



John "Gary" Chelosky

November 2, 1951 - January 23, 2019

John "Gary" Chelosky, age 67 of Longwood, Florida passed away January 23rd, 2019. Gary was born on November 2nd, 1951 in Wilmington, Delaware to Melhart Daniel Chelosky and Eleanor Elizabeth (Richardson) Chelosky.

In his memory he leaves his only daughter, Nicole Chelosky; brother, Mark Chelosky; sister, Mary Beth Chelosky; neice, Margaret "Maggie" (Joseph Stopka) Ednie; nephew, Geoffrey (Natalie Malawey-Ednie) Ednie and brother-in-law Ian Ednie.

He was preceded by his eldest sister, Frances Ednie and both parents.

Gary graduated from Salesianum Catholic school in Wilmington, Delaware and soon moved onto the University of Florida where he lived, breathed, and loved every minute of becoming a well-renowned competitive swimmer. He was the Southeastern Men's Swimming Conference Champion and also a finalist in the '72 Olympic Trials.

Evident that he was loved by his family, friendships and all connections he made throughout his life made him nothing less than a cherishable and respected man.

Cremation services have been entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home &

Crematory. A Celebration of Life is to be planned within the following months by his daughter, Nicole. Any and all who would care to join is more than welcome to contact her for future details in remembrance of such an amazing individual.

We will always keep you close in memory and spirit.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Gary was my "Summer Friend." Teenagers at Del-Vets pool. I lost touch with my summer friends after high school. This year, 2024, I heard of Gary's election to the Delaware Sports Hall of Fame. The picture in my mind is of a happy swimmer, a modest winner a friend to all his friends. Joe McGlinchy

Joe McGlinchy - May 21, 2024 at 10:21 PM

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“ I have so many memories of Chez (many I can't relate in a solemn venue like this) but his laugh and huge heart will be remembered always. Gary was a great swimmer, teammate and friend and I truly loved getting together with him at Alberts reunions and remembering the old days with more laughter than I have ever had in my life.

Rest In Peace my old friend. Goog

Kevin Smith - January 23, 2021 at 10:15 AM

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“ As a fan of Gator swimming, and a UF contemporary, I loved watching Gary glide through the water. He was not only talented, but more important, humble and kind.

Colny Tucker - January 31, 2019 at 05:16 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John "Gary" Chelosky.



January 29, 2019 at 03:20 PM

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“ I was a diver at UF from 71-75, a freshman when Gary was a junior and had the pleasure of swimming with him for two years and then having him as a team coach for two years afterwards. Unlike Gary, I was just a regular dude, not a national level player. In Division 1 sports, egos can run high and people are often defined by athletic prowess rather than the size of their hearts. Somehow Gary escaped that. Then, as in recent years when I reunited with him at Albert’s reunions, I never saw him as the great swimmer he was. To me he was always a humble and genuine teammate with a big heart and for this I am proud to have known him and call him a friend.

Gregg Callaghan - January 28, 2019 at 03:16 PM

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“ Gary was one of the hardest workers I’ve ever coached. Better yet, he always had a quick smile and/or a humorous comment. He’ll be missed, but remembered well.

Eddie Reese

Eddie Reese - January 28, 2019 at 03:08 PM