

# 2026 YMCA 5K SERIES

## ANNUAL RUN FOR A CAUSE



### HONORING: GARY OLSEN 1950-2011

Gary started his connection with the YMCA on the Board of the Brookhaven Roe YMCA. With his background in Industrial Engineering and Occupational Health & Safety Management, he became Chairman of the Brookhaven Y Buildings & Grounds Committee. Fifteen years ago, he spearheaded the committee's construction of the Patchogue Family YMCA. Gary is remembered for his knowledge, vision, & commitment to the goals of the Y including youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Gary lived in Setauket with his wife Jennifer & his daughter Diana. From an early age, Gary spent his family vacations visiting the National Parks & enjoying the great outdoors. He spent summers on Long Island sailing & boating. His family and friends loved his joyful and easy-going personality. He was known for his clever one-liners and his philosophy "not to sweat the small stuff." But he was also a do-er; if something needed to be done, or should be done, you could count on Gary to be there, making it happen. The constant in his career, his family and social life, and his leadership at the Y, was a great attitude, the drive to take action, and a smile for everyone.



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