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Gary William Beckley, 70, of Huntersville, passed away unexpectedly August 24, 2022. He was born on May 16, 1952 in Atlantic City, New Jersey to the late William and Alice Beckley.

Gary grew up in Absecon, NJ. A self-proclaimed “bay rat” he was at home on the water. By the age of 12 he was always clamming, fishing, & collecting antique glass bottles he’d find buried in creek beds. He was a devoted Phillies fan, a passion he got from his father and passed down to his children. Gary was a man of exceptional character. A devoted husband and father, he dedicated his life to his family. He married his high school sweetheart, his Susie-Q, who was the apple of his eye for 46 years. Gary had an incredible work ethic. A carpenter by trade, he was a proud member of Union Local 623 for 30 years. A skilled woodworker he could build absolutely anything but had a passion for fine cabinetry and wood decor, especially for those he loved. Gary was extremely intelligent. An avid reader and researcher, he developed a passion for studying history which evolved into a love for ancestry. He was philosophical about life and was an eternal optimist. For the past 11 years, Gary derived most of his joy by spending lots of time with his beloved grandchildren. He loved all animals, especially his cat Minxy and grand-dogs. He relocated Huntersville, North Carolina in 2017 to be close to his son and daughter where he lived happily until his passing.

Gary was so loved, not only by his family but by every life he touched. The world has lost a gentle soul full of compassion, integrity and kindness. His family is devastated by this untimely loss and will never be the same. His legacy will live on in his children, grandchildren and the beautiful works of art he created with his hands throughout his life.

Gary is survived by the love of his life, his wife Susan Beckley; a daughter, Aimee Tomchik and husband Brian of Huntersville; a son, Allen Beckley and wife Deena of Charlotte; a sister, Gail Beckley; and two grandchildren, Nathan and Quinn.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude.



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A funeral mass will be held at 11 AM Monday, August 29 at St. Mark Catholic Church. Visitation will be 10-11 prior at the church. Burial will be private immediately following the mass at Northlake Memorial Gardens.

Mass can be viewed online at <https://www.stmarknc.org/livestream?fbclid=IwAR3wOxqvf2O-OngnMr6uNlku-g7kAXcvA8TxWhZTckdaRlOlXCz5eGT8JKQ#MassSchedule>

James Funeral Home is serving the family.






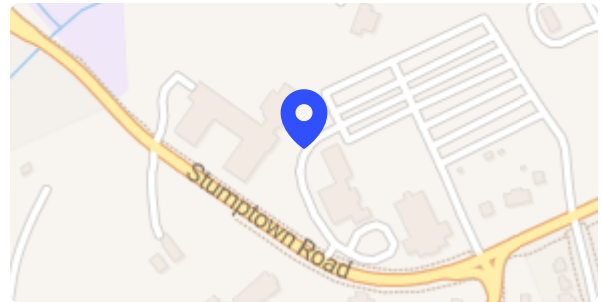
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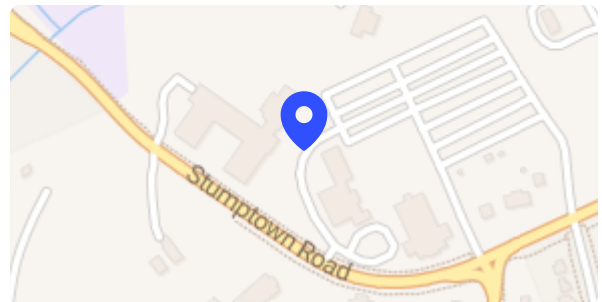
Visitation

-  **Monday**, August 29, 2022
-  10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
-  **St. Mark Catholic Church**
14740 Stumptown Rd, huntersville NC 28078



Funeral Mass

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Linda Paloff posted:

I met Gary when he was a young man. He truly loved Susan and that love and tenderness never changed. Gary was also a wonderful dad and grandpa. He will be truly missed by everyone who knew him. Love and prayers to my cousin Susan and his children and grandchildren. Love, Linda

August 31 at 7:19 PM



Bereavement Ministry Team posted:

The Bereavement Ministry Team and the Parish Community of St. Mark Catholic Church extend our deepest sympathy at this difficult time. Be assured that you and your family are in our prayers.

August 30 at 11:25 AM



Gail Beckley posted:

I could not have had a better brother. He was all everyone has posted - kind, generous, caring & loving, and devoted to his family. He was an artist in his chosen profession of carpentry and woodwork carrying on the tradition of the Beckley Builders, our father William and grandfather Lawrence. I count myself very lucky to have had such a great childhood and lifetime of experiences and history shared with our cousins and extended family. Wonderful memories. Gary, ♥ I love you forever...

August 29 at 5:42 AM



The Home Depot Family sent a Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet to the Beckley family.



August 28 at 7:15 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Beckley family.



August 27 at 1:23 PM



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Tracy Nyszczo lit a candle in honor of Gary.

Although your lives' journeys have bid you to be apart, He is with you, and you with him, always in your hearts ❤️. Much love and prayers, from the Tomchiks and Nyszczo

August 27 at 12:38 PM



Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Beckley family.

August 27 at 6:13 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Beckley family.

August 27 at 3:31 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Beckley family.

August 26 at 1:41 PM



Nancy Beckley posted:

Dear Sue, Aimee, Brian, Nate, Allen, Dee, Quinn, and Gail, I thought Gary was a really kind and all-around wonderful guy. I am so glad he was my cousin. I have always felt that we Beckley cousins forged an unbreakable bond in our childhood that transcended time and distance. I cherish the memories of visits in Absecon and at the Farm. Of fishing, and barbecues, and card playing, and walks in the woods, and good times in the house on the creek that his Dad built. Of that epic trip to Prince Edward Island! And the time Gary and his Dad reroofed the house at the farm. It all seems like just yesterday. I shall miss exchanging now-and-then emails with Gary, some on the ancestry. I will also miss just knowing he was there in NC, enjoying his family. Sending all my love Nancy Beckley

August 26 at 1:12 PM



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Pamela Peterson posted:

Susie and family, keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Hoping you can draw strength from the love and memories you shared. Love, Pamela Peterson, Joanne Price and Cindy Wooden. ❤️

August 26 at 6:01 AM



Anonymous sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Beckley family.



August 26 at 2:37 AM



Susan E Burns posted:

Dear Cousins, to me Gary always embodied much patience and a sort of philosophical gentleness, and dedication. He will be much missed, and much treasured in our hearts Love to you all, our hearts are with you, (from 1st cousin who was closest in age to Gary), Susie Beckley Burns, and Russell Burns

August 25 at 2:26 PM



Aimee Lynn August 26 at 6:23 AM

Thank you, Susan. Dad always spoke of you so fondly and always told us so many great stories.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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