



Gary David Bickmeier

July 8, 1952 - April 14, 2021

Gary David Bickmeier of White Hall, IL went to be with the Lord on April 14th 2021, at Memorial Hospital. He was 68 years old. Gary was born in Evansville, Indiana on July 8th 1952 to William and Carie Bickmeier. Gary was preceded in death by his parents William and Carie Bickmeier and step-mother, Betty Bickmier.

September 25th 1983, he married Jean Benner at Sandy Creek Retreat Center Barrow, IL. Gary is survived by wife Jean of 37 years, sons Daniel (Jeanette) Benner and Bill (Naemi) Bickmeier, three grandchildren: Bradlie, Joey and Anna and one great grandchild Sahvanna. He is also survived by one sister Sharon (Chuck) Gardner, one brother Don (Patsy) Bickmeier and many nieces and nephews.

Gary attended Hillview Baptist Church and was a Sunday school class teacher. Gary loved animals, gardening, working in his shop and playing basketball. He was a Cubs fan.

He graduated from Trivalley High School. He had a Bachelor's degree from ISU and a Master's degree from University of Illinois. Gary worked for Illinois and Iowa extension services for 33 years. After his retirement, Gary worked with farmers and was a substitute teacher. Gary started each morning with prayer and reading his bible followed by hobbies such as playing with his puppy Katie and spending time with family.

A funeral service will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 17, 2021, at the Daws Funeral Home in Roodhouse with interment in the Pinetree Cemetery. A visitation will be held Saturday, 1:00 p.m. until time of services at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Pine Tree Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Pine Tree Cemetery

Patterson, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Daws Family Funeral Home - Roodhouse
202 West Franklin
Roodhouse, IL 62082
(217) 589-4311
mackeydawsfuneralhome@yahoo.com

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Gary David Bickmeier

January 28, 2023 at 11:11 AM

JL

“ I remember Gary with fondness. We worked closely together for several years organizing and co-leading the Iowa 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Was so grateful for his enthusiasm and dedication for youth programs. So sad to hear he passed on.

Judy Levings

Former Iowa 4- H Asst Director

Judith Levings - April 23, 2021 at 10:49 PM

CB

“ I'm so sorry, Jean. My heart goes out to you. Love love love to you and your family.

Cherol Brown - April 22, 2021 at 08:39 PM

KK

“ The fun and memories at Lancaster Church we had with Gary , Jean and Bill !! A great friend and will be missed. Hugs from Wayne & Kathy Kracht- PS Gary was my personal helper to reach the item off the top shelf at church !

Kathy Kracht - April 21, 2021 at 12:01 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear about Gary. I had lost touch of where you all were at but had always wondered how you all were. Gary was a true friend to me at a time that I really need one. He will be sadly missed.

Again sorry for your loss. Jeff Spencer

Jeff Spencer - April 18, 2021 at 09:23 AM

MK

“ I met Gary as one of several interviewers on our Keokuk County Extension Board. He was hired as our Extension Director, and as such, he visited each member's home to glean advice and get to know each member. We had two children close in age to his son Bill, and we became fast friends, camping every Father's Day outside of Pella, Iowa, near Lake Red Rock, where we rode bikes, swam, and garage saled in Pella, before retiring to the campgrounds for a long visit around the camp fire. He and Jean attended and helped with both of our childrens' weddings and we did attend Bill's a year ago this last January. One of our most enjoyable trips, was to their home in Whitehall, where we drove a little further south to observe a magical solar eclipse one beautiful summer afternoon. I can hear Gary right now, saying "Well, Mary....." He was a true and loyal friend, and a truly good man. He will be greatly missed!

Mary K.& Jim Krier - April 16, 2021 at 03:04 PM

PR

“ My husband, Bill Robinson, sat with Gary in meetings mostly farm related and enjoyed his expertise in that field. More important, they became good friends and recently I found a letter Gary had written to Bill after leaving Winchester that shared this deep respect they had for each other. RIP Gary with all the saints that have gone before and I pray you and Bill can once again talk farm life.

My heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Jean and family.

Pat Robinson - April 16, 2021 at 09:49 AM

FC

“ Thinking of you Jean Ann and your family. So good to know that we have that eternal
Hope of Heaven and someday soon will be a glad reunion with our loved ones.

Faith J Camp - April 15, 2021 at 11:26 PM

RW

“ So sorry to hear this Jean. We have fond memories of Gary going to church with him and you at Bluffs Baptist and enjoyed playing alot of ball too. Our prayers are with you and the rest of the family. Reg and Nancy Wood, Licking MO

Reg and Nancy Wood - April 15, 2021 at 08:49 PM