



## Michael Kizinski Gainer

February 26, 1933 - July 25, 2019

Michael Kizinski Gainer, 86, of Latrobe, passed away peacefully on July 25, 2019.

He was born in St. Louis, MO on February 26, 1933, and was the son of Patrick Ward and Antionette Kizinski Gainer. Mr. Gainer was professor emeritus and the former chair of the Saint Vincent College Department of Physics where he taught for 35 years. He was the author of several astronomy books. As a passionate educator, Mr. Gainer continued teaching astronomy well into his retirement at the Lifelong Learning Institute at Carnegie-Melon University. He also served in the U.S. Army.

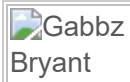
He is survived by his seven children, Kathryn (Ronald "Red") Baughman, Thomas (Pamela), John (Gioconda), Mary (Scott) Corliss, Cynthia (William) Matrisch, Suzanne Gainer and Daniel (Margaret) Gainer; seventeen grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren; brother Thomas and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his former spouse Julia Scarcelli Gainer, his eldest son, Michael, infant son Paul, brothers Patrick and Nicholas; sister Miriam Goder and two infant grandsons.

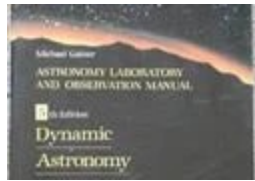
Private services will be held in Tanner, WV at a future date.

Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory, Jonestown, is honored to serve the family.

# Tribute Wall

Gabbz Bryant

“ I found myself randomly searching my Grandpa's books today and here it is July 25th 2021 two years since he has passed. My Grandpa was a great man, and I remember last time he visited us when my brother and I were outside him with the telescope and a large comet flew across the sky; a quiet but cheerful person who is missed by his fam.



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**Gabbz Bryant** - July 25, 2021 at 12:40 AM

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“ I am so sorry that I did not know of Michael's death when it occurred. He was a good friend and an admired colleague in my first decade and Saint Vincent. His passing is a great loss, to his community, to family, to his decades of students at Saint Vincent and beyond.

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**George Leiner** - January 11, 2021 at 11:35 AM

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“ Michael was a well-loved teacher and colleague. My sympathies to his family and all those close to him.

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**Kristine Slank Montemurro** - July 31, 2019 at 11:26 AM



“ One of my favorite teachers who became a great colleague. One of a kind. My sympathies to the family.

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**William Snyder** - July 29, 2019 at 12:13 PM