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A funeral service celebrating the life of Gary C. Heck, 69 of Newark will be 6:00 p.m. Monday, October 31, 2022 in the Newark Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home with Steve Harley officiating.

Gary passed away unexpectedly Wednesday evening, October 26, 2022 at his home. He was born October 21, 1953 in Indianapolis, IN to the late Charles T. Heck and Kathryn “Katie” (Lusk) Heck.

Gary was a 1976 graduate of Cincinnati Bible College and entered the full-time ministry with the Church of Christ for over 20 years. He served, alongside his wife, in North Carolina, Oklahoma, Virginia and Ohio. Gary was a true servant of God in the way that he preached, counseled, mentored and taught the Bible. After leaving full-time ministry, Gary continued his path of serving others through counseling. His calming demeanor, compassion, and wisdom had a tremendous impact on many people.

Gary was an avid reader; you could always find him sitting outside, relaxing peacefully with a book in his hands. He had a passion for traveling across the U.S. and abroad. Gary was a true family man - from his bond with his siblings to his unconditional love of his daughters. For the last three years, Gary was able to embrace his newest and most favorite role: Grandpa. His infectious smile grew even larger with just the mention of his grandsons’ names. He was incredibly proud of his family. Gary’s legacy as a faithful servant of the Lord will continue to live on though all those he has impacted in his life.

Survivors include his daughters, Emily (Bryan Reilly) Heck of Essexville, MI and Lauren (David) Clark of Newark; grandchildren, Grant Charles Clark and Nolan William Clark; brothers, Steve (Shirley) Heck, Timothy (Margie) Heck; a sister, Kathy (John Pijanowski) Slyder; and his former wife, Diantha Wilson; he was also a loving and supportive uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Friends and family may visit two hours prior to the funeral service, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home, 1850 W. Main St., Newark.



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Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army; envelopes will be available at the funeral home.



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PK

Patrick T. Kaylor posted:

I know that there's nothing to say when a loss like this occurs which can make it any easier to bear. But Gary helped me through the absolute worst part of my life and K will forever be grateful to him for his insight, kindness, and support. I hope that he finds nothing but peace and joy in the next life. Because he certainly helped to save mine.

December 22 at 2:51 PM

DA

Dave Arnold posted:

My deepest sympathy to Lauren. (and David) and Emily (and Bryan) and their families in the sudden loss of their father. He was a nice man and obviously a great father. My prayers, sympathies, and thoughts are with you and pray that in the days ahead God will continue to wrap his loving and strong arms around you. -Dave Arnold (Dr. A)

November 8 at 7:12 AM

PL

Peter Lichtenberg posted:

If you truly got to know Gary you loved him. He was a wise, funny, kind friend and he was devoted to others. I worked side by side with Gary in Virginia and he had a great impact on my life and career; then and after!

November 6 at 12:46 PM

NG

Nate Green posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Gary a couple of years ago. He was one of those people that just put off good vibes - quick with a smile, never complained, thoughtful, and always friendly. I feel lucky to have known him.

November 3 at 1:54 PM

CK

Catherine Klein posted:

Gary counsels my daughter. Present tense because his wise words given with unyielding grace, compassion, and love will no doubt echo on throughout her years and mine. In the Eternal life of the Arms of the Savior; we will meet again.

November 2 at 9:42 AM



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LC

Licking Valley Church Of Christ posted:

Diantha, Lauren, and Emily: Please accept our sincere and heartfelt apologies for your recent loss. We pray that all of Gary's loved ones soon find peace and comfort in the Lord. Please remember you are not alone during this difficult time, as you are in the Father's precious hands. Your brothers and sisters in Christ are also here supporting you, and surrounding you with love. God Bless You All.

October 31 at 9:57 AM

VS

Vanessa Stapert posted:

God Bless and comfort you. I worked with Gary at Moundbuilders, never knowing he was a CBC graduate and former minister. I graduated from KCC; what a blessing to know we shared that past. His faith and love for people was evident in his life as a counselor.

October 31 at 6:56 AM

DJ

David Johnson posted:

My college roommate. He could always make me laugh. A good friend I didn't see often enough over the years. Prayers sent to family and friends.

October 30 at 2:29 AM

KO

Kevin Oday posted:

Thoughts and prayers to the family. Gary and the entire Heck family was an important part of our church experience at Englewood in Indianapolis. Rest in arms of our savior my old and dear friend. Kevin O'Day and the O'Day family

October 29 at 11:24 AM

AP

Amanda Pohar posted:

I worked with Gary at Southeast. Reading his obituary and hearing of his work with the church was something I was unaware of, but makes so much sense as Gary was full of love and compassion for those who are struggling. My condolences to his family, he will be missed.

October 29 at 4:49 AM



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AS

Annabelle (Pollock) Schertzinger posted:

Gary grew up at the same church in Indianapolis that I did. I remember that during high school he would often go out for pizza after the Sunday evening service with a group of my friends—a bunch of girls and Gary. My sympathy to his family.

October 28 at 2:29 PM

SG

Steve Goldston posted:

May Gary's memory be a blessing. I recently ran into him and had just a wonderful conversation. Talking about his Grandchildren and my young children. He was a good man

October 28 at 12:40 PM

BF

Brad Foley posted:

Gary and I were Facebook friends and good friends in high school. We worked on the yearbook and newspaper staffs together. I have thought of him fondly over the years and was so sorry to learn of his passing. My thoughts are with his family and close friends. I know he will be missed. Brad Foley Eugene, OR.

October 28 at 10:42 AM

RW

Randy Wooden posted:

Fond memories of Gary from when I lived in Newark and worshipped at the Heath Church of Christ. Please accept my condolences.

October 28 at 9:28 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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