



Gary Martin Diehl

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Gary Martin Diehl, 73 of Sterling, VA, passed surrounded by his family on Thursday, November 14, 2019.

Born Tuesday, July 16, 1946 to the late Callie (CJ) Diehl and Mary L. Diehl of Harrisonburg, Virginia. Gary grew up in Harrisonburg, VA and attended Turner Ashby High School (Class of 1964). He received his BA from Eastern Mennonite College.

After college, Gary became a Vocational Career and Education Teacher at Fauquier High School in Warrenton, VA. He then received his master's degree from Virginia Tech and continued pursuing his passion for Vocational Education when he joined the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. He later retired as Chief Operating Officer from Skills USA, formally VICA.

Nothing was more important to Gary than family. He was very involved in his grandchildren's activities and enjoyed attending many sporting events and school musical performances where he always ensured he had the best view. Gary was also known for finding toys for his grandchildren at yard sales, driving his '69 Mustang, helping his neighbors, and refinishing furniture to share with his children and sell on one of the many facebook sale sites he monitored.

He volunteered every Saturday during basketball season as score keeper for Upward Basketball at Christian Fellowship Church where he was also a member. Gary is survived by his three children Patricia Diehl Winters (Jason), Amy Diehl West (Shawn), and Adam Diehl (Nikisha), their mother Brenda Diehl, as well as seven grandchildren who meant the world to him: Emma, Jacob, Colby, Lillian, Logan, Gavin, and Ainsley.

He is also survived by his brother Lary Diehl (Carol), as well as many others who loved him. The family would appreciate donations to The Cancer Research Foundation or Heritage Hall in Leesburg, VA in his name.



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A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 23rd at 11:00am at Christian Fellowship Church, 21673 Beaumeade Cir, Ashburn, VA 20147. Please enter through door #100.





Events

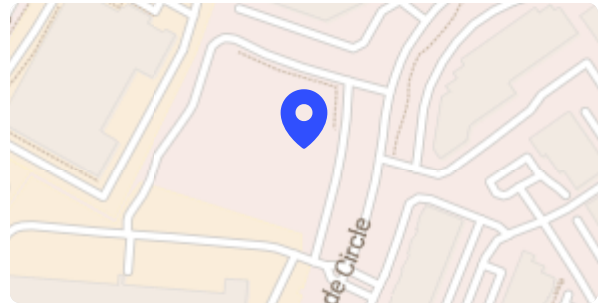
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Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, November 23, 2019

 11:00 AM ET

 **Christian Fellowship Church**
21673 Beaumeade Cir. , Ashburn VA 20147





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Teresa Hellman posted:

Gary made a huge impact on my career. I worked with him to negotiate hotel contracts at two hotels in KC and then went to work for VICA about a year prior to the first SkillsUSA in KC in 1994. His recommendation to MO DESE I'm sure had a huge impact on the hiring committees decision hire me and for that I'm forever grateful. I'm sad to read of his passing and sorry for his families loss, he was a VERY good man. We need more like him.

November 22 at 8:03 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Diehl family.



November 22 at 7:51 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Diehl family.



November 22 at 5:47 AM



Mark And Sandy Swanson posted:

Gary was a great neighbor.....always there to help out. Prayers for his family.

November 22 at 4:37 AM



Love Uncle Ray & Billie sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Diehl family.



November 22 at 2:10 AM



Anonymous sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Diehl family.



November 21 at 7:26 AM



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Your Skillsusa Family -- Leesburg, Va sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Diehl family.

November 20 at 11:03 AM



Anonymous sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Diehl family.

November 20 at 6:29 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Heart to the Diehl family.

November 20 at 6:25 AM



Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Diehl family.

November 20 at 6:14 AM



Tony And Connie Jenkins posted:

So sorry to hear the sad news of Gary's passing. Gary always took great pride in his home and yard, and was such a valued neighbor. We will miss chatting with him whenever we met in the street and at neighborhood gatherings. He has been a fixture in the community for so long - it's hard to believe he will no longer be there. He was taken from us far too soon. Our deepest sympathies go to the family he loved so much. Tony and Connie Jenkins

November 20 at 6:12 AM



Love, Jack & Brigitte sent a Basket of Memories to the Diehl family.

November 20 at 5:47 AM





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Tony Glenn posted:

My prayers for healing are the family. I always enjoyed visiting with Gary during my 6 years on the SkillsUSA board and then the years after. Gary stayed at my house one time when he came to Nebraska. He was a true gentleman. May God be with you. Tony Glenn Nebraska Department of Education

November 19 at 11:54 AM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Diehl family.



November 18 at 3:29 PM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Diehl family.



November 18 at 1:12 PM



Jill Van Weelden posted:

My heart aches at the news of Gary's passing. Prayers for his family whom he loved so much. My first encounter with Gary was at a national conference. I was a new (FL) state director and had invited my parents to the opening session without giving them a ticket to get in. Gary saw the confusion and ever so kindly solved the problem while introducing himself to my parents. They thought he was so kind and so did I. I also had the privilege of a good will tour to Puerto Rico with Gary and my state officer. That experience will stay with me forever. Gary will be truly missed. May he rest in peace. Jill Van Weelden Florida

November 18 at 10:50 AM



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MR

Miriam And Shane Rootes posted:

Oh my goodness,so sorry for more loss. I only stood chatting with him about a month ago and Shane had the opportunity to pray with him. I can't believe, that was my last conversation with him. Such a lovely man. He always liked to give you a good strong handshake and have an interesting conversation about all sorts of things and he always was so nicely dress. What I would call, a real gentleman. So very sad. Sending prayers and condolences to your family. Praying for your peace and comfort and wisdom on how to talk to your children. ❤️

November 18 at 4:55 AM

SH

Sondra Hill posted:

Gary, from first meeting him, was always such a good person in each and every encounter, he never changed. So very sorry for this loss in your life. For the light Gary brought to the world, it is carried on through those he nurtured in life. Adam, Nikki, Jacob, and Lily, love you so much and pray for you and your family at this time.Love,Aunt Sonnie

November 18 at 4:14 AM

SN

Scott Nestor posted:

Going to miss the backyard chats with Gary. So sorry for your loss.- Scott, Trish & family

November 18 at 3:47 AM



Anonymous sent a Cherished Memories to the Diehl family.



November 18 at 3:12 AM

RP

Ron And Brenda Parsons posted:

We are so sorry for your loss and are praying for peace of mind during this difficult time. Gary was a nice, gentle man who loved his family very much and exhibited this love in every way. He treated everyone with respect and quietly made us feel welcome any time we visited. He will be missed.

November 17 at 6:48 PM



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RP

Ron And Brenda Parsons lit a candle in honor of Gary .



November 17 at 6:46 PM

MI

Michele posted:

We are so sorry to hear this sad news. Gary was always a good neighbor to us. One of our favorite memories is several years ago when he got his new snow blower - he had so much fun with it that he cleared our driveway as well as his...for almost every snowfall that winter! He also humored me (Michele) every spring and let me cut lilacs when they were in bloom on the side of his house, because he knew I loved to fill my house with the scent of them. He always talked about his family and it was clear how much love he had for you all. May God wrap His loving arms around Gary now and forever...- Michele, Mark, Kyle, Rebecca and Conor Wilson

November 17 at 4:20 PM

DS

David & Rebekah Shaffer posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. Pa was a special man who loved his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. -Dave & Rebekah Shaffer

November 17 at 3:55 PM

BU

Brenda Ulrich posted:

We are very sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Much love and prayers for your family during this hard time. Brenda and Glenn Ulrich

November 17 at 3:28 PM

JC

Judy Craun Compton posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. I was a classmate of Gary's at Turner Ashby High School. In later years, I would visit with Gary at the Bridgewater Home while we both were visiting our moms. I always appreciated Gary keeping us up to date with our TA classmates. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. Judy Craun Compton

November 17 at 2:08 PM



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Carl Creasman posted:

I wish to express my condolences to Gary's family. Gary was a dear friend to me through SkillsUSA. After I first involved in VICA (now SkillsUSA) on the national level in 1980 I soon met Gary and we became fast friends. It was with much sorrow that I learned of his passing. Gary touched many lives through the years and I have often thanked God for allowing me to be one such life that Gary impacted. Please know that I will be lifting your family in prayers and also know that my fond memories of my relationship with Gary will never be forgotten. Carl Creasman 1228 Gateshead Circle Tallahassee, FL 32317

November 17 at 1:30 PM



Michael Regauld posted:

Gary positively touched and influenced the lives of many students, teachers, administrators and others through his work in the field of career and technical education. He was a great colleague and a wonderful friend who will be missed greatly. May his family gain comfort during this time knowing of his contributions to make our world a better place. Dr. Michael H. Regauld

November 17 at 12:03 PM



Sharon Carpenter posted:

May you feel God's loving arms surrounding you during this time of sadness and may your sweet memories of him keep a smile on your faces! Love all of you! Mike and Sharon Carpenter

November 17 at 11:06 AM



Gail Roberts Greene posted:

With my deepest heartfelt sympathy and sending love and prayers to the entire family on the passing of dear Gary. May God comfort and direct you in the difficult days ahead.

November 17 at 10:48 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Diehl family.



November 17 at 10:45 AM



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Karen And Jay Beatty lit a candle in honor of Gary .

So shocked and so sorry to learn of Gary's passing. May he rest in peace.

November 17 at 10:38 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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