



## Gary Richard Heald

August 13, 1941 - July 5, 2022

On July 5th, 2022, our beloved and brave Gary Heald passed away peacefully, his wife, Judy, son Michael, daughter Caree, husband Randy at his bedside.

After many years of suffering cancer, aspiration pneumonia, the permanent use of a feeding tube, and many trips to the hospital - with nary a complaint - Our Dear Lord called him to his heavenly home.

He was born in Oil City, Pa, joined the U.S. Air Force, served in Vietnam (with agent orange nearby) and moved to Minnesota to work at Northwest Airlines, eventually becoming a crew chief.

He was also very involved in the VFW and eventually became Post Commander.

He had three sons, James (Jimmy) and sadly had to bury sons, Jeffrey and Johnny.

He married his second wife Judy which came with son Michael/wife Pamm and daughter Caree, husband Randy. This brought him much new joy and a place to call home.

His new life blossomed with travel, Cracker Jack toy collecting, golf, church, fishing, serving at Loaves & Fishes and All Saints, Lakeville, Dinner on the Hill - his suggestion for the name!

He was also chosen among a few others to fly to France to meet Northwest Airlines' new Airbus 360. What a dream come true.

Eventually retirement arrived after 40 years of employment and was feted with a fun night of celebration including sitting in a captain's seat on an airplane. It followed many travels, golfing with friends and relaxation!

But his fondest joy was the recent arrival of two great-grandchildren: Penelope from our granddaughter Allee and Matthew, grandson, from Chris and wife, Lauren. In his ever limiting circle of life, smiles came easily again. And somehow Our Dear Lord kept Gary going so that he could enjoy his home and family often. It was his greatest blessing and joy.

Finally, the Lord blessed us all when we were to spend three days with him at his side and be pleased that we were there when the Lord took him home - never uttering a sound.

It is with much ado that I praise and thank Fairview Ridges Hospital - especially the ER which has a more than an outstanding staff of doctors, nurses and helpers for kindly healing - and the hospital staff which constantly renewed him. They were his "break in the action rest time" and TOP NOTCH!

May we also thank Father Wilson and Father Reinheart at All Saints Church for their visits and blessings as well as the chaplain at Fairview Ridges.

Finally, Gary, you did suffering and pain awesomely quiet and stalwart. I'm sure Our Father is very proud of you good and faithful servant as are we. And

now we so hope and pray you meet up with many of your old pals. Enjoy!  
Hopefully I'll see you soon.

Join us in a celebration of Gary's life on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at All Saints Catholic Church, 19597 Holyoke Ave., Lakeville. Visitation from 10-11 am, Funeral Mass at 11:00 am. Luncheon to follow.

Memorials are preferred to All Saints Catholic Church for a stained glass window in his name or Catholic Charities.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

All Saints Catholic Church (Lakeville)  
19795 Holyoke Avenue  
Lakeville, MN 55044

## Memorial Service

JUL 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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