



Gary L. Benjamin

July 28, 1937 - July 22, 2015

Gary L. Benjamin, age 77 of Mt. Blanchard died unexpectedly from a heart attack on Wed. July 22, 2015 at Blanchard Valley Hospital. He was born July 28, 1937 in Forest to the late Cletus G. "Dave" & Juanita V. (Carpenter) Benjamin.

Mr. Benjamin married Barbara A. Hinebaugh on Apr. 27, 1958 and she survives in Mt. Blanchard. He is also survived by their children Cathy (Jim) Wortman of Forest, Keith (Cheryl) Benjamin of Van Buren, Angela (Steve) Thrall of Findlay, Brian (Dawn) Benjamin of Findlay, grandchildren Craig Wortman, Tiffany Miller, Amie Noel, Sarah Benjamin, Breanne & Lauren Thrall, great grandchildren Emalee & Natalie Noel, Levi & Piper Miller, Gretchen & Clark Wortman, and a sister Jeannette (Dwayne) Withrow of Mt. Blanchard. He was preceded in death by a sister Elberta DeLong.

He was a life long member and deacon of Church of God-Toledo. Mr. Benjamin first worked for UAP in Forest and Kuss Filtration Inc. in Findlay. He patented a solar heating unit. In 1983 he and his wife started Bena Inc. of Van Buren, and the business is still operated by his family.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30AM Mon July 27, 2015 at CLARK SHIELDS Funeral Home with Dan Baker officiating. Interment will follow in Hueston Cemetery, Forest. Visitation will be held from 1:00-4:00PM Sun July

26, 2015 at CLARK SHIELDS Funeral Home. Visit www.Shieldsfh.com to send a condolence, share a memory, or view the life tribute video. Memorial donations may be made to the Church of God-Toledo, or to the charity of the donor's choice in care of Clark Shields Funeral Home 301 S. Patterson Forest, OH 43351.

Cemetery Details

Hueston

Forest, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Clark-Shields Funeral Home
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bringman - Clark & Co Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary L. Benjamin*



Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes - July 24, 2015 at 03:04 PM

DW

Mom was so proud of Gary...She would have loved this tribute vidieo.

DeWayne Withrow - July 24, 2015 at 06:15 PM

BL

This video was lovely. He was an awesome man. With an awesome family. My heart is heavy, my prayers are with all of you.

Barbara Letso - July 24, 2015 at 08:41 PM

RH

“ Dear Barbara, Cathy, Keith, Angela, Brian and every family member,

We loved Gary very much and enjoyed every time we were able to be with him. Never knew when he was coming or when he was going, which always made it interesting at family gatherings. But...while he was with us...there was never a dull moment. :) What a wonderful brother he was to us.

I remember how I (Jean) used to go in at Butlers Grocery Store in Mt. Blanchard, when I was young, (eleven years younger than Gary) and would see that handsome meat cutter behind the counter. Gary was always friendly and helpful, even long before he was my brother-in-law. I was blessed to marry Gary's brother-in-law many years later and we have all enjoyed Gary's wit and humor all of these years. We miss him very much. It's still so difficult to think that he is not working hard somewhere, lying on the floor reading or watching t.v., or coming up with some of his fancy words to describe a variety of things....always making us laugh with whatever word, line or phrase he that he would think was appropriate for the occasion. :) But, we know that he is no longer here on earth with us, and we must settle for reminiscing about him, and looking at his big smile in pictures, and thank the Lord for all the years that he was able to be with Barbara and all the family. We are grateful for his years of life.

We share in your sorrow, and we continue to pray for you all. We are sorry for your great loss.

Love,

Jean and Ron

Ron and Jean Hinebaugh - August 04, 2015 at 02:14 PM

PJ

“ Dear Barbara & family,

We were saddened to hear of Gary's death. Please know that our heartfelt thoughts & prayers are with you all. May the many beautiful memories of Gary cheer & sustain you all in the times ahead. May our gracious & compassionate God comfort & strengthen you all. Our sincere condolences. Paul & Joy Janosko

Paul & Joy Janosko - July 28, 2015 at 05:04 PM

DH

“ Dear Barb, Kathy and family,

We were so sorry to read about Gary's passing. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. He was such a great friend to Dad over the years and I am sure he was happy to see him again. I bet they are sitting on a back yard swing in heaven catching up on old times.

*Love,
The Pever family*

Denise Hoy - July 28, 2015 at 09:28 AM

TO

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family ... Todd sendelbach and family*

todd - July 27, 2015 at 12:01 PM

DC

“ To Gary's family, Dan and I are so sorry for your loss, Dan and Gary have been friends for more years than I could count.

Dan is in TUMC CCU unite in Toledo (Old MCO) since the 3 of July, after open heart surgery on June 15 here in Findlay. He became infected and was sent to Toledo for more surgerys to clean out the wound. He getting stronger each day.

To Kathy our lives are touched again with my husbands, Rick Beck and now Dan.

And Keith when you called Dan last month for help on a machine and solved it your self Dan was delighted you figured it out, and then your call about your Dad death was so thouthful and caring.

As I tell all who are grieving "now you can talk to your Dad at any time", and be ready for his answer because he will.

Ruthie Beck-Cassidy

Dan & Ruthie Cassidy - July 27, 2015 at 05:43 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary L. Benjamin.



July 26, 2015 at 10:13 AM

DW

“ Dewayne W. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gary L. Benjamin.



Dewayne W. - July 25, 2015 at 09:19 PM

 Kenneth Withrow

“ Kenneth Withrow lit a candle in memory of Gary L. Benjamin



Kenneth Withrow - July 25, 2015 at 08:42 PM

PY

“ Sending prayers for comfort and strength to his family. He and his wife were good friends of my sister Janet. I know he will be missed very much by all who knew him. He has run his race and will attain the prize--you will all see him again!

Pam Yarbrough - July 25, 2015 at 10:00 AM

BJ

“ Bob and Sharon Johnson purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Gary L. Benjamin.



Bob and Sharon Johnson - July 25, 2015 at 06:07 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Gary L. Benjamin.*



July 24, 2015 at 10:18 PM



“ *MR. B. was a unique man! Giving of himself to his family and friends. Lugging Barb's keyboard in and out of church every week, helping at church in any way needed, picking on Gary Klar and Jon Otto in the kindest way, always ready with a big laugh! He will be missed deeply by his church family. I'm so glad to have had the chance to know him! Thank you Barb for sharing him with us! 😊*

Janet Ross - July 24, 2015 at 09:36 PM



“ *My sympathy to the family. Gary was a fine man. Larry Dougherty*

Larry Dougherty - July 24, 2015 at 08:34 PM



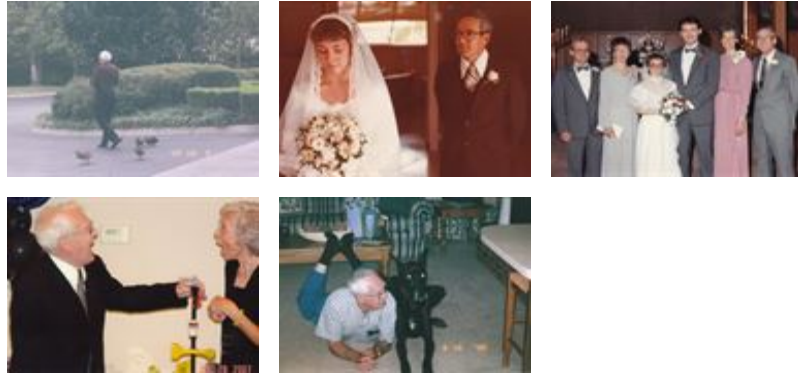
“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary L. Benjamin.*



July 24, 2015 at 03:45 PM



“ 37 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes - July 24, 2015 at 02:50 PM

M&

“ *Barb, Cathy, Keith, Angela, Brian and Families,*
Our sincerest sympathies to you all in your loss at this time. May you find comfort and strength in the many fond memories of Gary that reside forever in your hearts and in the hearts of those around you.

*Condolences,
Mike and Robin Monarch*

M&R - July 24, 2015 at 02:36 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary L. Benjamin.*



July 24, 2015 at 02:16 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary L. Benjamin.*



July 24, 2015 at 12:06 PM



“ *Cathy, Keith, Brian and Angela- So sad to hear about your dad's passing. Gary was a hard worker and instilled great work ethics in you all. I remember my short term job at Bena-never worked so hard in my life. I enjoyed his weird sense of humor. May God bless you with peace and strength now. Remember all the beautiful memories! You are blessed,*



Sarah Wortman-House

sarah House - July 24, 2015 at 11:20 AM



“ *Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Gary L. Benjamin.*



July 24, 2015 at 09:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary L. Benjamin.*



July 24, 2015 at 07:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary L. Benjamin.*



July 24, 2015 at 07:41 AM



“ *BARB,so sorry to read about Gary's sudden death. It has been years since I have seen you or even gone by your homestead but remember all the good times we had years ago, Praying and knowing that God will strengthen you and your family at this time. Love, Gertrude Marvin Gingrich*

Gert Gingrich - July 24, 2015 at 06:31 AM

MG

“ *Barb and Family,
I will miss him dearly. He was one of my best friends. Full of wisdom, and laughter. I so loved listening to him talk about his past experiences and discussing current events among other topics. He was a great man and example. Our children are missing him too. He always made a point of razzing them a bit. I could go on but suffice it to say that I thank God we were able to know him. He always put a smile on my face.*

Matt Giesler - July 24, 2015 at 05:15 AM

LB

“ *Barbara, deepest sympathies & prayers to you & your family at this time ~ so sorry for your loss. From the children of Clarence & Reba Bame .. Ralph, John, Linda & Susan*

*Linda Bame Bjork
Dodge City KS*

Linda Bjork - July 24, 2015 at 12:09 AM

BE

“ *Mr. Benjamin was an amazing caring man whom we very much appreciated. He will surely be missed . We will be keeping you all in our prayers throughout this time.*

Love, The Gieslers



Becky - July 23, 2015 at 08:30 PM

BE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Becky - July 23, 2015 at 08:18 PM

UA

“ Uncle Rich, Aunt Liz, Richard, Robert and Angela purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gary L. Benjamin.



Uncle Rich, Aunt Liz, Richard, Robert and Angela - July 23, 2015 at 07:37 PM

SC

“ Loved Gary's sense of humor and will miss him tremendously. The Feast just won't be the same without him there! Mom and I send our thoughts and prayers of comfort for Barbara and all the family.

Shari Chappelle - July 23, 2015 at 07:19 PM

JE

“ Gary was a wonderful person. Faithful. Wise. Very intelligent. A bit of a challenge, but worth the effort. Loved a good joke. I'll never forget the time we made him a gag hurricane survival kit. Who knew there would be a real hurricane? Or that time he wore to a pink suit to prank his friend. So funny! I would never have tried Drambuie if it weren't for him.

He will be missed.

"Walk slow and drink cold water."

-Jeremy D

Jeremy - July 23, 2015 at 07:17 PM

PW

“ Barb and family,
I have so many fond memories of our families doing things together. We had a great neighborhood growing up! Gary always had a kind thought to share and I truly appreciated all of your support when Mom died.

It was always great when we went by to "beep" and see that arm go up in the air. Then the next time we saw each other Gary would mention waving:) He always said he knew it was us by the beep. You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this time. May God surround you with his everlasting love.

Cherish all the wonderful memories you shared and created for they will give you strength in the coming days.

God Bless all of you!!

Love and hugs,

Phyllis (McDaniel), Jim, and Andrew Willard



Phyllis McDaniel Willard - July 23, 2015 at 06:00 PM

BC

“ For about 10 years, from 2002 to 2012, Gary was one of my best friends. I really missed him these past couple years. He had wit, intelligence, and a good heart despite a reputation for being ornery sometimes. He was fun to talk to.

I'll always remember when he sang to my little girl when she was in her stroller.

My sons still sneak up behind people and clap to make people jump, because he used to do it to them.

He walked slow, and drank cold water. Now - like a herd of turtles - he's off to see Jesus.

I will miss him dearly.

--BC

BC - July 23, 2015 at 02:48 PM

KL

“ I was Gary's secretary at Kuss in the late 1970's to early 1980's. I have never forgotten him and so grateful that I had the privilege of knowing him!!! My thoughts and prayers to you all!! What a unique individual!!! I remember he always told me "And on the other hand....she had warts!" Lol! Good memories of a great man!!!

kathy loy - July 23, 2015 at 02:24 PM

BH

Dear Barb and family

I am sorry of your loss. I remember him telling some stories about school that happen. Most of the I never heard of them till he tell them at the reunion.

I know you are going to miss him and I am praying for you as you go through this time of your life. God is there with you and help each one of you.

Love and Prayers

Barbara A. Holbrook

Barbara Hollbrook - July 24, 2015 at 10:55 AM

AL

Dear "Mom" B., my cherished "sister" Angela, Brian, Cathy & Keith, I feel for you each so much in the loss of your husband and father. I'm grateful to have spent so much time in your home growing up.. around the piano.. outside as a family celebrating together. I learned that if "Dad" B. was teasing or scaring the crap out of me, it meant I was "in the fold". It's been such a joy continuing to spend celebrations with your family as it's grown over the years.. my love to the Benjamin/ Wortman/ Thrall and extended families. I've prayed for strength and courage as you face a year of firsts without your loved one, and for God to wrap you in a hug like only He can!

Love you bunches, Audrey(Knick)Laux & John

Hugs to Breanne & Lauren from Knickolas & Christopher

Audrey Laux - July 25, 2015 at 12:06 PM