



## Gary McMullen

November 20, 1937 - May 22, 2026

Gary J. McMullen, age 88, of Tarentum, PA, passed away peacefully on May 22, 2026, after a brief illness.

Born on November 20, 1937, in Bairdford, PA, to John L. and Helen P. McMullen (Wood), he was preceded in death by his brothers, Herbert, James, and Vern. He is survived by his sons, Gregory and Todd (Toni).

A proud Navy veteran, Gary served as a Radarman First Class aboard the USS Kearsarge (CVS-33) during the Cold War of the late 1950s and early 1960s. After his time in the service, he worked as a coal miner at the Penn-Allegheny Mine in Fawn Township until its closure. He then continued working at the site for the Tesone Land Company to ensure that the mine's wastewater was processed correctly until his retirement in 2024. He was a loving provider for his children, in whom he instilled the value and dignity of doing a job well.

Gary was a great guardian to his canine companions, Maggie and Mateus, both of whom passed before he did.

The family would like to express deep gratitude to Kenny Devando and John Hughes for their friendship to Gary during his final years.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Animal Protectors of Allegheny

Valley at <https://www.animalprotectors.net/donations.html#/>

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