



Gary L. Crane

October 1, 1953 - April 7, 2026

Gary L. Crane, age 72, of Cabery passed away Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was born October 1, 1953 in Kankakee, the son of Elmer & Betty Jane (Hart) Crane. Gary married Karen Wilson on September 18, 1976 at Herscher United Methodist Church. Gary was in management at Alexander Lumber and enjoyed farming. He was a member of the Cabery Fire Department and former Fire Chief and also served as former Tri-Point School District Board Member. Gary loved spending time with his family and grandchildren and going to their sporting events. He enjoyed spending time with his brothers, sister, nieces, and nephews.

Gary was a member of Herscher United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Karen Crane of Cabery; one son, Joshua Crane of Minneapolis, MN; two daughters, Jennifer Crane-Rosset (Sebastien Rosset) of Bourg-en-Bresse, France and Sarah (Shane) Maxard of Gardner, IL; three sisters, Faye (Joseph) Marek of St. Anne, Ruby (Bob) Statler of Clifton, and Rita Hilligoss of Buckley; two brothers, Earl (Nancy) Crane of Bourbonnais and Charles (Nancy) Crane of Clifton; three grandchildren, Jean-Luc Rosset, Bo Maxard, and Blake Maxard; and many nieces and nephews. Gary is preceded in death by his parents; one infant brother, Donald Crane; and one brother-in-law, Mike Hilligoss.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until the time of the 11 a.m. funeral service on Saturday, April 11, 2026 at Herscher United Methodist Church. Rev.

Alberto Ramirez will officiate the service. Interment will follow at Pilot Cemetery in Herscher.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Children or family wishes.

Arrangements by Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Cemetery Details

Pilot Center Cemetery

Herscher, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Herscher United Methodist Church
274 North Elm St.
Herscher, IL 60941

Funeral Service

APR 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *At first you were my brother, than you became my Best friend, now you are my Angel. Fly high my Angel, love you and deeply miss you.* ”



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