



Gary L. Sriver

January 23, 1938 - November 5, 2017

Gary L. Sriver, 79, Akron, Indiana, passed away on November 5, 2017.

Gary was born in Rochester on January 23, 1938, to Claudia (Rhodes) and Orville Sriver. Gary shared his childhood with younger brother Randy. Gary and Tamara shared a lifelong friendship with Randy and his wife Judy. While Gary was fond of all of his uncles, he shared a special relationship with Bob Rhodes. Gary married his high school sweetheart Tamara L. Hand of Akron on February 22, 1957. Lamoin Hand, Tammy's father, was considered a mentor and friend throughout Gary's life. Gary and Tamara celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in February of 2017.

Gary was an outstanding baseball and track star and a superb basketball player for the Akron Flyers, led by Indiana Hall of Fame Coach Phil McCarter. After graduation, Gary earned a B.A. from Manchester College and M.A. at Indiana University in Bloomington. In 1961, Gary accepted a teaching position at Noblesville Community Schools, where he taught middle school and high school social studies from 1961-1972. In addition, Gary coached freshman football, basketball, and varsity track. In 1966, varsity coach Jim Belden recruited Gary to coach freshman football in hopes of building the program. One of the players on Gary's team was country singer Steve Wariner.

In 1972, Gary left teaching and moved back to Rochester and eventually to

Akron, spending the rest of his career selling educational film, video, and books for McGraw Hill, Simon and Shuster, Disney, and other companies. He continued doing this until his death. Gary also supplemented his income during many summers painting houses; first in Noblesville leading a crew consisting of fellow teachers, and later in Rochester with his oldest son and his friend, Brian Jennings. In 1992, Gary was elected to represent District 2 on the Fulton County Council, serving as President for many of those years. His proudest accomplishment was the county park system that he initiated and passed by the Council. Gary also served as the voice for the Rochester Zebras football and basketball teams on WROI for the majority of the 1980s.

Gary was an avid reader and loved suspense fiction along with non-fiction American History books. He also loved sports, and was a lifelong fan of the Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears, and NCAA basketball. However, his biggest passion involved outdoor activities. He kept a large garden every year beginning in the late 1950s until his death and delighted in open-air work, including mowing, chopping wood, or driving his tractor.

Gary was most proud of his children and grandchildren, including oldest son, Shawn Sriver (Tanya) of Fishers, IN; oldest daughter Letitia Leininger (William) of Akron and their children Darby and Liam; youngest son Joshua Sriver (Christina) of Akron and their children, Ashton, Grayson, and twins Carly and Lily; and youngest daughter Natasha Maser (Scott) of Fort Wayne and their children Colin and Elianna. He relished spending time with all his children and grandchildren.

Time and Date of Memorial Service: 11:00 am, Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017 with visitation from 9:30 to the time of the service.

Place of Services: Grace United Methodist Church 201 W. 7th St. Rochester,

Indiana

Minister: Rev. Kerry O'Brien

Memorial Visitation Hours: 3 pm to 8 pm, Friday, Nov. 10, 2017 at Hartzler

Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana

Memorial Contributions to: Fulton County Parks and Recreation or the Grace
United Methodist Church

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV **10**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Visitation

NOV **11**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church
201 W. 7th St.
Rochester, IN 46975

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary L. Sriver



Hartzler Funeral Services - November 08, 2017 at 09:33 PM



“ For the countless days or hours of my entire childhood, my grandfather was a loving and a caring man. He was also a bit stubborn in some ways but that is what gave him some of his character. He was always there for me, even when he had other important things to do. He was the best grandfather and mentor a grandchild could have. It was as if the old man was never going to pass away from my life and I was not ready to say goodbye. You will forever be a good example of a role model. Most importantly you will be missed Gary.

Liam - December 08, 2017 at 09:56 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gary L. Sriver.



November 10, 2017 at 05:31 PM

SR

“ Sharon Rogers lit a candle in memory of Gary L. Sriver



Sharon Rogers - November 10, 2017 at 09:21 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary L. Sriver.



November 09, 2017 at 04:01 PM

JP

“ I was fortunate enough to spend many weekends at the Sriver household from 3rd grade on. I remember Tamara cooking goulash, and Gary giving Tish and I a "hard" time. I always felt right at home. Gary was funny, caring, and a great role model. He will be greatly missed.

Jennifer Ho Plaster

jennifer plaster - November 09, 2017 at 03:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary L. Sriver.



November 09, 2017 at 01:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary L. Sriver.*



November 09, 2017 at 01:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary L. Sriver.*



November 09, 2017 at 12:57 PM



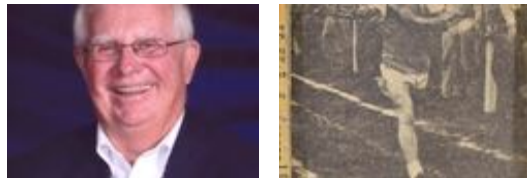
“ *I will certainly miss Gary's visits to the Bourbon Library. I always looked forward to seeing him and visiting with him. My deepest sympathies to your family. He will be missed.*

*Denise Heckaman.
Bourbon Public Library*

Denise Grubbs Heckaman - November 08, 2017 at 10:42 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Hartzler Funeral Services - November 08, 2017 at 08:26 PM



“ 176 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Hartzler Funeral Services - November 08, 2017 at 03:01 PM



“ *Jim, Cheryl Knee and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary L. Sriver.*



Jim, Cheryl Knee and family - November 08, 2017 at 01:39 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Gary L. Sriver.*



November 08, 2017 at 10:58 AM

MH

“ *Mark And Janet Hawley lit a candle in memory of Gary L. Sriver*



Mark and Janet Hawley - November 08, 2017 at 09:42 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gary L. Sriver.*



November 08, 2017 at 09:22 AM

SS

“ Dear Sriver family,

I spent many hours at the Sriver household in Akron playing many different sports and games. Randy and I are classmates from the 1960 grad class.

I have many of fond memories of all the Sriver family. I have loved and participated in different sport for my entire life, (thanks to God's Blessings). I admired Gary for all his athletic ability and remember him mostly from his double in track running the half mile and mile. What a competitor.

My wife, sister and niece visited the Methodist Church in Akron many years ago and I still have the memory how much we enjoyed the choir that day and a short reunion after the service.

We are saddened for your loss and pray God's Blessing and comfort for all of Gary's family.

*In Christian love,
Stan and Kathy Singpiel*

Stan Singpiel - November 08, 2017 at 08:28 AM

JE

“ Gary was a great guy, his knowledge, super kindness and his smile will be missed. My thoughts are with all of you at this difficult time.

Jeanie Cloud



Jean - November 08, 2017 at 07:49 AM

JB

“ *Jim And Shirley Bickel lit a candle in memory of Gary L. Sriver*



Jim and Shirley Bickel - November 08, 2017 at 06:38 AM

TO

“ *TERESA Ogle lit a candle in memory of Gary L. Sriver*



TERESA Ogle - November 07, 2017 at 11:44 PM

SD

“ *Sandy Denton lit a candle in memory of Gary L. Sriver*



Sandy Denton - November 07, 2017 at 09:29 PM

PS

“ *"Mr. Sriver" was a great role model and friend to all of us who were Shawn's friends growing up in the late 70's and then when we were in college. He was such a cool and caring man. I have fond memories of the summer I worked for his paint crew; he taught us a lot. I'm so sorry he passed away Sunday.*

Pete Smith - November 07, 2017 at 09:26 PM



“ Mike Stephen lit a candle in memory of Gary L. Sriver



Mike Stephen - November 07, 2017 at 08:26 PM



“ What a gentle, kind, supportive and caring individual. Gary was an advocate for people and was certainly kind and supportive of me when I was at the Council on Aging. My heart goes out to his family. He was a great man and will be missed. Blessings to you all.



Mindy Moore Martynowicz - November 07, 2017 at 04:48 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary L. Sriver.



November 07, 2017 at 02:52 PM



“ Brenda Deardorff lit a candle in memory of Gary L. Sriver



Brenda Deardorff - November 07, 2017 at 10:08 AM

LH

“ *Linfa Haworth lit a candle in memory of Gary L. Sriver*



Linfa Haworth - November 07, 2017 at 09:38 AM

TB

“ *I really enjoyed working on-the-air with Gary over the years through his work with the Fulton County Council. He was always forthright and above board in his comments and opinions. I hope County residents realize how much Gary did both in public and behind the scenes. The County will miss him and so will I ...*

Tom Bair, WROI

Tom Bair - November 07, 2017 at 09:35 AM

JM

“ *Jeff Tami Murphy lit a candle in memory of Gary L. Sriver*



Jeff Tami Murphy - November 07, 2017 at 09:22 AM

SC

“ *Sondra Cumberland lit a candle in memory of Gary L. Sriver*



Sondra Cumberland - November 06, 2017 at 11:46 PM

DD

“ *Dr. Kerry And Melanie Deardorff lit a candle in memory of Gary L. Sriver*



Dr. Kerry and Melanie Deardorff - November 06, 2017 at 08:09 PM

JW

“ *Judy Walgamuth lit a candle in memory of Gary L. Sriver*



Judy Walgamuth - November 06, 2017 at 03:29 PM

LH

“ *Tammy and family,
Was so sorry to hear about Gary. We have a lot of fond memories of your family when you lived behind Bob's folks and know Lora has great memories of all of you and Tish. Know you are all in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Know that God is with all of you.*

Linda and Bob

Linda Haworth - November 06, 2017 at 03:18 PM

BC

“ *Brittany Coughenour lit a candle in memory of Gary L. Sriver*



Brittany Coughenour - November 06, 2017 at 12:36 PM

VJ

“ *Victoria Baber Jasper lit a candle in memory of Gary L. Sriver*



Victoria Baber Jasper - November 05, 2017 at 11:51 PM

AK

*Tammy and family,
I by chance read the Rochester paper to learn of Gary's passing. What a shock! Gary and us all started first grade together and I have so many good memories of Gary and you. I can not begin to express my sympathy. Blessings. Alan and Bev Kindig*

Alan Kindig - November 10, 2017 at 02:22 PM

DS

Gary was a friend and mentor to me in my younger and early high school years. He was someone I remembered fondly after I left Akron and moved to Omaha, NE. Condolences to Tamara and the children.

*Dee Skillen
Omaha, NE*

Dee Skillen - November 12, 2017 at 03:40 PM