



Gary Calkins passed away March 6th 2022 at 84 while on vacation in Florida, with his loving wife Janet of 58 years. Gary was born on April 1st 1937 in Lincoln Nebraska, to parents Leland and Helen Calkins. After graduating from Nebraska Wesleyan University Gary moved to Michigan where he met his wife, and together would have three boys. Gary worked as the Director of the Secondary Injury Fund for the State of Michigan and in 1998 Gary was elected to the Michigan Workers Compensation hall of fame. His passion for serving others was demonstrated throughout his life in his many roles such as the Lansing Board of Water and Light Commissioners, advisor to the CAM organization throughout retirement, former President of the Landlords Association of Mid-Michigan, and former President and Executive of the greater Lansing area Old Newsboys, to name a few. Gary was an entrepreneur and co-owner of the former Dance Hall Dairy in Dewitt along with multiple investment properties in the Lansing area. Gary lived life to the fullest and enjoyed spending summers at his cottage with his friends & family, driving his pontoon boat, golfing, bowling, MSU athletics, attending grandchildren's events and traveling with his wife Janet. Gary exemplified generosity, kindness, understanding, wisdom, and expressed his love to family in his wry smile, laughter and actions. Gary is survived by his wife Janet, sons

Randy (deceased), Brady (Vanessa), Craig (Andrea) Calkins and grandchildren Bailey, Samuel, Joel, Camden and Kyla. Visitation will be Friday, March 18th from 4:00-7:00 and funeral service Saturday, March 19th at 3:00 at Estes-Leadley Funeral Home 325 W Washtenaw St, Lansing MI. Burial will take place in Findlay Ohio March 21st.

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