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Gary Hofmeyer, 76, passed away on November 26, 2025, after a courageous 10-year battle with cancer. Gary is survived by his wife, Dona Hofmeyer; his son Mark Hofmeyer, married to Megan Hofmeyer, and their daughter, Mallory; and his son Erik Hofmeyer, married to Lacey Hofmeyer, and their children, Greta, Aksel, and Theodore.

He was born on February 21, 1949, in Orange City, Iowa, to Jeneva (Korver) and Maynard Van Wyk who farmed and also served in the Army in Europe during WWII. Gary's father, Maynard, passed away when Gary was less than a year old and when Jeneva was pregnant with Gary's brother Maynard Jr. (Mike). A few years later in 1955, Jeneva married Eugene Hofmeyer, a widower with two children, Phyllis and Paul. Eugene lovingly adopted Gary and Mike, and they took the last name of Hofmeyer. Eugene and Jeneva later welcomed a daughter, Michelle. The family was raised on a farm in Sheldon, Iowa. Gary loved sharing stories from growing up on the farm and how he attended a one-room schoolhouse until high school. Gary carried his love of the land throughout his life and found joy in sharing that legacy with his children and grandchildren.

He graduated from Northwestern College in Orange City and earned his Master of Divinity from Western Theological Seminary at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. He was ordained in the Reformed Church in America and served congregations in Wyandotte, Michigan; Milwaukee and Sheboygan, Wisconsin; and later in Florida. In 1989, he accepted a call to pastor a church in the growing community north of Tampa, and his family moved to Florida. In 1992, he relocated to St. Petersburg to serve at then named Bethany Reformed Church and put down roots in his beloved community. There he met Dona Spann, whom he later married. They shared a devoted marriage until his passing.

He was deeply committed to theology, and those who attended his Bible studies remember his thoughtful, challenging explorations of topics such as salvation by grace, the Heidelberg Catechism, imputed righteousness, and more. His ministry was marked by compassion, humility, and dedication to helping those in need. Reverend Hofmeyer concluded his sermons with the



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words, "Go in peace. Remember the poor. Amen." He retired from the ministry, but the calling persisted. In 2009, he returned to become the pastor of Northwest Presbyterian Church in Pinellas Park, FL, and he helped multiple churches with bible studies, providing pastoral care for those in need, and guest sermons throughout his battle with cancer. Gary lived life to the fullest and would often say "Life is to be lived!" when he wanted to get out and do something active or spontaneous. He sought joy, adventure, and meaningful moments with friends and loved ones.

We'll be celebrating his life at 2 pm on Sunday, Dec. 7, at New Creation Family Church at 100 Pasadena Ave. North, St. Petersburg, FL, 33710. There will also be a memorial in Sheldon, Iowa, at future date to be determined. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Moffitt Cancer Center, a non-profit, Comprehensive Cancer Center based in Tampa, Florida.



Events


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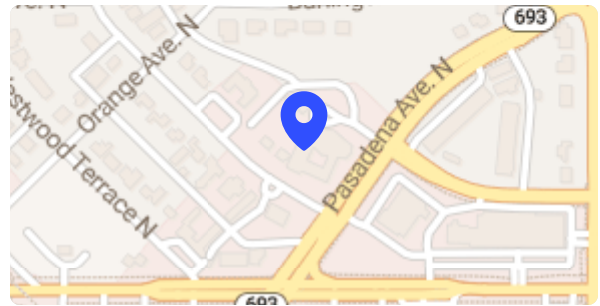
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Celebration of Life


 **Sunday**, December 7, 2025


 2:00 PM ET

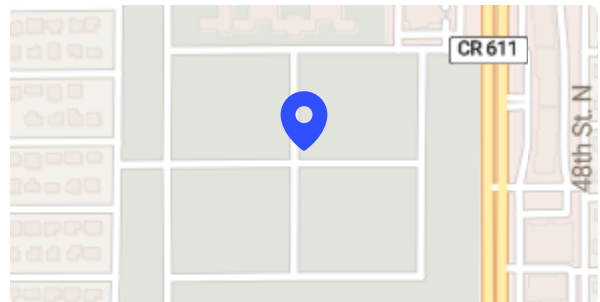
 **New Creation Family Church**
100 Pasadena Ave North, St. Petersburg FL 33710



Cemetery Details

 **Memorial Park Cemetery**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709

 **(727) 369-8228**





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Michael Dearruda shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Gary was part of a clergy prayer and support group in Tampa Bay for the better part of 15 years. We loved his eternal optimism. It wasn't based on personality, though he certainly had that. It was his unshakable confidence in God. Nothing shall separate us from the love of Christ.(Romans 8:35-39) Dear friend, enjoy your eternal rest in the presence of our Creator. Mike, John, and Roberto



December 7 at 11:11 AM



Ed Fernandez shared 6 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



November 30 at 4:51 PM



Ed Fernandez posted:

Gary has been our pastor and friend over the years since we first met him at Bethany Reformed Church. He had a passion for living and loved The Lord deeply, which showed up in his sermons and his Bible studies. Gary has been a stronghold for many and he loved helping people. He was very knowledgeable of Scripture and could quote from different books chapters and verses depending on what he was preaching on. My wife and I are so grateful that he was in our lives. He visited us when we were not doing well. He counseled us, he was devoted to the Lord and to his wife. He will always remain in our hearts... We miss him so much.Ed and Dolores Fernandez

December 6 at 11:40 PM



David McConnell posted:

I had the privilege of serving on Via de Cristo teams with Pastor Gary, where I enjoyed quiet talks with him in the beautiful setting of Rotary's Camp Florida. His powerful witness was a joy to behold, and I know he changed many lives. We'll miss him greatly.

December 5 at 6:45 PM



Phyllis S. planted a grove of 5 Memorial Trees in honor of Gary.



December 3 at 6:32 PM



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Bonita Carmelo posted:

My fondest memories of Gary is getting to eat out with the family in Clermont FL around 2014. Then catching up years later enjoying conversation when visiting (my dearest Bestie) his sister- in-law Norma & brother -in- law Tommy. My prayers & Blessings for all the family. Rest In Peace Gary 🙏

November 30 at 7:40 PM



Stacie, Jason, Gabi, & Gianna Parker sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Hofmeyer family.



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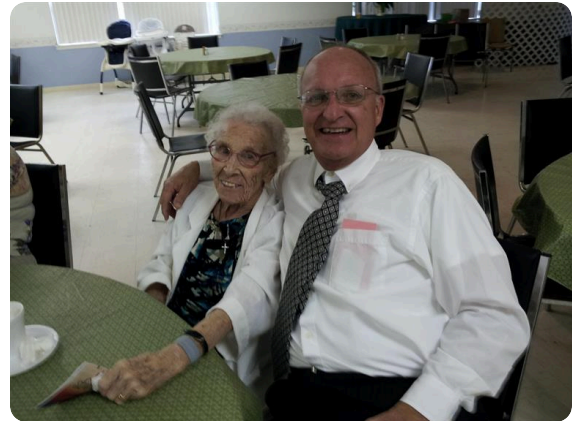
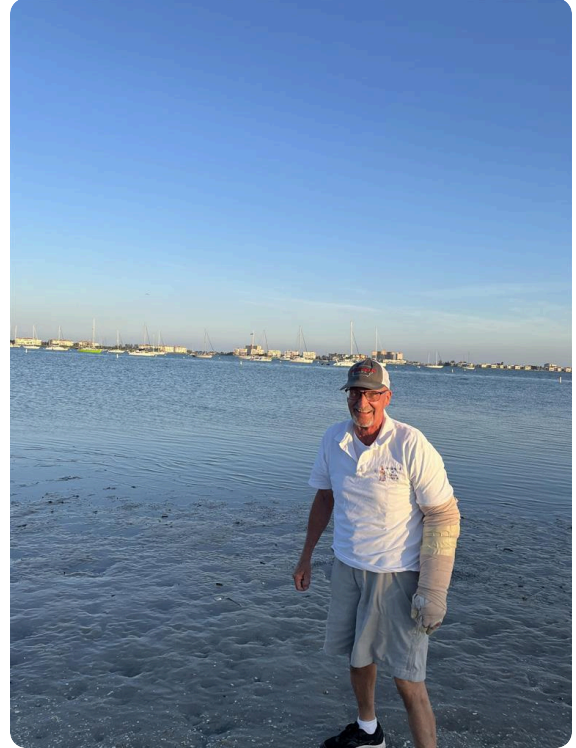
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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