



## Gary Lee Heilman

March 19, 1948 - September 9, 2021

Gary Lee Heilman, 73, of Annville passed away on Thursday September 9, 2021, at his daughter's home surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Annville on March 19, 1948, he was the son of the late Paul D. and Dora K. (Yerger) Heilman. He was a graduate of Annville-Cleona High School Class of '66, after which he served his country for 2 years in the Army 82nd Airborne during the Vietnam Conflict. He worked until retirement as a surveyor for Matthew & Hockley Surveying. Gary was a lifelong, faithful religious member of Hill Lutheran Church.

Gary loved sports, whether watching them or coaching them. He was a fan of all things Penn State, as well as the Phillies, Flyers and Eagles. He was active in his community by coaching basketball & softball for a number of years and he made sure to always attend his children's various sporting events. Gary was the most mannered, generous, and kind person to everyone, well that is except poor officiating - that could really fire him up! He was generous to the point of earning the nickname "Gary Good Guy".

He also enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He loved going to casinos to play the slot machines. He was renowned for his unique "dance" style when he was on the dance floor. He never met a woman he was afraid to talk to or ask to dance. Above all else, Gary enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren, especially creating many wonderful memories at the beach. He devoted much of his time and energy to helping out others however he could, including caring for his elder parents for years.

Gary Heilman is survived by a son Brian Heilman of Annville; daughters Kelly, wife of Anthony Sinico, of Lebanon and Kara, wife of Joshua Woolery, of Colorado Springs, CO; grandchildren Bella Sinico, Madison Woolery, Cooper Woolery, Allyssa Owens and Bode Woolery; brother James P., husband of Arlene Heliman, of Cleona. He was preceded in death by sisters Patricia A. Plasterer and Sally L. Bachman.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday September 14, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, 618 E. Main St. Annville, PA 17003. Graveside service will be on Wednesday September 15, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at the Hill Lutheran Church Cemetery, 998 N. Mill St, Lebanon, PA 17046.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in his name.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **14.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc  
618 E. Main Street  
Annville, PA 17003  
(717) 867-4811

## Graveside Service

SEP **15.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Hill Lutheran Church  
998 N. Mill Street  
Lebanon, PA

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Prayers to the family, so sorry for your loss. Kelly, Kara and Brian your father was a great man, very kind and high spirited. Always remember the good times. Joni

Joni Brown - October 02, 2021 at 08:47 PM

SG

“ My prayers go out to Gary's family.I remember living next door to Gary,Jim,Sally and Patsy.We were 2nd cousins and shared many good times together.I sat with Gary after he came back from Vietnam to help dress his wound that he had.We would laugh and play the piano until his mom had supper ready.

Susan Stober Graby - September 14, 2021 at 04:02 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Heilman.



September 13, 2021 at 06:00 PM

SG

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to the family. I will always remember him helping out with my Sunday School class when I was a child. He and his family were a part of many of my early church memories. We will deeply miss Gary, but know he is pain-free up in Heaven.

Shannon Gamble-Newell - September 13, 2021 at 11:53 AM

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“ On behalf of the A-C Alumni Association, I send our deepest condolences to Gary's family.

*Rachel Noll*

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**Rachel Noll** - September 13, 2021 at 10:43 AM

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“ My daughters and I were lucky enough to be part of Gary's beach visits each summer. We adored his kindness and generosity and he treated us like family. We will forever treasure him and carry him close in our hearts. So much love to Kelly, Brian and Kara and their families. Continued prayers during this difficult time.

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**Amie** - September 12, 2021 at 10:33 PM