



## Gary Dean "Bear" Shugart

May 9, 1952 - December 2, 2025

Gary Dean "Bear" Shugart, age 73 of Cambridge, Ohio, passed away Tuesday December 2, 2025 at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio following a brief illness. He was born in Cambridge, Ohio on May 9, 1952 to the late Dean A. Shugart and Norma R. (George) Shugart.

A 1970 graduate of Madison High School, Bear spent his time enjoying life, balancing hard work with playing hard. While he worked a variety of jobs in his lifetime, he was best known for his work with John Deere. He spent many years traveling the region as a heavy equipment mechanic, later traveling to those same customers as a service rep. Words flowed easily for Bear, resulting in many conversations with customers that in turn led to many lasting friendships. Even after retiring he would travel to former customers to simply talk. The distance needed to travel was never concerning because to him, the destination was key. The destination to see family and friends, walk through thousands of Harley Davidsons, inspect a vehicle for sale, attend the Farm Science Review with his brothers or to check the status of an on-going project carried him in his travels.

He possessed a strong sense of community, service, and goodwill. As a member of Quaker City Lodge #500 F & AM he served as Secretary, Past Master, and Past District Educational Officer for the 23rd Masonic District. He continued his Masonic service by holding dual membership to the Freeport Lodge #415 F & AM. He was also a member of HOG group from Valley Harley Davidson and attended Old Washington United Methodist Church with his

wife.

His determination, focus, and knowledge guided him through projects both small and large, while his calm, composed, and ever smiling presence brightened any job to those who worked with him. A John Deere and Harley Davidson man to the core, he understood the importance of family, friends, and helping when there was a need, whether that be searching for a vehicle or part, clearing snow from a driveway, or chauffeuring someone in need of a ride. He was a man of silent strength, brushing away frustrations and aggravations with a shrug of the shoulders and "it is what it is", yet firmly planting himself for his beliefs.

Gary Dean "Bear" Shugart made a strong and lasting impression on many. Our world was brighter for knowing the loving, kind, and spirited husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend he was, and that world will dim as we mourn his passing.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, his Love and Honey, Helen L. (Oliver) Shugart, whom he married June 10, 2005; son Harley D. (Hope) Shugart of Callahan, FL; step-daughter Sarah J. Larrick of Cambridge, OH; step-son Scott R. (Tami) Larrick of Cambridge, OH; brothers Stephen (Marlene) Shugart of Bolivar, OH and Alan (Debby) Shugart of Freeport, OH; sister-in-law Barb Shugart of Florida; grandchildren Jamie, Bear, Indy, Brendan, Alex, Isabella, Mia, and Olive; many long-time friends including Tim Lyons and Larry Porter and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers Samuel K. and Roy Alton Shugart.

Friends may call from 10 am till 1 pm Saturday December 6, 2025 at Bundy-Law Funeral Home with the Masonic service beginning at 1:15 pm. The traditional funeral service will begin at 1:30 pm at the funeral home with Rev. Craig Murray officiating. Burial will follow in Northwood Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to The Old Washington United Methodist Church, 118 Old National Road, Old Washington, OH 43768. An on-line guest-book may be signed at [www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com](http://www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com). To

send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Gary Dean "Bear" Shugart  
please visit our Sympathy Store.

# Cemetery Details

## Northwood Cemetery

10th Street  
Cambridge, OH 43725

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 6. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home  
120 North 11th Street  
Cambridge, OH 43725  
(740) 432-5705  
info@bundy-lawfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com>

## Masonic Service

DEC 6. 1:15 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Services

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DEC 6. 1:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for you all*

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**Anita kelly** - December 07, 2025 at 06:42 AM



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**Bundy-Law Funeral Home** - December 06, 2025 at 03:26 PM



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**Bundy-Law Funeral Home** - December 06, 2025 at 03:26 PM

DJ

“ So sorry to hear of Bear's passing, He helped me so much with equipment issues, and was a friend while doing it, He always done what he said he was going to do. so rare today, Our condolences to the family and especially to Harley. Who my wife kept when he was a little guy.

Duane and Diana Johnson - December 06, 2025 at 10:11 AM

WJ

“ Known him for my whole life. Very nice man . RIP Gary. Will be deeply missed . Prayers for family.



william Johnson - December 06, 2025 at 09:07 AM

DE

“ So very sorry. Debbie Kackley

Debbie - December 05, 2025 at 08:29 PM

PG

“ Pete and Yvonne Gregg purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gary Dean "Bear" Shugart.



Pete and Yvonne Gregg - December 05, 2025 at 04:58 PM

JC

“ Jim and Christy purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Gary Dean "Bear" Shugart.



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**Jim and Christy** - December 05, 2025 at 12:07 PM

LT

“ I'll never forget how every time we would all come out into the kitchen for food he would look at us and say "eat till you bust" it made me laugh every single time, he was a great man and he will be deeply missed.

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**Liberty Taylor** - December 04, 2025 at 11:02 PM

JB

“ So many great memories I will cherish of time spent with Uncle Bear. He was so funny and so kind. So hard to believe he is gone. He will be missed . Till I see you again



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**Jamie Breeding** - December 04, 2025 at 08:05 PM

JS

“ Jamie S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Dean "Bear" Shugart.

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**Jamie S.** - December 04, 2025 at 08:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Dean "Bear" Shugart.



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December 04, 2025 at 07:44 PM



“ From Patty (Gallagher) Hayes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Dean "Bear" Shugart.

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**From Patty (Gallagher) Hayes** - December 04, 2025 at 07:44 PM



“ The Layton Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gary Dean "Bear" Shugart.



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**The Layton Family** - December 04, 2025 at 06:49 PM



“ Linda B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Dean "Bear" Shugart.

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**Linda B.** - December 04, 2025 at 04:05 PM

TP

“ I worked with Gary for many years. Gary always had a smile and a great attitude. He was willing to help everyone without question and without expectations. He certainly loved his family and especially his pride and joy Harley and his family. The world has lost a good man and he will be missed by many.

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**Tim Poulton** - December 04, 2025 at 09:24 AM

TP

“ The Pettibones planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Dean "Bear" Shugart.

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**The Pettibones** - December 04, 2025 at 08:03 AM

EL

“ Sugar bear was one of my classmates from Madison high school. I never saw him without a smile on his face. All of our class members loved him. I am so sad that he is gone but I know I will meet him some sunny day when the roll is called up yonder. What a great guy and we were blessed to have Had Sugar Bear in our lives and I will miss him so very much.

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**Erleen K Long** - December 04, 2025 at 06:40 AM

RD

“ I just received word of Gary's passing. I'm very sorry to hear of this. He was a nice guy and really served local Masons with distinction. Sorry for your loss.

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**Roger Davis** - December 03, 2025 at 08:37 PM

JH

“ Bear was a friend of my significant other Ronnie Morrison. Met him years ago and enjoyed his sense of humor and kindness. He was a sweet man and will be remembered always. Janet Holcomb and Ronnie Morrison

Janet Holcomb - December 03, 2025 at 07:46 PM

JH

“ Janet H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Dean "Bear" Shugart.

Janet H. - December 03, 2025 at 07:39 PM

RB

“ I knew Bear for several years, a dedicated employee. He was always willing to tackle a challenge with most likely a positive end resulted. He was from the “old school” but accepted design change with all the challenges that came with those changes. He would work on 40 year old equipment as well as the new series. I enjoyed working with him and meeting all his family thru the years. The world has lost a good man and heaven has gained a great one. Prayers to the Shugarts

Randy Bates - December 03, 2025 at 07:09 PM

MA

“ Matt, Dana, Julian, and Colleen Adkins purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Dean "Bear" Shugart.



Matt, Dana, Julian, and Colleen Adkins - December 03, 2025 at 06:29 PM

TL

“ Terry Lake purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Gary Dean "Bear" Shugart.



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**Terry Lake** - December 03, 2025 at 06:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Dean "Bear" Shugart.



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December 03, 2025 at 05:43 PM

Y,

“ Your neighbors, carole, cheryl, jeff ,jim purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gary Dean "Bear" Shugart.



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**Your neighbors, carole, cheryl, jeff ,jim** - December 03, 2025 at 01:52 PM