



Gary Paul Dickson

December 27, 1946 - December 5, 2016

Gary Paul Dickson, 69, of Bluffton passed away Monday morning, December 5, 2016, at the University of Michigan Cancer Center.

Gary was born on December 27, 1946 in Pennville, Indiana to Raymond Dickson and Ola (Pyle) Dickson.

Gary graduated from Pennville High School in 1964 and served active duty in the United States Navy from 1967 to 1968 during the Vietnam Conflict, along with serving four years in the Naval Reserve. Gary worked at Franklin Electric in Bluffton, Melching Machine Shop in Ossian, and retired as the supervisor of the tool room at Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne. He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan, a golfer, and enjoyed helping the Bluffton Bengal Brigade and supporting the Bluffton High School Show Choir. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton, Bluffton Elks Lodge and the Wells County Democratic Party.

On June 17, 1967 at the First United Methodist Church, Gary and Barb K. (Grimes) were married.

Survivors include his wife Barb, along with two daughters; Lisa K. (Chad) Sheets and Laura L. (Ryan) James, all of Bluffton. He was a loving grandpa to six grandchildren: Cole, Carson & Lily Sheets and Rebecca, Sara & Elizabeth James, along with a brother Gerald (Sondra) Dickson of Portland and a sister Ann Williams of Appalachia, Virginia. Preceding him in death were brothers Duane Dickson, Neil Dickson, and sister, Dorothy Dawson.

A service to celebrate Gary's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday,

December 10, 2016, at the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton. Pastor Bruce Holland and Pastor Steve Bard will officiate. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton with military honors by the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton and the United State Navy Honor Guard.

Calling hours will be held from 2 to 8 on Friday at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, and for one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church. An Elks Memorial Service will be held at the conclusion of calling hours, at 8 p.m on Friday in the funeral home.

Memorials may be made in Gary's memory to the University of Michigan Cancer Center for Myelofibrosis Research.

Gary's arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Elk's Memorial Service

DEC 9. 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

DEC 10. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
325 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN

Celebration of Life Service

DEC **10**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Paul Dickson*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - December 09, 2016 at 05:31 PM



“ *Gary Paul Dickson*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Barry And Connie Duncan lit a candle in memory of Gary Paul Dickson*



Barry and Connie Duncan - December 09, 2016 at 10:24 PM



“ *JEFF AND I WERE SADDENED TO HEAR ABOUT GARY. BARB & FAMILY MAY GOD GIVE YOU COMFORT AND YOUR FRIENDS GIVE YOU SUPPORT. WE CERTAINLY ENJOYED GETTING TO KNOW YOU MANY YEARS AGO WHEN WE BOWLED ON A SUNDAY EVENING.
JEFF AND SHARON ESPICH*

JEFF & SHARON ESPICH - December 09, 2016 at 09:13 PM

RS

“ Rachel Sponseller lit a candle in memory of Gary Paul Dickson



Rachel Sponseller - December 09, 2016 at 11:16 AM

RH

“ Ron & Anita Hoye lit a candle in memory of Gary Paul Dickson



Ron & Anita Hoye - December 09, 2016 at 09:17 AM

LH

“ Linda Heuer lit a candle in memory of Gary Paul Dickson



Linda Heuer - December 09, 2016 at 12:01 AM

LH

“ Linda (Bender) and Carl Heuer lit a candle in memory of Gary Paul Dickson.



Linda Heuer - December 08, 2016 at 11:55 PM



“ 55 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - December 08, 2016 at 01:42 PM

CM

“ *Cathy Millen lit a candle in memory of Gary Paul Dickson*



Cathy Millen - December 08, 2016 at 08:10 AM

JT

“ *John And Sandy Thomas lit a candle in memory of Gary Paul Dickson*



John and Sandy Thomas - December 07, 2016 at 07:16 PM

JT

“ To a true friend,in High School and throughout life. I will miss Gary and his friendship. To the family,my prayers are with you. John Thomas and family

John C. Thomas - December 07, 2016 at 08:21 AM

JK

“ Joan Kelly lit a candle in memory of Gary Paul Dickson



Joan Kelly - December 07, 2016 at 07:34 AM


DH

“ It has been many years, but I remember when you had the Z. When I got my little Z, always thought of you folks. Gary was a very caring person. I pray that God wraps his arms around you and the family at this time. Cherish the memories. Prayers from Houston, Texas.



Debbie Heckman

Debbie Heckman - December 06, 2016 at 10:58 PM


Roxanne
Heyerly

“ Our prayers to Barb, the girls, and their families . Arlin & Roxanne Heyerly



Roxanne Heyerly - December 06, 2016 at 08:16 PM

HW

“ *Our sincere sympathy in the loss of your loved one.*

*Tim & Holly Wilson Hart
Marilyn Grimes cousin*

Holly Wilson - December 06, 2016 at 07:10 PM

CM

“ *Barb and family my heart breaks with the pain you are suffering at this time but know that Gary is no longer in pain and is now with his Lord and Savior. Peace please surround you in the days to come with Gods love.*



Carol Myers - December 06, 2016 at 01:58 PM

NM

“ *Neil And Karen Mowery lit a candle in memory of Gary Paul Dickson*



Neil and Karen Mowery - December 06, 2016 at 12:46 PM

DS

“ *Donna Strahm lit a candle in memory of Gary Paul Dickson*



Donna Strahm - December 06, 2016 at 12:32 PM

DS

While God has released Gary of his pain, I pray He also Hugs your hearts with Love and Peace while you try to heal. Many Prayers and Hugs!

Donna Strahm - December 06, 2016 at 12:34 PM

CR

“ *Christi Reber lit a candle in memory of Gary Paul Dickson*



Christi Reber - December 06, 2016 at 11:55 AM

NM

“ *Neil & Karen Mowery lit a candle in memory of Gary Paul Dickson*



Neil & Karen Mowery - December 06, 2016 at 11:08 AM

DP

“ *Dan & Peg Paxson lit a candle in memory of Gary Paul Dickson*



Dan & Peg Paxson - December 06, 2016 at 09:37 AM

DS

“ *Doug Sawyer lit a candle in memory of Gary Paul Dickson*



Doug Sawyer - December 05, 2016 at 08:48 PM

GC

“ *Dear Barb & family, my heart aches for you. I am so sorry for your loss. If I can help you in this time of great sadness, know I am here.*



Gail Church - December 05, 2016 at 07:55 PM

HH

“ *Herb And Janet Heyerly lit a candle in memory of Gary Paul Dickson*



Herb and Janet Heyerly - December 05, 2016 at 07:36 PM

GM

“ *This man, had a heart of gold. Always there if you needed him, and a very loving grandpa to his 6 grandchildren. We've know Gary for many. many years, and took his friendship as a treasure. He will be missed by all who knew him. Always a smile on his face. No matter how bad he felt, he always hid the pain from friends. Only God is the one who is making out on this deal. He now has a new Angel up there with him. But one thing for sure, Gary will be watching out over his beautiful wife,his daughters and their grandchildren. Love always, Glen and Georgie Mygrant*

Georgie Mygrant - December 05, 2016 at 05:35 PM

MM

“ *Sending warm and caring thoughts your way.*



Mindy Monticue - December 05, 2016 at 03:19 PM

KF

“ *Ken And Jeannie Flowers lit a candle in memory of Gary Paul Dickson*



Ken and Jeannie Flowers - December 05, 2016 at 02:07 PM



“ *Barb and family, I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing.*

Tina Zaugg - December 05, 2016 at 01:55 PM