



## Gary Paul Heiss

July 3, 1952 - November 7, 2011

Gary Paul Heiss, 59, of Temperance, MI, passed away unexpectedly, at his home on November 7, 2011, of natural causes. He was born July 3, 1952, in Toledo and was the son of Paul and Catherine Heiss. Gary was a 1970 St. Francis High School graduate and attended the University of Toledo, taking several classes, for years. He was an entrepreneur beginning at the age of 19, starting and owning multiple businesses. Gary presently was the owner and operator of Berger's Olde Tyme Bar and Grill, on Laskey Road. He was a longtime member of VFW Post 606 and the Bavarian Sports Club, where he served as past president. Gary was a music lover and especially enjoyed Johnny Cash and Elvis. He had many friends and everyone knew he was very generous and had a sense of humor. Gary always had a wise crack and enjoyed teasing and doing impressions of family and friends. He had many hobbies including golfing, fishing and he always had a "project" going. Survivors include his sons, Paul Heiss, Brad Moores and Jason Moores and his sisters, Nancy (Gordon) Gilmore and Julie (Jim) Bartnik. Affectionately known as "Uncle Buzz," he is also survived by his nieces, Carly (Rob) Conover, Lindsay Bartnik, Anya Gilmore and Samuel Gilmore; great-nephew, Jet Conover; great-niece, Mattingly Conover and his former wife, Elaine Heiss. He was preceded in death by his loving parents. Gary was a loving father, brother and uncle. Friends are invited to visit from 2-8 p.m. Friday, in the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue, where a wake service will be held at 7 p.m. Prayers will begin at 9:45 a.m. Saturday, from the funeral home, followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph Catholic Church, (at Erie and Locust Streets, downtown). Interment will follow in Toledo Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the Toledo Firefighters Local 92 Charities. Gary was devoted to his family and was always there to lend a hand in time of need.

# Comments

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“ Dear Gary’s Family and Friends, I am very saddened to hear of Gary’s death and you all have my sincerest sympathy. Gary and I grew-up together as neighbors so I spent a lot of time with him. I always liked Gary very much and I always looked up to him. Gary would always make us laugh although I’m sure Julie and Nancy weren’t always laughing when Gary would tackle them in the front yard and make them smell his armpits. When we were young Gary built a work-out room in his parent’s garage and we spent countless hours out there. Gary was the person who taught me how to box and how to speed-bag and I thought that was just the coolest thing in the whole world. Gary was also my first employer. Being the entrepreneur that he was he bought some equipment and started installing seamless gutters. Gary would hire me during the summers and during those summers I learned valuable life-lessons about work, responsibility, and using a level. I have nothing but fond memories of all those years we spent together even though I had to listen to Johnny Cash in the truck the whole time. Gary was a great friend and a great employer and the world is a lesser place without him. I wish you all comfort as you work-through this terrible loss. Bill Rucki Aurora, OH

Bill Rucki - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Nancy, Julie and Pauly, We were so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was a dear friend and we will miss him. The picture in the obituary is exactly how we want to remember him. We really wanted to be with you during this time, but we couldn't work it out. You have our deepest sympathy.

Pat & Rich Rauch - richrauch@embarqmail.com richrauch@embarqmail.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our sincere condolences to the Heiss family. Gary always made us feel welcome and gave us happiness with his humor and wit. We will surely miss him.

Jim & Joyce Straka - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Paul and family, I am sorry for your loss and send my deepest condolence. I had many good times with Gary at a little dive called the Eldorado. He was one of the funniest and most generous people I have ever met. The world is a sadder place without him. Dave Slivinski

**dave slivinski** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Eli, Paul and Jason - our deepest condolences on Gary's passing. Monnie and the Berger Bunch

**Monnie Berger** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our sincere condolences to our dear friends Julie and Jim and their family, and to the entire Heiss family. Gary will be remembered for his kindness, sincere words, his great sense of humor, and his infectious smile (a great guy to be around). No matter the time in between seeing Gary, we would pick up right where we left off and he always made us feel as if we were important to him. Gary was truly blessed with a caring heart and the gift of making others laugh and smile, and we will remember him with fondness. You all are in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

**Guy and Cathie Harman & Family** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ i am shocked to hear of garys passing...sorry for all who it impacts...he was a great guy and always made us feel at home at bergers...r.i.p.

**jim ferree aka beeb** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM