



Gary Lee Meredith

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GARY LEE MEREDITH

Gary Lee Meredith of Ocean View, passed away in the comfort of his home on Thursday, July 27, 2017 with his family present. He had just celebrated his 80th birthday on Monday, July 24th. Gary fought a brave fight with Pulmonary Fibrosis for the last several years. Delaware Hospice had been directing his care for the last five months.

Gary was born in Altoona, Pa. on July 24, 1937. He was the only child of George E. Meredith and Ruth I. Meredith. He later moved to Huntingdon, W.VA and also lived in Charleston, W.Va. He graduated from Northwestern High School in Hyattsville, Md. in 1955 where he met his high school sweetheart. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Maryland in 1960. Gary and Bette were married August 23, 1958. Gary worked at Vitro Corporation (a defense contractor) for 37 years and retired as a Senior Contracts Manager in 1997. While at Vitro he enjoyed playing softball on intermural teams. He was employed by the Delaware Seashore State Parks as a fee collector for the past few years.

In Montgomery County, Md. he was President of the Olney Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors; a club with over 1000 members. During his time as president, he started the girls program in the club. Gary enjoyed coaching a variety of boys and girls teams. He was Chairman of the steering committee for the conversion of the Longwood Civil Defense Site to the Longwood Recreation Center in Olney, Md. He was appointed by the Montgomery Co. Executive to be the chairman of the Area 5 Recreation Advisory Board. He continued his passion of playing softball on both men's, coed, and later senior teams in the Montgomery County Recreation Department.

After he retired, Gary moved to Ocean View, Delaware in 1997. He became president of the Town of Ocean View Council. After a year as president, the town charter was changed and the position of Mayor was created. He was the first public elected Mayor for the Town of Ocean View and



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served two-three year terms, 2002 to 20008. During his time as Mayor, the Town completed a sewer system, installed a municipal water system, built a state of the art police station, expanded the Town Hall and Offices, expanded John West Park and acquired historical property. His last position with the Town was Chairman of Planning & Zoning Commission, for which he resigned this year due to health.

After moving to Ocean View, Gary worked to increase recreation opportunities for seniors, and was co-organizer of the Olde Tymers Softball League for men and women over 50. He also organized the local AARP Bowling league, which is in its 20th year. He was also president of the local chapter AARP #5226 and served as president of the Country Village community Board of Directors.

Gary was active on the fund raising steering committee for the building of the South Coastal Leisure Center for CHEER. He ran several Sock Hop Dances and coordinated a raffle to raise funds for the construction of the CHEER Center, known as the S. Coastal Leisure Center on Central Avenue in Ocean View, which has become a very active senior center.

He was a charter member and organizer of the Bethany Beach Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) which started year round services at the Conference Center Chapel in Bethany Beach in 1998.

Gary loved sports and rooted for several teams, including the Maryland Terps, Marshall University, the Washington Redskins and the Washington Nationals. Most of all he loved his family.

He was devoted to the family dogs and his Pomeranians were a great comfort to him during his illness.

Gary is survived by his wife of almost 59 years, Bette L. Meredith, three children; Donna L. Kemp (Husband Michael), Dean S. Meredith and Susan C. Moyer (Husband Nelson), two grandchildren, David A. Kemp (Wife Jennifer) and Michelle L. Kemp.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at the Bethany Beach Christian Church Disciples of Christ, 7 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Bethany Beach, DE 19930. In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either: Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE



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19963 or The Fund for Johns Hopkins Medicine , 750 East Pratt Street, 17th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202, c/o pulmonary research/interstitial lung disease www.hopkinsmedicine.org

Electronic Condolences may be made via www.watsonfh.com



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BG

Bob & Dorothy Garland lit a candle in honor of Gary.

We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

August 20 at 8:00 PM



FM

Faye (Dwiggins) Marshall lit a candle in honor of Gary.

Betty - Just learned of Gary's passing. My heartfelt condolences to you and the family. May God wrap His arms around you, comfort and strengthen you. You're in my prayers. God Bless You!!!

August 11 at 8:00 PM



NE

Nadine Efird lit a candle in honor of Gary.

Bette, I think about you all the time. I saw Gary's obituary and I thought of you. My prayers are with you and if there is anything I can do for you let me know. Nadine

August 9 at 8:00 PM



RR

Robin And Elaine Rabinowitz lit a candle in honor of Gary.

Dear Betty and Family, Elaine and Robin R are very sorry for your loss. Gary was a friend and very nice too. Our Sympathies Betty to you and your whole family may the memories you have of Gary will be in your heart always.

August 8 at 8:00 PM



ES

Expression Of Sympathy lit a candle in honor of Gary.

A Tradition and Splendor was sent on August 1, 2017 You are remembered with love and friendship from Ed and Fern Hamel and the many Hamel Softball teams.

July 31 at 8:00 PM





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DB

Debora Bailey lit a candle in honor of Gary.

To the Meredith Family. Though I know that this is a difficult time for you, my hope is that you will be comforted from God's inspired word the Bible. John 5:28,29 and Revelation 21: 3,4 gives hope of a future resurrection and the complete elimination of death, pain and mourning. Under Jesus' kingdom rule we have this and much more to look forward to. Please accept my deepest condolences. For more scriptural encouragement please go to www.jw.org.

July 30 at 8:00 PM



JM

Juliet (Jerry) Magargal lit a candle in honor of Gary.

Sadly missed but never forgotten! Prayers 🙏 going out for all the family. May you find peace n knowing Gary is now free from pain and suffering and is with the Lord. Rest In Peace Gary!

July 30 at 8:00 PM



JS

Judy And Bob Smith lit a candle in honor of Gary.

Had the honor of getting to know Gary through the AARP Bowling League when we first moved to Delaware. He will be greatly missed. He was a wonderful, warm, friendly person who made everyone feel welcomed. Ours thoughts and prayers are with Bette and the Meredith family.

July 30 at 8:00 PM



EK

Erin Kemp lit a candle in honor of Gary.

He was a wonderful man. Our thoughts are with all of you. He will be greatly missed

July 29 at 8:00 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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