



Gary R. Buckland

July 18, 1939 - January 2, 2022

On January 2, 2022, Heaven gained another director for the choir of angels. Gary was born July 18, 1939 in Warsaw to G. Eloise and G. Ralph Buckland. His passions throughout his life were farming, faith, singing and most importantly family. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Mary Kay Buckland; daughters, Michelle Lerner, Amy Eisenhauer and Margy (Jeff) Paul; son, Matthew (Vinessa); 7 grandchildren, Joseph, Erin (Glenn), Jaime, Colleen, Jessica, Jennifer (Mike) and Lindsay; 3 great-grandchildren and 2 more expected in 2022; sister, Gail; and several cousins. Gary will be remembered for his bright blue eyes and beautiful smile! Gary and Mary Kay were founding members of St. Christopher's Parish and are grateful for the many people and blessings their faith journey has given. With gratitude and appreciation, the family extends a thank you to the staff of Unity Hospital 4400 for their compassionate care.

The family chooses to have a private celebration of his life. Those wishing may make a donation in Gary's name to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, the Shriner's Children's Hospital or a charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall

GD

“ *Music is forever my memory of Gary. It started with the St. Christopher's choir and kept going through St. Mary's - last but not the least was the Senior Chorus sponsored by Hochstein and the Chili Senior Center. Oh, the laughs and fun we had. Most important was how it touched the lives of the countless people we sang for in nursing homes. Never had I seen the profound effect music has on people's lives until we sang for them. They sang with us and laughed as much as we did. We were part of a music therapy program at Hochstein and we got as much therapy as any of the residents. The many years we sang with Gary as our director and Helen Halligan as our leader were probably among the best years of my life. It brought us joy and purpose. We will always be grateful for his presence in our lives. So grateful he has found peace.*

Gretchen Dent - January 09, 2022 at 01:05 PM

PH

“ *Mary Kay and family...how sad I was to read about Gary's passing. I remember SO fondly the time I spent in St Christopher's choir with you at the organ and Gary directing. Such a wonderful experience, especially when he tried to get us into the rhythm/swing of those spirituals! God Bless you and your family...I hope GARY will be leading the choir in heaven.*
Pat Hartung

Pat Hartung - January 04, 2022 at 09:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary R. Buckland.



January 04, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ Marie (Clark) Poutre And Art Poutre sent a virtual gift in memory of Gary R. Buckland



Marie (Clark) Poutre and Art Poutre - January 03, 2022 at 10:08 PM



“ Gary was an usher at our wedding, and Mary Kay, my cousin, was my Maid of Honor. That was 61 years ago. A wonderful memory. We were members of their wedding party the following year, also a treasured time. We were thrilled because they seemed like the perfect couple. But one of my favorite memories is that Gary sang for my mother's funeral. Could not have been a more perfect choice.



Marie (Clark) Poutre and Art Poutre - January 03, 2022 at 10:04 PM



“ So many wonderful memories of choir, and of St Christopher's, both of you intertwined. Hey had such a great voice and was a wonderful director, with you on the piano ❤️ a life well lived!

Karen Smith - January 03, 2022 at 06:40 PM

SF

“ Gary will always be one of My favorite people! He always had a smile and a laugh no matter what he was going through. Heaven gained an angel. Mary Kay I am so very sorry for your loss. Your love is an inspiration. I'm glad you got to celebrate your 60th anniversary together! Sending prayers and love, Shelly Falbo

Shelly Falbo - January 03, 2022 at 04:54 PM

MB

“ Dear Mary Kay, Shelly ,Amy , Margy and Matt you too, I am sorry to hear of your sweetheart and Dads passing. Although I have never met him I know he was a special human being to be such a sweet memory for his nephew my husband Doug , who has told many stories about all of you and Gary's special place in his heart. Basketball and games church and wedding stories. I have heard about him and how he swept you away from town yeArs ago. I have no doubt he is at peace watching all of you and waiting for the day you all will meet again. Prayers and condolences for stories and a life well lived, Maureen

Maureen Perna Brady - January 03, 2022 at 04:47 PM

MB

Dear Mary Kay,
I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved husband. It sounds like he led a beautiful life and was dedicated to his family and church. I know that my Dad thinks very fondly of him. We are thinking of you at this sad time and want to send lots of prayers, love, and hugs to you.
Love,
Meghan, Jesse, Oliver, and Norah Bogue

Meghan Bogue - January 03, 2022 at 07:44 PM

PB

“ I am so sorry to hear about Uncle Gary. He was my favorite uncle as all good memories come to mind when I was a young child. He would give the best piggy-back rides over the hedges and around Grammy's backyard in Corinth. He would join us kids after a big holiday dinner and roll around on the carpet with us! He was always that gentle guy in the back of the room so quiet yet approachable. I haven't been around for many years, but my memories of Uncle Gary are clear and upbeat. My condolences to Mary Kay and everyone. Much Love to all, Patricia Brady Bischoff

Patricia Bischoff - January 03, 2022 at 01:39 PM

DB

“ Gary and Mary Kay uncle and aunt. I was the ring bearer at their wedding many years ago. I thought I would sing at their wedding until they handed me the mike...hah...8 year old....chickened out. Later...They would come to Corinth NY with Shelly, Amy, and Margie.... Gary and I would play basketball. He was always kind, joyful, and a gentlemen. May he rest in peace....and song!

Douglas Brady - January 03, 2022 at 11:59 AM

JB

I was blessed to have Gary in my life growing up and throughout. I am playing one of your Barbershop Quartet CD's. He loved to laugh and share God's musical gift of, voice and joy with others. I will miss you. Rest in peace. Well done my good and faithful servant. Jean Burrows

Jean Burrows - January 03, 2022 at 01:01 PM

JE

Ray and I are very sorry for your loss. Gary was a great guy!

Jane Eisenhauer - January 03, 2022 at 03:44 PM

RL

Dear Mary Kay, Sorry to hear about Gary, we grew up together in Perry and he was one of my favorite cousins. He being 4 years older I thought he had good advice for me. So he encouraged me to jump off the granary, I did and broke my leg. Also was proud that he asked me to be in his wedding, big event for me that summer. Will miss all the old family gatherings at the Smallwood family farm in Warsaw. Ron Lowe

Ronald Lowe - January 05, 2022 at 11:01 AM

PS

My dear friend, Mary Kay, and your beautiful family. My deepest and most sincere condolences on the loss of such a gentle and kind man. I'm certain he is with the angels and many of his loved ones rejoicing to be free of anguish and smiling down on all of you! Praying for peace for all of you reflecting on all of your wonderful memories.

Paula Shortino

Paula J Shortino - January 05, 2022 at 04:41 PM