



## Gary Finning Jr.

September 17, 1975 - March 18, 2025

Gary Finning Jr., 49, of Guilderland died suddenly March 18, 2025 at home. Born in Albany Gary was a lifelong area resident. He was the owner and proprietor of Casey Finn's Pub & Grill on Yates Street in Albany for many years. Gary is survived by his wife of 22 years (together for 32 years) Sarah Martin Finning, daughter Gabrielle Finning, and his brothers Casey Trejo (Lindsey) and Johnson Casey (Wendy). He was predeceased by his mother Patricia Casey, and maternal grandparents Francis Joseph and Beverly Kahl Casey. Nephew of John (Elvira) Casey and the late Mike Casey (MaryAnne), Collen Koonz (Marvin) and Catherine Colvin (George). Uncle to Daniella, Isabella, and Camilla. Special "brother" to Michael Casey, Ramel Miller, and Brian Smith. Special "son" to Maggie Smith and Mickey Miller. Favorite cousin to many and special "uncle" to several. Countless best friends that he loved, who entertained each other's mornings and various times throughout any given day.

Gary Finning aka "Doughboy" was a rock among pebbles. The life of the party. The glue that held it all together. He was everyone's sought after best friend. A generous, thoughtful, funny, and kind soul. He was a husband, father, brother, uncle, and cousin to most importantly his family, but also to many more. He redefined the typical term of "family", creating a massive circle around him of people who loved and cared for each other. All were welcome at the table.

He took much pride in his heritage and all of the family members who came before him. It was Gary's passion and purpose to carry on his family's legacy of his grandparents' bar, Putzy's. Reinventing it as own, with much success, Casey Finn's. He could single handedly pack the place with his presence alone. No one walked out of the door without a story to tell!

Gary met his wife Sarah at a young age, and they grew up together building a family and life that resulted in the success of many others who were assisted and touched by them and their generosity. He spent many hours and received so much joy bringing his brother Casey to hockey and watching him grow into the man he has become today. His precious daughter Gabbi was the light of his life. He loved her with no end and lived every day to be there for her and show her how special she was. He would brag to everyone about her, often playing their favorite songs on the jukebox for all to hear.

Gary will be sorely missed by all of the people whose lives he touched. It can't go without saying that the people closest to Gary are most proud of him for this past year. In the face of adversity Gary stood up and fought back and did all the right things to get himself back stronger and better than ever. He had the strength and desire to be with us for many more years, which makes his unexpected passing much more difficult.

Although we know that Gary was one of a kind and could never be replaced, we ask that everyone continue to keep his spirit alive and continue his legacy. Be kind, make people laugh, enjoy life to the fullest, respect one another's differences, don't judge, and silently help when you see someone in need. We call on everyone to carry on these values through Casey Finns, continue to love and support one another, keep that door wide open for everyone and continue to allow those who once may have been a stranger to leave with new friends and family.

Funeral Services will be held Monday morning 10AM at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Relatives and friends are invited and may also call at the Magin & Keegan Funeral Home 891 Madison Ave. Sunday from 3 to 7 pm.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to a college fund established for Gabrielle Finning at any Broadview Branch: account "1802689886 Gabbis College (ABA/routing # 221373383 for direct deposits)"

# Tribute Wall

LL

“ To Gary's Family and friends, My deepest and sincerest condolences about Gary's passing. The obituary here captures who Gary was so beautifully. I knew Gary from years ago, and he was one of the kindest souls I have ever met in my life. My heart and prayers are with all of you.

Lisa Lau - August 03, 2025 at 05:37 PM

SP

“ Whew the stories we could tell, Gary was the kindest of the bunch and I never felt out of place in Casey Finn's or at the card table at home which I knew nothing about. Sarah and Gabbi I am devastated for you I know you were each others rocks. Keep pushing and loving life... to Mike where ever you are thanks for introducing me to Gary I am so very sorry for your loss I know this has to be hitting you hard and yet this memory strikes me... every darn time you were missing he knew exactly where you were and made sure you got home in a uber taxi whatever. They laughed when I brought my book and my clumsy self fell flat out the door... hey there is a step there. Oops. Raise em up in heaven Gary I hope everyone rallies to carry on your passions together with your girls. That's a true friend and family man who will be missed by an entire community!

Stacey P - May 20, 2025 at 11:48 PM

ML

“ Marie L lit a candle in memory of Gary Finning Jr.



marie I - March 30, 2025 at 06:34 PM

PB

“ Patricia B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Finning Jr..

Patricia B. - March 24, 2025 at 08:54 PM

KO

“ Sending condolences to the family and friends. What a source of happiness and joy he was to those that knew him.



K. Onderdonk - March 24, 2025 at 07:38 PM

MF

“ My family met Gary and Sarah in wildwood with their whole bunch of friends, really family. After that first meeting we were their jersey family and stayed that way til this day. Gary held a special place in our hearts especially with my mom. he had such an amazing way to make you feel like you were never strangers. We became his Jersey family and we will always cherish each and every memory.

margaret fowler - March 23, 2025 at 08:35 PM

EJ

“ Emma Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Gary Finning Jr.



Emma Jenkins - March 22, 2025 at 08:12 PM

SS

“ Shawn Soucy lit a candle in memory of Gary Finning Jr.



Shawn Soucy - March 22, 2025 at 06:48 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gary Finning Jr..



March 22, 2025 at 02:46 PM



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MA

“ I met Gary a few times over the years. Today we live in a world of virtual reality and constant online entertainment. Paul Koren and Gary would make daily hysterical remarks that put a smile of your face. They are the first people I sought out to make me smile. He was funny and Infectious to you inside that drew you to wanting to like him. I personally will miss him virtually with paulie. I know he is by his family and will forever be your guide. Sending prayers to heaven 🙏❤️

Marjorie - March 22, 2025 at 10:27 AM



“ my condolences to faimly.gary was aways,the life of the party.he will be missed but not forgotten.

Julia Flanders - March 21, 2025 at 11:12 PM

CF

“ Cassisi Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Finning Jr..



Cassisi Family - March 21, 2025 at 10:30 PM

LS

“ Sarah, you and Gary have been a part of the Soronen family, seems like forever. We don't crash just any wedding reception. My heart is so broken for you, Gabby and the whole family. Love you all💔💔💔💔

linda soronen - March 21, 2025 at 08:34 PM

JL

“ John Lindsay purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gary Finning Jr..



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**John Lindsay** - March 21, 2025 at 07:38 PM

PE

“ I met Gary at one of me and Mikey's little league games when he was 8 years old and he became a friend for life. All of the crazy stories I tell my friends in the Army about growing up almost always involve Yates Street shenanigans with the names Gary, Mikey, Brian and Ramel. Gary was like family to me and always had my back. Even when Johnson shot me in the neck with a BB gun, Gary took my side! My condolences to Sarah, Gabbi and the rest of his family and friends. Life won't be the same without him but we will continue to do good because he wouldn't have it any other way. Rest easy old friend, until we meet again.

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**Paul Engel** - March 21, 2025 at 06:43 PM

SW

“ We will never forget your kindness and friendly nature whenever we visited Casey Finn's. You made people feel welcomed and at home. Your humor and banter with everyone was always amusing. Our condolences to your family and many friends. You have left a lasting impression on many. RIP



*Sue & Will*

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**Sue & Will** - March 21, 2025 at 06:11 PM

AC

“ Alicia M Rivera Cain lit a candle in memory of Gary Finning Jr.



Alicia M Rivera Cain - March 21, 2025 at 05:07 PM

LE

“ Lydia, Tyler, Wyatt and Patty and Earl purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Gary Finning Jr..



Lydia, Tyler, Wyatt and Patty and Earl - March 21, 2025 at 04:30 PM

SG

“ Sammy Guelzow purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Gary Finning Jr..



Sammy Guelzow - March 21, 2025 at 01:29 PM

AH

“ Ann Hines lit a candle in memory of Gary Finning Jr.



Ann Hines - March 21, 2025 at 12:24 PM

JG

“ Condolences from your cousins in the family of your great grandmother Mildred Murphy Casey’s brother John Murphy.

John Gara - March 21, 2025 at 12:16 PM

MM

“ Gary was a great guy my sincere condolences to his family and many many friends RIP Gary.

Michael Morin - March 21, 2025 at 08:44 AM

JT

“ Juan Thomas lit a candle in memory of Gary Finning Jr.



Juan Thomas - March 21, 2025 at 08:40 AM

RD

“ Regina DiLella lit a candle in memory of Gary Finning Jr.



Regina DiLella - March 21, 2025 at 07:22 AM

EB

“ I’m truly gonna miss you Brother. R.I.P.

Eddie Berben - March 21, 2025 at 06:14 AM

JJ

“ Gary, I will keep it short, I love you Gary, I am just trying to get over Dicky Stevens passing and now You left Us, I'm still trying to believe it, so far it's not working , I miss you so bad and I love you again. Will talk with you at John's. A Lost Boy again, our song, you were always there for me and my son, Thank You My Nephew ❤️😭❤️

James Jordan Jr - March 21, 2025 at 02:00 AM

MB

“ My sincere condolences to Sarah, Gabby and Gary's family! He will be missed by all. May your love and memories comfort you during these difficult days to come. ❤️🙏

Mary Bernard - March 20, 2025 at 09:25 PM

MA

“ Sarah there are no words to tell you what I'm feeling .He was so special Brian and Jaime loved him like a broth. I will always keep him in my heart we were all blessed to have him in our lives.We are all here for you if you need anything. 🙏🙏🙏

Maggie - March 20, 2025 at 08:03 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gary Finning Jr..



March 20, 2025 at 08:00 PM

BL

“ We all love you, You will not be forgotten 💙☐

blue - March 20, 2025 at 07:47 PM



“ Kelly Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Gary Finning Jr.



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**Kelly Gilliam** - March 20, 2025 at 07:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Finning Jr..



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March 20, 2025 at 06:53 PM