



Gary P. Kleim

December 18, 1954 - June 27, 2025

Frankford Township - Gary P. Kleim, age 70, peacefully passed away on Friday, June 27, 2025 at his home. Born in Portsmouth, Virginia to the late Peter and Irene (Russell) Kleim, Gary had lived in Rockaway before moving to Sussex County in 1980.

He had been employed at Andover Subacute and Rehabilitation Center for several years before his retirement. Gary was an avid hunter and fisherman. His love for hunting naturally evolved into a passion for taxidermy, allowing him to become a self-taught taxidermist. As he gained more experience in taxidermy, he became increasingly detail-oriented, striving for lifelike precision in every deer head he created. His hobby quickly gained recognition, as friends and community members admired his craftsmanship and realism of his work.

He is survived by his brother, Russell Kleim of Lafayette and his sister, Karen Ettinger of Hudson, Florida. Private cremation services have been entrusted to the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Private Cremation Services

Tribute Wall

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“ *I grew up with Gary, Russell and Karen Kleim. I remember them all very fondly. Just heard about Gary's passing and I send my condolences to the Kleim family. Linda Scarpone Wassmer*

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“ *Our deepest condolences are offered to Russell Kleim on the death of his brother Gary. We only knew Gary as our quiet neighbor of the past 15 years . May he rest in peace and his family be comforted by dear memories.*

Bonnie and Brandon Dirkson

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