



Gary Leonard Wilkes

October 26, 1948 - October 14, 2013

Age 64 of Ramsey, MN., passed away Oct. 14, 2013. Survived by wife, Deb Hagen; daughters, Patrice (Scott) Wilkes-Gierdal and Christine Wilkes-Knutson; sisters, Karen (Bob) Nelson and Laureen (Dave) Shypulski; step-father, Don Ganzer; six grandchildren; former wife, Linda Class-Berg; other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by parents, Gerald and Marie (Schwan) Wilkes. Gary graduated from St. Bernards in 1966. Gary was a life-long career technical administrator for over 30 years including positions as Vocational Director at 916, Dean of Education at Hennepin Technical College, an adjunct faculty of the U of MN, and retiring from Wright Technical Center. Gary was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time at the cabin. A gathering will be held from 4:30-8:00 PM on Monday (Oct. 21) at the HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL FUNERAL HOME, 515 Hwy 96 W., at Mackubin, Shoreview. Memorials preferred.

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ *Deb and Family,
I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. How very sad. I worked with Gary through the Wright Tech Center and he gave much to that agency and to students. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you try to find peace. He will certainly be missed by many.*

Lona Jose - October 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Deb,
We are so very sorry to hear of Gary's passing. We want to extend our condolence to you, Gary's daughters and grandchildren. We can not truly share the sorrow you feel, but want you to know that we care. May your own happy memories be a source of comfort to you now.
With love, LeRoy and Jean Boespflug*

LeRoy and Jean Boespflug - October 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Deb*

Our deepest sympathies to you and your family . Going to Marie will not be the same know that we love you and Gary and he will be with us in spirit forever.

Joe , Carol, William and Andrea Busonick - October 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Gary will be deeply missed.
What a great man.
He and Debbie were so kind to my brother Shawn. A truly Special
person and we are all blessed to have known him.

Holm Family - October 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ My sympathies to each of you. I remember Gary fondly from all the
days in vocational education. I was the director at the Prairie Lakes
Center in Worthington. It has been many years since my
involvement in voc. ed. but I have good memories of Gary and you,
Deb. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Marcia Linssen
Worthington*

Marcia Linssen - October 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Sandra has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

Sandra - October 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My deepest words of sympathy go out to Deb, Karen and Laureen as well as Gary's children and grandkids. I can still remember Gary's and mine first day of kindergarten. He stopped at the school door, kicking and screaming for his Mom to take him home, which she did. When I got home later and told him how much fun I had he then was ready to go the next morning. From that day on we went to school together, too and through our high school years. I am so shocked by what has happen. Carol and I are praying for all Deb and Gary's family during this very difficult time.
cousin Joe

Joe Schwan - October 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ I was shocked to learn about Gary being ill and now his passing. I have always had the highest respect for this man and enjoyed his presence. I always felt he was "ahead of his time" in his thoughts regarding technical education. He was a wonderful supervisor of mine. I will miss that exceptional smile and knowing that he is no longer with us. With Sympathy, Susan

Susan Thaemert - October 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Deb,
I am so sorry for your loss. Cherish the many happy memories. God bless you.

Janet Danekas Koelsch - October 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you.*

*Kathy & Steve Nelson
Burnsville MN & Ely MN*

Kathleen Nelson - October 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to all of you. Christine and Patrice i know how much your dad ment to u and my heart is breaking for u both. He is in a better place now and will watch over you for the rest of your lives.*

Anna Narow - October 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *I did not know Gary, but I know his sister Laureen and many of his cousins (Frank and Gloria's children). I imagine that Gary was as caring, compassionate and fun loving as the rest of his family. It is so hard to have someone die so young, but with the strength of all the family there will be better days.*

Janet Johnson - October 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *I love you dad, I will miss you dearly. As hard as it is for all your loved ones that are left behind, you are in good hands with the Lord. Till we meet again*

Christine-

christine wilkes-knutson - October 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Gary RIP. You will be missed by all. My fondest memory was Gary coming down to my house all serious wanting me to teach him how to kiss...I laughed so hard. Gary, you are my cousin I can't kiss you I will start laughing...he begged me because there was this girl he really liked and didn't want her to know he NEVER KISSED a girl before. So being the best cousin I was...we kissed, we laughed till we cried...Miss you Gary...xoxo

Gail Schwan - October 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ My sincere sympathy to Deb and all of Gary's family. You will be kept in my thoughts and prayers, especially now in your loss and these next days. Hugs, Greg

Greg Furness - October 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM