



Gary L. Skundberg

April 08, 1941 - September 19, 2019

Gary Loren Skundberg, 78, of Kenyon, died Thursday, September 19, 2019 at Methodist Hospital, Rochester.

He was born April 8, 1941 in Viroqua, WI the son of Reuben and Clara (Hanson) Skundberg and was raised in Westby, WI. Gary graduated from Westby High School and Luther College. On August 17, 1963 Gary married Mary Ericksen in Minneapolis. The couple lived and taught in Iowa and Minnesota prior to moving to Kenyon in 1967. Gary was an instrumental music teacher in Kenyon Schools until his retirement in 1999. During his career in Kenyon he attended summer classes and received his master's degree from Vandercook College of Music. In retirement Gary enjoyed traveling as a guide on trips to various countries as well as driving the bus for Shorewood Senior Living in Rochester.

Gary was a member of Sons of Norway, Cribbage Club, T.B. Sheldon Brass Band, St. Croix Brass and various other quartets and quintets. He enjoyed teaching cribbage, traveling, camping, downhill skiing, biking and sailing. He also was very active attending symphony orchestra concerts and various other musical events. He cherished time spent with family, friends and attending his grandchildren's events.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Skundberg of Kenyon; daughters, Anne (and Dave) Haugland of Waconia, Sara (and Scott) Koehler of Northfield, Kari (and Scott) Franz of Northfield; grandchildren, Marya Haugland, Sophia Haugland, Erik Haugland, Katherine Koehler, Sidney Koehler, Lillian Koehler, Emma Torstenson, Sam Torstenson, Matthew Franz, Tanner Franz, Stephanie Franz; sister, Rachel (and Conrad) Favor of Stevens Point, WI, Cheryl (and James) Thompson of Goose Creek, SC and several beloved cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and cherished nephew, Daniel Favor.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 1pm at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kenyon with gathering time from 12pm to 1pm. A memorial reception where the family will be receiving guests will be held after the service from 2-5pm in the church fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the family in an effort to establish a memorial in Gary's name.

Events

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GATHERING TIME

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

First Evangelical
Lutheran Church 309
Forest St, Kenyon, MN
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MEMORIAL SERVICE

1:00 PM

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VISITATION

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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De Anne Nelson

I am so very sorry for your loss. The Skunbergs were neighbors in Westby, and I took piano lessons, from Cheryl. You are in my prayers.

P

Phil and Betty Schuster

Mary and family, so sorry and sad to hear of Gary's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We had wonderful times on our overseas trips! Phil and Betty Schuster

D

Dawn Lexvold

Oh, Mary, I'm so sorry to hear this. My heartfelt sympathy to you your and family. Mr. Skundberg was such a kind and patient man. I couldn't have had a better band instructor! He sensed I was very leery of playing alone during lessons so he would play along with me. I'll never forget his encouragement and kindness. You two were my favorite teachers at KHS!



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was lit in memory of Gary L. Skundberg

❤️ [Light a candle](#)

Show your support by giving a symbol of remembrance

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Kasee Kozel

Deepest condolences to Mary, Anne, Sarah, Kari and their families for Gary's passing. The best lesson he taught me was to show up, try the thing and try it again the next day. I'm grateful for that lesson and to know Gary as a teacher, neighbor and family friend. Blessings, Kasee (Johnson) Kozel

A

Angela Stockmo

So sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Prayers to the entire family. Angie (Foss) Stockmo

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Durk Peterson

I am so grateful for Gary's commitment to excellence in directing the KHS Band! His inspiration and challenge motivated me to play in the St. Olaf band and Trombone Choir. His kindness and generosity will always be with me! May he Rest In Peace and enjoy the music of heaven!

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Marilyn

I remember with much fondness the many trips that I helped Gary and Mary arrange to Norway and the Kenyon Wanamingo Band trip that we did. I will truly miss his smiling face and enjoyment sharing his fondness of Norway with our many travelers. Marilyn of Ed-Ventures, Inc in Rochester, Mn
