; his mother Mary Lauersdorf; brother Charles (Diane) Lauersdorf; brother-in-law Ken Kiltinen; special nephew Michael Kiltinen; uncle and aunt Raymond and Cheryl Marchand. Gary is also survived by Shari's siblings David (Nicolette) Bal, John (Dawn) Bal, Robert (Dione Parker) Bal and Donald (Monique) Bal; many nieces, nephews and cousins within the Lauersdorf, Marchand and Bal families, several of whom were close with and cherished by him.

Gary was preceded in death by his father, Charles Lauersdorf; brother Carl Lauersdorf; sister Lori Kiltinen; cousin Michael Marchand; as well as his grandparents, and others family members.

Gary had a kind and gentle soul, and he will be greatly missed by all who got to know him.

A private celebration of life for Gary, was held on May 23, 2026 at the home of Daniel (Sadie Ventimiglia) and Layton Bal, which was co-hosted by John and Dawn Bal.

Tribute Wall

NL

“ *Nancy LaFreniere lit a candle in memory of Gary Lauersdorf*



Nancy LaFreniere - June 06 at 03:20 PM

DM

“ *It is never a good thing to see what some people endure in their lifetime. I have known Gary pretty much my whole life. We are cousins. Although I haven't seen Gary in a very long time. He will never be forgotten. One of the quietest kids in our 1982 class. My deepest sympathy for Gary's family ! Dennis Martin*



Dennis Martin - June 06 at 12:29 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



chuck lauersdorf - May 25 at 01:42 PM

CL

1979. Me, Gary, and Carl shared in the Newspaper Carriers of the Year award that year. We got the picture in the paper, the trophy, a framed certificate, ten speed bikes, and a pizza party at Shakee's with rolls of quarters for the video games. It was a good time.

chuck lauersdorf - May 25 at 01:46 PM

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chuck lauersdorf - May 23 at 03:02 PM

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chuck lauersdorf - May 23 at 02:58 PM

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chuck lauersdorf - May 23 at 02:56 PM

SS

“ I have never met a nicer and giving man in my life until I moved into the same apartment building that Gary and Shari lived in until my son died. They were there for me from day one. RIP my dear friend you will be missed by all.

Susan Stanek - May 13 at 04:12 PM

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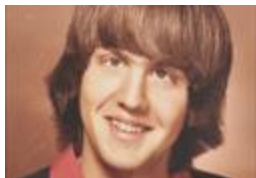
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chuck lauersdorf - May 12 at 08:10 AM

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chuck lauersdorf - May 10 at 12:30 PM

TC

These For the years that Gary and I spent the most time together... And one of the best neighborhoods a person could hope to have. 😞. Gary and I would ride bikes all the time, often to the old "Jailhouse" arcade In the Birchwood Mall or to the bowling alley in Kingsford (Recreation Lanes) to play pinballs or Donkey Kong. 🎮 We would also ride all the way to lake Antoine just for the sake of doing it... And to stop at Tasty Freez along the way. In our younger years we spent plenty of time at Park Hill sledding or, in the summer, playing football in the vacant lot between Mrs Dennis and John & Bev Connery's houses. Gary was a great friend...Dare I say extended family. The world is definitely a little darker with his kind soul missing. Rest easy my friend. 🙏🕊️

Tim Chounard - May 10 at 09:43 PM

BG

I remember Gary sharing his lunch with me in school. Always the nicest guy I knew...

bob Grafton - May 11 at 07:56 PM

TZ

“ *Gary will truly be missed by us all, he was a great neighbor and friend and were blessed to have known him ❤️*

The Zahn's - May 09 at 08:34 PM

LL

“ *I'll always remember Uncle Gary's presence at our family parties. He was always such a kind person to be around. Keeping you my family in thoughts!*



Lacey Lauersdorf - May 08 at 08:48 PM

CL

“ *You can see in his picture how brave he was. I am so proud of him.*

Chuck Lauersdorf - May 08 at 03:28 PM