

## OBITUARY

### **Gary R. Looft**

Gary R. Looft of Independence Township and Sarasota, Fla., died Feb. 4, at his winter residence in Sarasota. He was 62.

Born on Aug. 28, 1940 in Eldora, Iowa, he is the son of the late Randall and Deloris Prescott Looft. He lived in Independence Township for many years.

He was a real estate salesman with Fiedler Realty, Hackettstown. Before retirement he was the former owner of the Jigger Pub, Jigger Shop and the Community Market, all in Hackettstown. He was also the former proprietor of the Butcher Block in Oxford. He was the founder of the Little Village Mini

Mall on Main Street, Hackettstown. It burned down in 1981.

He served in the Army during the Vietnam War.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Joyce Kilmer Council, Hackettstown, a member of the U.S. Golf Association, and a former member of the Hackettstown Lions Club.

He is survived by his wife, Lorraine Looft of Hackettstown; three sons, Gary Jr. of Brooklyn, N.Y., David and Brian, both of Hackettstown; two daughters-in-law, Erin and Stephanie; two sisters, Sherrie of Riverside, Calif., and Marcia of Big Bear Lake, Calif.; two step-brothers, Michael Miller of Seattle, Wash., and Clyde Miller of Washington; and two grandchildren, Max of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Caitlin of Hackettstown.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary's Church of the Assumption, Hackettstown. Inerment was at Hackettstown Union Cemetery. Arrangements were by Cochran Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hospice of Southwest Florida, 955 Rand Ave., Sarasota, Fla., 34239 or St. Mary's Church of the Assumption School Fund, P.O. Box 547, Hackettstown, N.J. 07840.

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