



## Gary Skibo

October 9, 1947 - August 17, 2025

“Gary” James Skibo, 77, of Fayette City, passed away on Sunday, August 17, 2025. The son of the late Freda Cheek and father James Skibo, he was born on October 9, 1947.

Gary was born and raised in Fayette City only leaving at age 17 to honorably serve his country in the United States Navy with two tours in the Vietnam War. After returning home, Gary met his love Linda Murt and was married in November of 1970.

Gary worked at Allenport Steel Mill until it shut down in 1981. While working at the mill, Gary built the family’s forever home on Navaho Hollow Road in Fayette City. After the mill shut down, Gary started Skibo’s Exterior Painting & Restoration and spent the rest of the 80’s and 90’s painting houses all over the Mon Valley. Gary also spent 10 years in the local labors union until he retired in 2010.

Gary loved to hunt, fish, and have a beer with the guys. He always had that sweet blue-eyed charm and quick wit about him so the more he agitated you, the more he liked you. He was never afraid to step on the dance floor and show you he still had the moves. He loved watching Steelers games with family and friends and would tell you how great they were in the 70’s.

Gary loved spending time at Lake Erie, the mountains of McKean and Cameron County, and yearly trips to the Outer Banks. He had trophy mounts from trips to Wyoming and Colorado along with trophy white tail mounts from all over north central Pennsylvania. He also took several trips with his wife and friends over the last few years. Truly living his best life!

Gary was a member at numerous social clubs and veterans organizations over the years with too many to list but a few most cherished places to him were the Fayette City American Legion Post 484, the Naomi Athletic Club, and the Vietnam Veterans Inc of Fayette County.

In his later years, he again became a proud Harley Davidson owner and was the oldest active member of the American Legion Riders of Fayette City Post 484 where he was proudly tagged with the nickname "Road Kill". Gary took his final ride on the annual New Year's Day ride, January 1, 2025.

It was hard for even his family to realize how many friends he had made through his journey of life but it became evidently clear in the last weeks as it was standing room only at his bed side.

Gary is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Linda Murt Skibo, daughter Samantha (Tony) Cusimano of Greenfield, Wisconsin, her daughters Danielle and Sadie, and her grandchildren Blaze, Ellie, Lyanna, Amias. Son Jesse (Gina) Skibo of Perryopolis, his children Brody and Avery, and Son Chad (Casi) Skibo of Rostraver, and their daughters Sydney, Khloe and Rory.

He is also survived by his siblings, Darla (Mark) Altemara of Rostraver, Jeffery Bruce Skibo of Phoenix, AZ, and Brian (Joy) Ormond Beach, FL, along with numerous nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Gary Skibo was known by many, feared by some and loved by all! We will

always love you and cherish the time we had with you, until we meet again. Like the many Brothers you served beside, you may be gone but never forgotten!

Friends will be received on Wednesday from 4 to 8 P.M. in the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc 700 Broad Avenue Belle Vernon, 724-929-5300 [www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com](http://www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com). Funeral services will be held in the funeral home on Thursday at 10 A.M. with Pastor Sandy Fitzgibbons officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Gary's memory to the American Cancer Society or the Gary Sinise Foundation, helping support veterans' needs.

# Cemetery Details

## Belle Vernon Cemetery

1000 Broad Avenue  
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.  
700 Broad Avenue  
Belle Vernon, PA 15012  
(724) 929-5300

## Funeral Service

AUG **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Home is the sailor, home from sea.*

Joseph F Ambrose - September 02, 2025 at 11:39 AM

PP

“ *I remember him as a boy growing up in Johnsons Hollow. He was playing in the little creek that was by their house. He was a very happy child that grew into the wonderful man he was. I am so sorry for his family. Love you. Aunt Priscilla*

Priscilla Pelissero - August 20, 2025 at 10:29 AM

BV

“ *Linda, I really enjoyed the video thought it was beautiful.*  
*Betty Ventura*

Betty Ventura - August 20, 2025 at 10:05 AM

BH

“ *Donna & I wish you our deepest sympathy for you & your family's loss. I always enjoyed his company, many good memories during our Allenport time together*

Bill Henderson - August 20, 2025 at 09:28 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Skibo.*



August 19, 2025 at 11:34 AM



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August 19, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ *1 file added to the album A Tribute Video to Gary Skibo*



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**Andrew Little** - August 19, 2025 at 08:53 AM



“ *Linda & family, so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. May he rest in peace.*

*Betty & Jack Ventura  
Ashburn, VA*

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**Betty Ventura** - August 19, 2025 at 08:50 AM



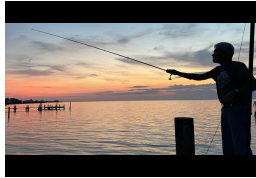
“ *Our deepest condolences to the Skibo family. We will keep the family in our thoughts and prayers. Leroy and Alice*

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**Alice Prentice** - August 19, 2025 at 08:49 AM

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**C. Skibo** - August 18, 2025 at 10:50 PM

CM

“ *My deepest sympathy, Cheryl Moyer*

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**Cheryl Moyer** - August 18, 2025 at 04:43 PM

LB

“ *Lesley & Scott Burns purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gary Skibo.*



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**Lesley & Scott Burns** - August 18, 2025 at 01:11 PM

JW

“ *Linda and Family,  
We are sorry to learn about Gary's passing. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. John attended junior high school with Gary and was a fellow Vietnam veteran and Legionnaire. Both of us were Bellmar classmates of Gary. May God grant you and your family comfort and peace.  
John and Emily (Mendicino) Watson*

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**John & Emily Watson** - August 17, 2025 at 09:08 PM

WM

“ *Richard McIntyre Gary and served aboard the USS oriskany cva 34 1967 to 1968 in 2nd division. I talked to Gary a few times since we were in the Navy. So sorry for your loss. Fair skies and follow ing seas. We have the watch.*

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**Wanda McIntyre** - August 17, 2025 at 07:42 PM

TF

“ *The Carpenter Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gary Skibo.*



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**The Carpenter Family** - August 17, 2025 at 06:49 PM

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“ *The Carpenter Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Skibo.*

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**The Carpenter Family** - August 17, 2025 at 06:49 PM

JC

“ *Gary and I served Aboard the USS Coral Sea CVA43 in the gulf of Tonkin. It was during a hurricane that we went out to check that we didn't lose any of our life rafts. We were young and invincible and also not to bright. You will be missed my friend. Jim Carpenter*

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**Jim Carpenter** - August 17, 2025 at 06:44 PM