



Gary J. Weinzapfel

March 21, 1948 - June 1, 2018

Gary Weinzapfel, 70, of Mt. Vernon, passed away Friday, June 1, 2018 at Deaconess Hospital Midtown Campus.

Gary was born March 21, 1948 in Evansville to the late Clarence "Dick" and Loretta (Wannemuehler) Weinzapfel. He worked as an electrician at General Electric in Mt. Vernon for over 35 years and owned and operated Weinzapfel's Tavern for 15 years. Spending time with his grandchildren was his joy. He also enjoyed working on his 1937 Buick, painting and working at the tavern.

Surviving Gary are his wife of 50 years, Mary (Deig) Weinzapfel; two daughters, Kelly (Kirk) Birchler and Karen (Jerry) Crow, both of Mt. Vernon; three sisters, Carol Money of Evansville, Judy (Chris) Kissel of Wadesville and Sue (Tony) Velotta of Mukwongo, WI and one brother, Tim (Nette) Weinzapfel of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are six grandchildren, Haylee, McKenna, Cameron, Thea and Macy Birchler and Braxtyn Crow.

In addition to his parents, Gary was preceded in death by a son, Donald Lee Weinzapfel and by a granddaughter, Skylar Crow.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at St. Philip Catholic Church, Rev. Claude Burns officiating, Burial will follow in the St. Philip Church Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 3:00 until 8:00 PM on Monday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 9:30 AM until service time on Tuesday at St. Philip Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Philip Catholic Church, 3500 S. St. Philip Road, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Philip Church Cemetery

3500 S. St. Philip Road
Mt. Vernon, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Visitation

JUN 5. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Philip Catholic Church
3500 S. St. Philip Road
Mt. Vernon, IN

funeral

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary J. Weinzapfel*



Pierre Funeral Home - June 04, 2018 at 12:29 PM



“ *Gary J. Weinzapfel*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *128 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - June 04, 2018 at 11:17 AM

RG

“ Thinking of Mary and the whole family at this sad time. He was loved by many.

rita goebel - June 04, 2018 at 09:15 AM

MM

“ So sorry for your loss, what a good , good man. I will miss Taco Tuesdays with him coming out of the back to see how I was doing and what I had been up to. He genuinely cared to hear how I was and what had been going on in my life . We talked about riding out west and of course "Harley talk" of all kinds. I regret that I never went on one of the epic west trips. When I do get to go , I will for sure have a guardian Angel looking over me. He sure taught me a lot both at work and by example in life.

Marty Mason - June 04, 2018 at 07:25 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gary J. Weinzapfel.



June 03, 2018 at 08:22 PM

RK

“ So very sorry for your loss.. hugs and prayers! Robin and Tim Key

Robin Key - June 03, 2018 at 07:44 PM

DR

“ Kelly and Mary, Dave and I have many fond memories of Gary and his stories at Weinzapfel's.
He was a good friend and great person. You and your families are in our thoughts.

Dave and Cindy Reitz - June 03, 2018 at 07:42 AM

JF

“ John & Judy Hanebutt, Tom & Jan Sharp & families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gary J. Weinzapfel.



John & Judy Hanebutt, Tom & Jan Sharp & families - June 02, 2018 at 07:29 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary J. Weinzapfel.



June 02, 2018 at 06:25 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary J. Weinzapfel.



June 02, 2018 at 04:59 PM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Gary J. Weinzapfel.* ”



June 02, 2018 at 04:09 PM

KB

“ There’s not enough lines to list all of the good things about my dad. He was very wise. He told us to always be our own person, not to go with whatever the crowd was doing, at the time he was talking about music, but I’m sure it was to be applied to all aspects of our lives. He taught us to enjoy ourselves. Even if it was the last of our money, he’d say ‘let’s go to florida, we can worry about money later.’ And we had the very best times on those trips to Panama City Beach! He bought me my very first ‘real’ art set when i was around 8 years old and had strep throat. He knew I enjoyed drawing, and that art set started the ball rolling to helping me become the artist I am today. He always encouraged me to pursue my art. Not many daughters can say that they got to work with their fathers running a bar for many years. We bartender together for many, many years, and i wouldn’t trade that for the world. We had so much fun in those good old days. He was so funny, with the best sense of humor and loved to play jokes on people (mom, he just brought up the cigarette loads this week to my girls, he wanted them to get you). He was so smart and cared about people. I’ve heard so many times over the years from people who said they’ve met my dad at Weinzapfel’s, gone back months later, and he remember their names and everything about them. People loved that. But most of all, he loved and protected us fiercely. And I mean fiercely. he always said ‘no one better ever mess with my kids or they’ll be sorry!’ The love he had for his grandchildren was like nothing I’d ever seen. He’d do anything for them. He’d do things for them he never did for us, like change diapers, take them to their doctor appointments, etc. I could go on and on and on. He’d talk to them when they were hurt, sad, angry, anything, and tell them how amazing and wonderful they are. When McKenna was born, he made up a sign that had her name birth and weight to hang in the tavern window, and at the bottom of the sign, he added “and she’s beautiful, of course!!” There are no words to describe what I’m feeling now and I’ll never understand it. I’m just so lucky to have had such a great dad in my life, and for my kids to have had a papaw like him. I will miss him so so very much...

Kelly Birchler - June 02, 2018 at 01:44 PM

TB

I worked with Gary he's a fine example of good person.I've been to tavern. You'll be missed Heavens a better place now.Timothy Boling.Indpls,IN

Timothy Boling - June 02, 2018 at 01:55 PM

EG

Gary was always a guy I had to look up to! We were classmates all thru school and Mary too, love you both!

evie goebel guetling - June 02, 2018 at 02:39 PM