



## Gary L. Hemrick

April 10, 1945 - July 29, 2024

Gary L. Hemrick, 79 of Bluffton passed away on Monday afternoon, July 29, 2024, at his home.

Gary was born on April 10, 1945 in Fort Wayne to Dick and Luella June (Gehring) Hemrick. He graduated from New Haven Senior High School in 1963 and furthered his education at Indiana University in Fort Wayne and Bloomington. Gary worked for Falstaff, G.D. Searle & Co. as a drug rep, Home Loan Bank, Lutheran Social Services and more recently as a substitute teacher in Wells County Schools. Gary enjoyed scuba diving, fishing and his Green Bay Packers.

On May 19, 2002, Gary and Kathryn L. (Bradbury) Sarla were married at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Uniondale. They shared 22 years of marriage together.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy of Bluffton, and his children Marc A. (Janel) Hemrick of Morrow, OH and Valarie A. (Mark) Surber of New Haven, along with two stepsons, Adam C. Sarla and Eric R. Sarla, both of Fort Wayne. He was a loving grandpa to four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by four sisters, Joan Hornbuckle of Zephyr Hills, FL., Susan (Steve) Luecke and Barbara (Cindy) Hemrick, both of Palm Coast, FL. And Anne Haywood of Ormond Beach, FL.

Visitation will be held from 2:30 to 4:30 P.M. on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Uniondale. Funeral service will take place at 4:30 P.M. on Saturday with Pastor Jarrod Ball officiating. Burial will follow at

Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Uniondale or the Southern Wells School for the STEM Program in the High School and may be directed to the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends may share online condolences with the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-2832  
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 3. 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
5912 Sugar Street  
Uniondale, IN 46791

## Funeral Service

AUG 3. 4:30 PM (ET)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
5912 Sugar Street  
Bluffton, IN 46791

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary L. Hemrick*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - August 03, 2024 at 10:42 PM

DG

*So very sorry for the loss of your beloved Gary . Thank you for sharing him with us. He was a joy to work with . The kids at SW all Loved it when they found out he was their sub for the day . They would bolt excitedly into the hallway to tell their friends they had “Mr. Yo” that day . You have our deepest sympathies. Sincerely Denise Geisel*

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**denise geisel** - August 06, 2024 at 07:57 PM

BR

“ *Brooke purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gary L. Hemrick.*



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**Brooke** - August 02, 2024 at 06:47 PM

MH

“ My condolences to the whole family. Even though Gary never subbed for my classes at Southern Wells, he would always share a friendly hello with me in the hallway or in the office as he would check in for other classes. He seemed like the kind of guy that "never knew a stranger." Even though I wasn't close to him, my heart breaks for your loss!

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**Michael Haigh** - August 02, 2024 at 07:15 AM

JH

“ My sympathy to Gary's family. I went to Central Lutheran School where I met Gary. Remember him as a nice friendly guy. Didn't see him much in high school. Remember you sisters also. You went to Emanuel and I went to Martini. Treasure your memories and may God give you peace and strength at this time.  
Jane (Peters) Helton

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**Jane Helton** - August 01, 2024 at 05:23 PM

JF

“ I worked together with Gary for 24 years at the former Home Loan Bank. Gary was a very intelligent & multi talented man.He helped many people in the business find their way. I considered Gary a dear friend. My deepest sympathy to Kathy & his family.

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**John Fitzgerald** - August 01, 2024 at 03:41 PM



“ 133 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 01, 2024 at 12:26 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity* was purchased for the family of Gary L. Hemrick.



August 01, 2024 at 11:03 AM



“ *So sorry to see this. Gary put a great deal of faith into me when I was a newbie in the business world. He also assisted in competing two mortgages for us, the second being very substantial. Straight forward guy, easy to work with, and a good man to look up to. Prayers to the family. Mike and Deb Oetting Ossian, In*

Michael Oetting - August 01, 2024 at 10:54 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Gary L. Hemrick.*



August 01, 2024 at 10:01 AM



“ *Gary and I went to school together for 12years we graduated in 1963 rest in peace your old friend Bill Meyer*

**Bill Meyer** - July 31, 2024 at 12:34 PM



“ *Hemrick Sisters purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gary L. Hemrick.*



**Hemrick Sisters** - July 31, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ *Hemrick Sisters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary L. Hemrick.*

**Hemrick Sisters** - July 31, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ *Kathy, please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I considered Gary to be a great friend and mentor during our time working together at Home Loan Bank. He was truly a kind and warm hearted man!*

**Barb Boyd** - July 31, 2024 at 10:52 AM

CH

“ Aw Gary, a beautiful soul, a good Christian man that always had a smile on his face! God bless your family as you mourn the loss of your "Gary".  
Love to all,  
Christine and Dan Hunt  
Craigville IN



Christine and Dan Hunt - July 31, 2024 at 09:49 AM

EM

“ What a kind and compassionate man Gary was to students and teachers alike! He was a joy to know. May God grant you peace and comfort.

Emilie M. - July 31, 2024 at 07:36 AM

JP

“ Gary was always a joy to see in the hallways at the schools he substitute taught in. I was fortunate enough to meet Gary back when I taught at Ossian Elementary! So saddened for your loss!!! What an awesome, amazing, and just an absolute gem of a man!!

Jason Pierce - July 30, 2024 at 02:32 PM

DH

“ Gary was such a kind and friendly man. I knew him as a substitute teacher at Southern Wells Jr-Sr HS and he was a gentleman in every sense of the word. He will be remembered and truly missed. Sympathies to Gary's family in this difficult time.

Doug Hunt - July 30, 2024 at 12:37 PM