



Gary Harold Carlson

December 27, 1946 - June 11, 2018

Age 71 of St. Paul

Passed away June 11, 2018. Survived by wife, Robin; children, Matthew Carlson, Laura (Matthew) Brinster and Paul (Andrea) Carlson; grandchildren, Isaac and Chloe Brinster; siblings, Barbara Carlson, Suzanne (Roger) Magnuson, Elizabeth (Tony) Lieffring and Donald (Cheryl) Carlson; nieces, nephews other relatives and friends. Memorial Service 3:30 PM Friday, June 22nd (visitation 2:30-3:30 PM) at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, Como at Luther Place, St. Paul. Gary worked as a compounding pharmacist for Fairview and taught at the U of MN College of Pharmacy for many years. Memorials preferred to St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church or Fairview Foundation.

Tribute Wall

NK

“ I looked up my name online and found my dead grampa.



NICO KLEIN - April 27 at 04:56 PM

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sorry this was my friend on my account sorry if that confused anyone

NICO KLEIN - April 27 at 04:55 PM

CR

“ I was so sad to learn of Gary's passing, in my Pharmacy Record magazine (Fall 2018). He was a wonderful teacher at the U of MN, and I especially enjoyed learning how to make compounds "pharmaceutically elegant". He was a memorable part of my Pharmacy School education.

Colleen Horeish, RPh - March 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ Dear Robin, I learned of Gary's illness at the 50th reunion. We send you our prayers and deepest sympathies. We have many fond memories of our times together. How fast life has gone by. Miss you. Love Nancy and Tim

Nancy and Tim Burns - July 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Gary was my professor, boss, and colleague. Beyond his vast knowledge of compounding, what I admired most about Gary was his humor and his ability to treat everyone with kindness, dignity, and respect. Thank you for the privilege to get to know you Gary.

Paul Schwinghammer - June 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ Roses are red, violets are blue, the World is just not going to be the same without you. I feel so blessed and lucky to have known you Gary. Working with you at compounding was so fun, you made everyone laugh so often. I hope that you are cheering on the next Green Party candidate from your comfy couch in heaven, listening to NPR when you can and making God laugh with your latest pun. You will be greatly missed. You already are. Virginia

Virginia Baumgardner - June 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ First, my condolences to the Carlson family. I have so many fond memories of working with Gary. When I first started working with him he was referred to as the "Capsule King" in the pharmacy and he had a signed poster of the Olson Twins hanging in his office, although I'm still not sure why! Anytime there was a pregnant employee, the baby was always called "Little Gary Harold". He was my secret santa one year for Christmas and I knew it was him due to the poem he included with the gift. He was always one for writing roses-are-red poems to everyone on their birthday cards but my Christmas gift had a poem that even incorporated Pink Floyd! (The gift was a Pink Floyd book.) Gary will be missed but I feel blessed that I got the chance to know and work with him!

Renee Wright - June 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ To Robin and family, Remember the good times together and honor Gary in those memories. Peace, Ron Pennick/Fairview Pharmacy

Ron Pennick - June 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Laura and family, May peace be with you all. There are not words to adequately help w/your grieving but I hope you can find some comfort in memories shared. He will always have a place in MN Pharmacy history for his expertise, but mostly I will remember him for the decent human being he was who gave a lot of himself to his profession. I consider myself one of the many fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to learn a little from him. "If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants." -Sir Isaac Newton Sara Telander

Sara Telander - June 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ I will always have the fondest memories of working with Gary and the crew at Fairview Compounding. He always loved to give the tour of the pharmacy and show what a \$12,000 dishwasher looked like, and that the scooper straw was the most important tool in the pharmacy. He told me I would get a C in his class because I lacked pharmaceutical elegance ?. My deepest condolences to Robin (who I also had the pleasure of working with) and family! Gary was one of a kind!

Abbie Fox (Allen) - June 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathy. I didn't know your loved one. But know that our heavenly Father Jehovah God will remember our love one. The Bible says: "Throw your burden upon God, and he himself will sustain you. He heals the brokenhearted, and He binds up our wounds, He assures us. Psalm147:3.

Lowanda - June 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ First, I want to express my sorrow to Robin and the rest of the Carlson family upon learning of Gary's passing away. He was a great pharmacist and even a greater person. I worked directly with Gary during my tenure as a part of the pharmacy management team at to old U of M Hospitals and Clinics. Gary continued to be an incredible resource, always willing to take on pharmacy compounding and drug stability questions that would help meet the medication needs of the patients he served. He was an incredible teacher and contributed to the pharmaceutical science learning for hundreds of pharmacy students and was always available to help pharmacists around the state who needed information and advice regarding the compounding of unusual medication formulations. As impressive was the empathy and cooperation which he would extend to all people with whom he came in contact. He was a unique individual who always was willing to give of himself to help his students, his patients and his pharmacy colleagues. I have no doubt that Gary was equally as compassionate as a husband, father, and grandfather. Gary, I will miss you and wish you well as you pursue your next opportunity to share your knowledge and compassion with the individuals you meet heaven. Sincerely, Ric Giese

Ric Giese - June 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Godspeed, Gary! Loved learning "pharmaceutical elegance" from you. My deepest condolences to the entire Carlson family. JB*

JB Breeding - June 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ *Gary was very instrumental in teaching me all about compounding pharmaceuticals when I attended the college of pharmacy . He was a terrific instructor . He will be missed . My deepest sympathies go out to his family . We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Paul Rukavina - June 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Gary's death. As a student, co-worker, and fellow pharmacist, I can attest to the impact that he had on many of our careers. I have a lot of good memories (and laughs) when I think of him. My sympathy to the Carlson family. Chris Jolowsky*

Chris Jolowsky - June 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *To Robin and family, Although I haven't been in touch with Gary for a long time, I was fortunate to work with him as a tech and then be his student when i was in pharmacy school. He touched the lives of so many people throughout his career! I appreciated his practicality, vast compounding experience, but most of all his sense of humor. I am so sorry for your loss and thank you for sharing such a great person with so many students and coworkers who were very fond of him.*

Kathryn Schultz - June 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I am privileged to have crossed paths with Gary on my pharmacy journey. Loved his sense of humor...especially his use of the word "elegant". He taught me so much about the art of compounding. Gary, the profession will miss you. Cheers.

John Hoeschen - June 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Please accept our heartfelt condolences. Gary was always one of my favorite professors at U of M College of Pharmacy -- down-to-earth, patient, funny and the very embodiment of one of his favorite phrases, "pharmaceutically elegant." He left his mark on many of today's pharmacists and made the practice of pharmacy better by his valued contributions.

Anna Hackman - June 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ Much love to Robin and his family! My thoughts are with you all!

Amy Olson - June 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM