



Gary Francis Neuman

April 23, 1943 - November 25, 2016

Obituary of Gary Neuman

Gary Francis Neuman passed away November 25th, 2016 at his home after a yearlong battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born April 23, 1943 to Harold and Melba (Richards) Neuman in Fergus Falls, MN. He met his wife Bonita ("Bonnie" Hasbargen) while they both worked for the Fergus Falls, MN movie Theater. They married August 11, 1965.

He graduated from Fergus Falls high school in 1961, Fergus Falls Junior College 1963, North Dakota State University, Fargo ND 1966 with a degree in electrical engineering. He received his Master's Degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey. Gary had a rewarding career with the US Army from 1966 until 1999 as a civilian engineer working as a Project Manager for Training Devices (PM TRADE), and the Simulation, Training, and Instrumentation Command (STRICOM). His engineering expertise in the development of simulations and training systems to meet complex Army training requirements advanced the state of the art in simulation technology, and resulted in the fielding of systems that provided valuable training to our nation's Soldiers. His leadership and professionalism were recognized when he was promoted to Branch Chief. As a supervisor, he provided technical and management guidance to his engineers. More importantly, he served as a

mentor to junior engineers and took a personal interest in their professional development and helped them as they advanced their careers.

Gary's job took his family to Texas, New Jersey, Michigan and Florida in 1981 where he worked and raised three children. During that time, he wore many different hats! He was a Husband, Dad, Engineer, Boy Scout master, Chaperons for many youth retreats, served on several different church committees, and "Bicycle man". He started a bike program for Redeemer Lutheran Church in Winter Park, Florida for Migrant workers in south Florida. To this day his inspiration still continues on at Redeemer.

He enjoyed telling everyone he retired 01/01/00. Gary and Bonnie sold their home and moved to Woodlands Lutheran Camp from Winter Park, Florida. His love for the Lord really blossomed when he worked weekends with Via de Cristo and spending time with his fellow Christians. This lead to working with Lutheran Disaster Response helping people recover from hurricanes, floods, and tornados and working for Laborers for Christ and Mission Builders. This mission work took Gary and Bonnie to many different places for 16 years. He always told everyone he was a tourist because they enjoyed every area they worked. In 2006 they moved to Southern Palms RV Resort, Eustis, Florida to be closer to their children. Gary joined the Southern Palms Church board that provided services for the park. They also belonged to St. Philips Lutheran Church in Mt. Dora.

Gary and Bonnie enjoyed many trips with the family. He took his family to visit many different places, as long as he could drive the motorhome there! Gary and Bonnie took a wonderful trip to Norway and found homes of two great

grandparents. For their 50th anniversary, they took a great cruise to Alaska with their three children and spouses which turned out to be his last adventure.

Gary had many interests in genealogy, photography, and conversing. He spent countless hours visiting relatives and learning their families then documenting his family tree. Gary wouldn't be Gary without a camera in his hand. He loved to document all of his adventures and family. He also enjoyed conversing with people and had the ability to touch people's lives without them even knowing it.

He was preceded in death by his parents Harold and Melba Neuman. He is survived by his wife Bonita ("Bonnie" Hasbargen) and two sons Richard (Lisa) Neuman, Steven (Lisa) Neuman and Daughter Robyn (Todd) Hatch. His brothers Ron (Connie) Neuman, and Paul (Cathy) Neuman. Ten grandchildren Michael (Monique), Sandy, and Stephanie Gwynn. Joseph (Shauna), Alan, and Andrew Neuman. Lisa (Brandon) Pendergrass, Ann Webb, Chris (Kristen) Creech, Jeremi Rutherford. He also has eight great grandchildren.

Services will be held at Southern Palms RV Resort, One Avocado Lane Eustis, FL 32726 in the Sun Hall on December 10th, 2016 at 11am. In lieu of flowers, please send all donations to a charity of your choice dedicated to Gary Neuman or mail to 1370 Starlight Circle Eustis, FL 32726 in which his family will choose Gary's favorite charities.

Tribute Wall

MR

“ Dear Bonnie, Please accept our condolences on Gary's passing. You and Gary were such a beautiful and loving couple. Your examples of love influenced so many. We love you and wish we could be with you for the service. Our hearts and thoughts are with you. Much Love, Mark and Patty Roberts

Mark and Patty Roberts - December 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Very sorry to hear that this earth lost a great man. I remember him from my younger days when my Mom was his admin at STRICOM. He always had a smile on his face. My heart goes out to his family and loved ones!

Staci Beasley - December 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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BR

“ Gary was a great supervisor to his team in the 1990's. He was always upbeat, supportive and treated us all with respect. I was impressed with his bicycle mission for migrant workers. He invited our team to his and Bonnie's home for dinner once, and we got to see his vast bike repair work in action. Gary was a quite a guy and will be missed.

Bill Reese - December 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ My love and prayers are with you, Bonnie, and your family. Pancreatic cancer took our husbands but they are both alive and well in the Kingdom of God. And now we must learn to fully trust Our Father to protect and provide. Isaiah 54:5. He is faithful and His mercies are new each morning!

Sandy Boccuzzo - December 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Bonnie and family, David and I send you our deepest condolences and prayers upon hearing of Gary's passing. We fondly remember the years we spent with you all in Texas and New Jersey. We'll always remembering you both smiling and joking and enjoying life. If it weren't for Gary and his trusty camera, we would not have a picture of Laura in the hospital nursery on the day she was born. We found out later that the hospital photographer's roll of film ran out while taking some of the babies' pictures and Laura's was one of them. God bless you all and may he rest in peace. Love, David and Diane

David and Diane Tyburski - December 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ My condolences.

Keith Howard - December 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Bonni , Our Thoughts and Prayers are With You and Your Family

Carolyn & Alan Lunde - December 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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JT

“*I worked with Gary 55 years ago at the Fergus Falls Theater and graduated from high school with him in 1961. i remember him as being quiet and smart, but it looks like he was anything but quiet during his lifetime. What an interesting and fun life he lived! My condolences to his wife and family. I am sure he will be sorely missed.*

Joanne Tjaden Thompson - December 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“*Although I left Florida in 2002, I worked with Gary for 15 or so years at PM TRADE/STRICOM. Gary was always so enjoyable and fun to be around. His sense of what was really important and light hearted way of going about things was a true asset in the work place. Not sure I ever met anyone who didn't enjoy being around Gary. I was saddened to hear this news and offer my sincere condolences. I know he will be missed by his family and close friends. Dennis Simpson*

Dennis Simpson - December 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ We wish to extend our deepest condolences to the Neuman family on the loss of your loved one. He will be missed by many. In sympathy, Vivian & Barry Tibbetts

Vivian Tibbetts - December 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ My deepest condolences to the family. Greatly enjoyed working with Gary back in the old PM-TRADE days. He was a great guy to be around and always had a unique way of cutting through a lot of the nonsense we had to deal with, and could help the team focus on what really mattered. He really made a difference.

Rick Chandler - December 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ I remember so fondly many experiences with Gary. I was thinking of him on Thanksgiving. We had some friends over. We were target shooting outside, at home. I specifically thought of Gary because he would say, "My neighbors expect to see strange things and hear strange sounds when I am home. 'Oh that's just Gary, it's OK'". That is my ambition with my neighbors if they hear shooting or other strange noises or see things that are a bit out of place, 'Oh, that's just Bruce, it's OK'. And the canoe trips, and the camping trips, and the bicycle repair, and the fun that was Gary. "Indian build small fire. Whiteman build big fire." And we would burn a stack of pallets, 8 or 10 high. Oh how I wish I could find the video he took of the canoe trip down the Peace River. The alligator story, the 'Ice Lady' story, the mosquito/rattle snake camping trip story. A mentor and a friend. Love that man. I saw this at my parents' funeral and thought you might appreciate it. A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE "I am standing on the seashore. A ship spreads her sails to the morning breeze and starts for the ocean. I stand watching her until she fades on the horizon, and someone at my side says, 'She is gone'." "Gone where? The loss of sight is in me, not in her. Just at the moment when someone says, 'She is gone.' There are others who are watching for her coming. Other's voices take up the glad shout, 'Here she comes!'" "And that is dying." Psalm 116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. A guy is sitting with his doctor hearing that he has terminal cancer. The man's dog is in the waiting room scratching at the door. The man asks his doctor what death is like. The physician says, (I love this) "Well, if you know Jesus, then death is like that door your dog is scratching. The dog sees it as a barrier between him as his Master, and the sooner the door is breached, the sooner he will join his Master."

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BP

“ Bonnie, Gary was my boss at STRICOM for 3 years. He was an example of a man of God. He treated his employees with fairness and led with wisdom. He had a joy about him that made it a pleasure to work for him. Many blessings to you and yours, Barbara Pemberton

Barbara Pemberton - December 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ I was very sorry to hear of the death of Gary. I remember both he and Bonnie helping with many areas of ministry at Woodlands Lutheran Church. He will be missed Terri Beaver Secretary, Woodlands Lutheran Church

Terri Beaver - December 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ I was sorry to hear, that Gary passed away. Gary was married to his wife's sister, Marilyn Hasbargen Graham. Gary was a wonderful man, that I felt honored to know, since the late 1960s. Prayers and Sympathy goes out to Bonnie and Family. Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Graham /Family

Tommy L. Graham - November 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM



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