



Gary Lee Workman

November 12, 1942 - August 23, 2023

Gary was born to Addie and Mary Workman in Long Beach, CA. As a young child he and his family moved to Decatur, Illinois. He was the oldest of 4 children and the only boy amongst his siblings. He married his high school sweetheart, Judy Buckles, in 1962. Together they raised three loving children; Lisa Huring, Carol Workman-Halvey, and Stan Workman. He and Judy were eventually blessed with 7 grandchildren; Michael Reynolds, Heather DeBolt, Zach Reeg, Cassie Workman, Jack Halvey, Alyssa Workman, and Kate Halvey and 5 great grandchildren; Arya Reynolds, Zoe Reynolds, Hayden Reeg, Kai Reynolds, and Baby Reeg (on the way). Gary retired as a senior internal auditor for United Parcel Service (UPS). He began working with UPS as a part-time package handler while he was still a Millikin student. After graduating from Millikin in 1965, he began working for the company on a full-time basis, eventually becoming a senior internal auditor. Gary retired from UPS in 1995 after spending 33 years in a variety of jobs in industrial engineering, human resources, accounting, and auditing. In retirement he spent his springs in Florida watching baseball and eventually purchased a house in the Phoenix area where he spent spring and fall watching pre-season baseball. Gary's love of baseball has been passed along to all Workman family members. Gary was a sports fan and followed the St. Louis Cardinals, Nebraska Cornhuskers, and the Millikin Big Blue. Gary's devotion to his alma mater, Millikin University was apparent while serving on

the Board of Directors at Millikin for 12 years. His love for Big Blue Athletics provided the University with Workman Family Softball Field in 2017 and Workman Family Baseball Field in 2019. Judy was the Love of his life. Gary was a sweet, kind hearted person to all he met. His family meant the world as he attended many sporting events for all the grandchildren. His children and grandchildren viewed Papa as their greatest fan. Memorial Services will be held on Friday September 1, 2023 at Westwood Church, Omaha beginning at 1:30pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Hearts & Minds Early Childhood Program at Westwood Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 1. 1:30 PM (CT)

Westwood Church
13056 Atwood Avenue
Omaha, NE 68144

Tribute Wall



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Workman.*



August 31, 2023 at 10:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Lee Workman.

August 30, 2023 at 07:24 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Workman.*



August 30, 2023 at 07:24 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Workman.*



August 30, 2023 at 10:18 AM

RR

“ I had the pleasure of serving as a Millikin University trustee with Gary. He was a calming influence on the board, and more importantly he was a caring and wonderful man. He left a mark on Millikin that few will ever match. Rest in peace.

Randall Rentfro - August 30, 2023 at 10:12 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Workman.



August 29, 2023 at 07:54 PM

CP

“ Catherine P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Lee Workman.

Catherine P. - August 29, 2023 at 10:36 AM

CP

“ Catherine P. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gary Lee Workman.



Catherine P. - August 29, 2023 at 10:36 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Workman.*



August 28, 2023 at 02:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Lee Workman.

August 25, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Workman.*



August 25, 2023 at 03:53 PM

“ Judy and Family,

I was married to Gary's sister for 17 years. The Workman family gatherings for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter were always very special events. Gary's parents were both such wonderful people and Gary inherited the trait of being warm and caring to everyone. He was a kid magnet as not only his own great children, but all their cousins would flock to Gary. He and I had opposite tastes with he being a Die Hard Cardinal fan, including naming his son after the Greatest Cardinal of all, and me being a life-long Cubs fan. I had press passes to the Cubs games and Decatur native Bill Madlock, third baseman for the Cubs, knew Gary as a baseball coach when Bill was young. Gary and I had that friendly rivalry for all these years.

Judy, you were a wonderful wife, having to make many decisions about your children while Gary was "on the road". Lisa, Carol, and Stan were always mannerly and well behaved as children and I am sure are very successful now and great parents as well. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you again, but sorry for the circumstances.

When Gary was traveling much of the time as a National Auditor for UPS, he flew through Chicago. Once or twice, when the flight was overbooked, Gary was given a voucher for overnight accommodations and meals, so he called us and we would pick him up at the airport and go for a nice dinner with him using the voucher to treat us. He stayed overnight at our house, so we had a great surprise visit and we took him back to O'Hare Airport in the morning.

Since my divorce from his sister, I have had limited contact with the family, but Gary drove to Northern Illinois for the visitations of both my mom and dad. (His sister, my x-wife) also made a visit to my dad after the passing of my mom. Those visits from were very much appreciated by my dad and by me. I want to attend Gary's funeral to pay my respects in person to his family and to indicate to them just

how wonderful a guy that I considered Gary to be.

My son, Brian, will be unable to attend, but he had very special feelings for his uncle Gary as well. I have kept in touch on Facebook with some of Gary's nieces, plus Brian's visits to his mom and aunt Paula. Through them I have had some limited knowledge of the family, but Gary's passing has left a deep impression on me. I shall always remember Gary as the personable, caring, and loving man, son, husband, brother, and father whose integrity and love for others will always be remembered.

Larry Sebby - August 25, 2023 at 02:53 PM

RI

My prayers are with you Gary and your wonderful family. I had the pleasure of serving him all his meals while at Country House Residence in Elkhorn. Gary loved all the food and especially loved waffles for breakfast. He was such a gentleman and will be so missed. My memories will all be with me of Gary's life I learned to know and his beautiful family. Heaven is definitely a better place because of you Gary. Love and prayers, from the Juliano family.

Ralph Juliano III - August 27, 2023 at 03:09 PM

RG

I WORKED FOR GARY IN CLINTON, ILLINOIS. HE WAS ALWAYS SMILING, AND A GENTLEMAN! THANKS FOR TIME I WAS WITH HIM!

Ron Guthals - August 29, 2023 at 09:14 AM

JH

“ *A true friend for many years in our work place and during his retirement. He will be missed. Sorry for your loss.*

Jim Harris - August 25, 2023 at 10:31 AM

DS

“ So sorry to hear of Gary’s passing. I was lucky enough to spend many years on the Millikin Board with Gary. I can say I came away from those meetings a better person due to the kindness and integrity Gary also showed. May he rest in Peace.

Doug Schmalz - August 24, 2023 at 04:33 PM