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On June 6, 2008 Gary and his wife Vivian went for a motorcycle ride headed for Knoxie's Pub, Lafayette, NY; followed by his stepson and fellow rider, Mark (deceased 9/2008). He was in a great mood throughout the morning, whistling while at work, greatly anticipating a beautiful afternoon of riding motorcycle with his wife of nearly 15 years. He was proud to have worked so hard in his lifetime to be able to enjoy his motorcycle, with Bucko printed on one side and Miss Vivian on the other. With plans to have a small family barbeque later that evening, it was shaping up to be a perfect day.

That perfect day was shattered when he was killed while out on his ride and his wife suffering serious injuries, while his stepson watched helplessly. Our family gathering happened that night at University Medical Center, Syracuse, NY.

Gary was the kind of guy that would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. He gave many nights and weekends to help family and friends with never ending home projects. He was a self-taught carpenter/roofer/all around handy man and successful businessman doing all these things. He was a veteran from the Marine Corps and very proud to be so. Semper Fi was heard often. He served during Vietnam. He was a father, and an amazing one at that. He was a devoted husband, always coming up with ways to surprise Viv. He had a

beloved dog, Chi Chi, or Chuck as she was sometimes called, who adored him. He was a musician. He was the lead singer of the local country band, County Line, until his retirement from the group, which then changed its name to Doin' Time. He sang and played guitar at every family function and especially Christmas with his son, Douglas, and daughter, Jessica, at his feet eager to listen, even as adults. He was a grandfather and loved dearly all of his grandchildren, one of which was born 6 days after his death.

The imprint that Gary left behind to his family and friends ensured that his memory will forever be in this world. He is truly missed by so many.

