

My brother Gary passed away on April 11, 2018. Gary had the most beautiful eyes, they were a deep blue, with beautiful long black eye lashes! I remember Gary running home from school when we were kids and he would be upset because all the girls would constantly tell him how beautiful his eyes were, he was always very cute, one time he even cut his eyelashes in the hopes that they would stop swooning over him, of course this didn't work! Gary grew into a very handsome, kind and thoughtful man, always giving.

Gary loved being outdoors, even at a young age, he appreciated nature and loved camping and fishing. As Gary got older, he became an avid hunter, all the while having tremendous respect for all animals. Gary enjoyed living on the lake with his longtime partner, Sue. They devoted much of their time rescuing homeless cats and caring for them.

When Gary was in the hospital, he said several times to me that out of all the suffering and anguish he was having to endure, he wished he could help just one person.

So, when I received the call from the Sight Society, there was absolutely no question in my mind that Gary would offer the gift of sight and by donating his corneas, he gifted not one, but two people and the transplants were a complete success! What an absolute blessing and I know how very proud he would be to have accomplished something so amazing and loving!

On behalf of our entire family, I wish to thank you for bringing awareness to all of us about this overwhelming need, we are and always will be very proud of our brother Gary.

Thank you & God Bless all of you at the Lions Eye Bank!

