



Gary Dean Zinn

October 6, 1943 - December 15, 2022

Gary D. Zinn, 79, of Milford passed away on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will take place in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Hartley, IA. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home, formerly the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake.

Gary was born on October 6, 1943, in Spencer, IA to Eddie and Joyce (Vogt) Zinn. He graduated from Everly High School in 1961, and attended Stewart School of Cosmetology in Sioux City, IA. He owned and operated Mr. Zinn's Hair Studio along with salons in Jefferson, Grand Junction, Spencer, Iowa and Colorado Springs, Colorado. One of his greatest joys was being a father to his son Damon. Gary was united in marriage to Mora Powell on September 15, 1991, at Gull Point State Park on West Okoboji Lake.

In his free time, he enjoyed golfing, watching college sports and was a diehard Nebraska Cornhusker fan.

He is survived by his wife Mora Zinn of Milford; son Damon Zinn of Colorado Springs, CO; a brother Larry Zinn of Texas and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Jerry Zinn.

Memorials may be made in Gary's name and designated to The HAPI Board

(Historic Arnold's Park)

Cemetery Details

Pleasant View Cemetery

Hartley, IA 51346

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Robinson Funeral Home
2317 32nd Street
Spirit Lake, IA 51360
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<http://www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com>

Service

DEC 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Dean Zinn*



Robinson Funeral Home - December 19, 2022 at 12:54 PM

KP

Mora and Damon

I just heard this heartbreaking news of Gary's passing. I wish I could of been there for you. He was a special friend of Paul's and I for many years since he first came to Jefferson. I will miss my summer visits at the lake with him. Thoughts and prayers for you both.

Karen A Pope

Karen Pope - December 29, 2022 at 04:37 PM



“ Gary was trained by my mother to be a beautician. My mother had gone to see Gary to get her hair cut-- after he had been in to the Hy Vee store where my mom worked-- and they made the connection there. My mom went to have her hair cut at his salon-- and she told me that she had the best time taking with him and catching up on over 60 years. She felt bad that she took up his whole day-- but when she went home-- she loved how he cut her hair. Then my mom was sick April 1, 2021-- and went into the hospital-- thinking it was pneumonia and ended up being lung cancer. Anyway-- she asked how I liked her hair cut-- and I said that I noticed it looked really nice. She told me the story of Gary and how he was to come to the Larson's salon and my mom was to train him over the summer. She also told me to stop at his salon in Arnold's Park to drop off an envelope that she had left a tip in it for him-- it was on the front seat of her car. Mom died April 9, 2021. That day-- I saw the envelope in Mom's car-- so I told my husband we needed to go right to his salon and deliver that envelope. Gary was in his salon when I entered. I explained who I was and he was looking out the door to see if my Mom was coming. I told him that she died in the early morning. He went to his chair and sat down and covered his face with his hands. He did not know she was sick. He repeated everything my Mom had said about her glorious visit and hair appointment with him. He said that he was not a very good student -- because he was late sometimes and gave her some Everly attitude. He gave me his salon's calendar-- which has his number on it and he told me to let him know when my folks' service (my dad died Dec 30, 2020 of Covid in Spirit Lake Hospital) would be. I told him that they would be buried in Hartley, Iowa-- with my mom's family-- since she spent her married life in Spirit Lake-- she decided that is what was best. Gary gave me a big hug and I told him I would keep in touch. I will not forget that day. I see that Gary died on my mom's birthday-- Dec 15. I am so sorry for your loss. If Heaven exists-- I hope that my mom and Gary are chatting about those golden days. ~tara currier-hofer-bridgewater,SD

Tara Currier-Hofer - December 22, 2022 at 01:10 PM

PJ

“ *Mora, our deepest sympathy to you and the family on the loss of Gary. He touched many lives with his talent and humor. The community mourns with you. Pam and Mike Jordan*

Pam Jordan - December 20, 2022 at 02:44 PM

AJ

“ *Alesia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Zinn*



Alesia Johnson - December 20, 2022 at 10:56 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Dean Zinn.*



December 19, 2022 at 05:08 PM

BP

“ *Bruce-Steve And Val Pflueger lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Zinn*



Bruce-Steve and Val Pflueger - December 19, 2022 at 05:02 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Dean Zinn.*



December 19, 2022 at 04:33 PM



“ *Kristin Kae Byers purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gary Dean Zinn.*



Kristin Kae Byers - December 19, 2022 at 09:03 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Dean Zinn.*



December 19, 2022 at 08:15 AM



“ *Mora...we are so sorry to hear of the passing of Gary. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We loved seeing him at events around the Lake. He was always so nice and friendly.*

karrey lindeberg - December 18, 2022 at 07:40 PM

JH

“ *John & Linda Higgins lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Zinn*



John & Linda Higgins - December 18, 2022 at 02:03 PM

DH

“ *DeeDee Hughes lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Zinn*



DeeDee Hughes - December 18, 2022 at 12:10 PM



“ *So very sorry Mora to hear this sad news. Prayers to you for peace and healing at this most difficult time. Pat and Jeff Nesserole*

Pat Messerole - December 17, 2022 at 01:14 PM

SJ

“ *Sonny & Jackie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gary Dean Zinn.*



Sonny & Jackie - December 17, 2022 at 11:59 AM

KS

“ *Mora, I was saddened to hear that Gary had passed away. I had a lot of fun boating and going to conventions with Gary. I loved his sense of humor and the way he could make me laugh. He will be missed by so many people. Okie*

kenny sandvig - December 17, 2022 at 10:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Dean Zinn.*



December 17, 2022 at 10:11 AM

CB

“ *So sorry to hear of Gary's passing... remember times I took Terry there for his appointments and had a lot of good laughs.. Mora sorry I can't be there for you but will touch base as soon as I'm home in the Spring.. My Deepest Sympathies Dear Friend
Char Bockman*

Char Bockman - December 17, 2022 at 08:56 AM

DO

“ *Dixie Orthel lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Zinn*



Dixie Orthel - December 17, 2022 at 06:41 AM

CT

“ *Mora and family: You have our deepest sympathy on the loss of Gary. Prayers for comfort at this sad time. Hugs*



Chuck and Donna Tielbur - December 16, 2022 at 08:27 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Dean Zinn.*



December 16, 2022 at 06:22 PM

RV

“ *Mora, you have our deepest sympathy on the loss of Gary. Our hearts go out to you at this difficult time. You have our full support. Rita and Dennis Vannatta*

Rita M Vannatta - December 16, 2022 at 05:36 PM

PR

“ *Pam Rouse lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Zinn*



Pam Rouse - December 16, 2022 at 05:32 PM

RH

“ *Mora, so sorry to hear of Gary’s death. Treasure your memories. Thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Ruth Heyne - December 16, 2022 at 04:49 PM

KB

“ *Mora, I was so saddened when I heard this. We always had a few cosmetology laughs together!! He loved his profession and was respected by many! Take care, my friend*
Karen Buchholz

Karen Buchholz - December 16, 2022 at 03:29 PM

SC

“ *Mora, sending my heartfelt condolences after hearing about Gary's passing. I've been a customer for years and always looked forward to our visits during my annual visits to the Lakes area. He was a mainstay in the community and a wonderful person. God bless.*

Sue Clavin - December 16, 2022 at 03:00 PM

GR

“ *Gary Rosemore lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Zinn*



Gary Rosemore - December 16, 2022 at 01:10 PM

KH

“ *Kae Hoppe lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Zinn*



Kae Hoppe - December 16, 2022 at 12:37 PM

MV

“ *Mary L Vermeer lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Zinn*



Mary L Vermeer - December 16, 2022 at 11:48 AM

DR

“ *Doug And Barb Ricke lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Zinn*



Doug and Barb Ricke - December 16, 2022 at 10:57 AM

MC

“ *Marsha Carlson lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Zinn*



Marsha carlson - December 16, 2022 at 10:40 AM

FJ

“ *Fran Jungjohan lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Zinn*



Fran Jungjohan - December 16, 2022 at 10:37 AM

TP

“ *Mora, we were deeply saddened to hear of Gary's passing! I will remember him as always having such a bright smile! Our sincere thoughts and prayers.*
Teresa and Gary Place

Teresa A. Place - December 16, 2022 at 10:29 AM

DR

“ *Mora and family. So sad to read this. I always looked forward to haircuts with Gary, visiting, and seeing you both. Gary was a great friend and will be missed so much. Our deepest sympathy. Dave & Kris Rowley*

Dave & Kris Rowley Rowley - December 16, 2022 at 09:52 AM

CL

“ *Prayers for peace and comfort to you.*

Corrine Lundell - December 16, 2022 at 09:41 AM

MC

“ *Martha Carlson lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Zinn*



Martha Carlson - December 16, 2022 at 09:38 AM

CA

“ *Mora, sending prayers for strength and peace in the coming days*



Cheryl Aumer - December 16, 2022 at 09:36 AM

CP

“ *Cheryl Petersen lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Zinn*



Cheryl Petersen - December 16, 2022 at 09:34 AM

CP

Mora, so very sorry for your loss. Praying you find comfort in your memories and know you have countless friends to turn to.

Cheryl Petersen - December 16, 2022 at 09:41 AM

BL

“ Mora,

I am so sorry to hear about Gary. You are In my prayers.

Bruce Lear

Bruce Lear - December 16, 2022 at 09:13 AM

SD

“ *Mora, I am so sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers to you and your family. Take care.*

Sally C. DeLoss - December 16, 2022 at 09:07 AM

LM

“ *i so enjoyed our "talks", be it serious or funny.
Special guy*



lynne moeller - December 16, 2022 at 08:56 AM

MS

“ *Mora, Becky and I are so sorry for your loss. Gary was a part of the Corcoran family sphere for years and I really got to know him since retiring here six years ago. I could always count on him to provide me the latest information from around the Lakes region while getting the BEST haircut around! He will be sorely missed. Godspeed, Gary! Becky Corcoran and Mark Sullivan*

Mark O. Sullivan - December 16, 2022 at 07:59 AM

TC

So sorry to hear about Gary . Our prayers are the family during this very difficult time Terry & Kathy Clark

Terry Clark - December 16, 2022 at 12:35 PM

NW

“ *Im' so sorry for your loss. I will miss him coming in to Casey's everyday and talking to him. Rest in peace Gary.*

Nicole Wood - December 16, 2022 at 05:23 AM

AS

“ *Amy Strait lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Zinn*



Amy Strait - December 16, 2022 at 12:27 AM

AP

“ *Mora, so sorry for your loss! Gary was a gentleman & yet such a fun character! He was gifted in his profession! We always loved to talk about Moneta, not too many of us left! Always had a way of helping you feel better after having a friendly visit! Consider you both good friends! Always appreciated you both! May he rest in peace!*
Ann petersen

Ann Petersen - December 15, 2022 at 11:05 PM

DL

“ *Deb Lockey lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Zinn*



Deb Lockey - December 15, 2022 at 09:24 PM

EL

“ *Mora, was so sorry for loss. May many wonderful memories made with Gary help you through this difficult time.*

Elaine - December 15, 2022 at 08:48 PM

CJ

“ *Our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathies Mora. Chris and Connie Jones*

Connie Jones - December 15, 2022 at 08:36 PM

JA

“ *Mora, my deepest sympathies to you and Gary's son! Gary and I had a lot of great talks thru the years and enjoyed my time chatting with him! He will be greatly missed!*
Jaime Nissen

Jaime - December 15, 2022 at 08:23 PM

AH

“ *Annette And Bill Huse lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Zinn*



Annette and Bill Huse - December 15, 2022 at 07:54 PM

AH

We always appreciated Gary's humor. He will be greatly missed.

Annette and Bill Huse - December 15, 2022 at 07:57 PM

DW

Mora, I am so sorry to learn of Gary's death. My love and sympathy to you.

Dorothy Wagner

Dorothy Wagner - December 21, 2022 at 03:54 PM



“ *When I worked at Hy-Vee he would always come through my line and ask me how I was doing and how things were going. He is going to be greatly missed. Prayers to his family as they go through this tough time.*

Abby Pedersen - December 15, 2022 at 07:02 PM

SJ

Mora, shocked and saddened by this news. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sherryl Jones - December 15, 2022 at 07:55 PM

JB

“ *Jaime Berning lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Zinn*



Jaime Berning - December 15, 2022 at 06:10 PM

CB

“ Dear Mora...we are so very sorry. Out love and sympathies to you.



chris and Jerry Block - December 15, 2022 at 05:37 PM

BD

“ Bonnie (Beth's Mom) Duhn lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Zinn



Bonnie (Beth's Mom) Duhn - December 15, 2022 at 05:09 PM

DB

“ I am so sad to hear about Gary.He was a great guy.
My sympathy to your family.



Dayle Broocks

Dayle Broocks - December 15, 2022 at 04:29 PM

TG

“ Twyla Garnmeister lit a candle in memory of Gary Dean Zinn



Twyla Garnmeister - December 15, 2022 at 04:24 PM

RB

Our thoughts and prayers are with you Maura- so very sorry for your loss. I will miss the only guy who could cut my hair just right!! He was a great guy and will be missed by all. Bertie Bergeson

roberta k bergeson - December 15, 2022 at 06:30 PM

SF

Dear Mora,

We hadn't seen you or Gary for awhile, but whenever we were down to see Herm or stay at the Lakes, he gave us both haircuts. Will also miss visiting with him at the Moneta Reunions. Our thoughts & prayers are with you.

Bob & Shirley Frembgen

Shirley Frembgen - December 16, 2022 at 11:48 AM

HK

Mora & family-we we're so sorry to hear about Gary. Him & Herman always had a good time hashing over their earlier days. Herm will miss his great hair cuts he always gave him. You have our sympathy during this very sad time.

Herman & Candy Kamradt - December 16, 2022 at 03:33 PM

SR

Mora, I was so sad to hear of your husband's passing. Thinking of you.

Sondra Remer - December 17, 2022 at 09:20 PM