



## Gary E. Williams

September 15, 1946 - August 5, 2024

Gary E. Williams, 77, of Great Bend, PA and formerly of Hallstead and Montrose, PA passed away surrounded by family and friends on August 5, 2024.

He is survived by his children, James (Barbie) Williams and Jessica Mathisen; five grandchildren, Kailey, Damon, Courtney, Shila, and Lacey; four great grandchildren, Tristan, Hazel, Carson, and Callum; a niece, Lisa Williams-Morris.

Prior to his retirement, Gary was employed with Trehab as a counselor. He had many various occupations over the years, including modeling clothing, a Certified Life Guard, professionally played basketball briefly and played baseball for the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1966, also was employed with Broome County Child Development Council, the Jewish Community Center in phys. ed and sports director, and also worked for Old Mill Village. From a young age, Gary had an interest in horses, horsemanship, and shows. Gary played an active role in the Horse Department at the Harford Fair for a decade. He announced horse shows for a very long time at the fairgrounds. Athletics were a priority from his youth. He excelled in basketball and baseball. Gary started being an Umpire at a young age and did it for fifty-one years where he made life long friends. Some of his best years were spent umpiring and training umpires. Gary thought in black and white, with no gray area, by the book. His motto was, "Make it right!"

Gary was an avid hunter and became a Hunter's Safety Course Educator and

served for nearly 20 years. He created the Susquehanna County Youth Field Days held at the Harford Fairgrounds, which was broadcast on Pennsylvania Outdoors. He was a member of the Hallstead Rod and Gun Club and South Montrose Gun Club.

Gary was passionate at the things he loved and was compelled to be the best. He took great pride in educating others to excel to his high standards as well. Gary was a family man and loved his family with the same kind of deeply committed passion. He will be dearly missed, especially all the hard to believe stories about his life.

A memorial service will be held at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, August 11, 2024 at the Tuttle-Yeisley Funeral Home, Inc. Hallstead, PA. Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. Please consider memorial contributions in his memory to the Community Methodist Church, P.O. Box 586, Great Bend, PA 18821.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

PO Box 814  
Hallstead, PA 18822

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 11. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Tuttle-Yeisley Funeral Home, Inc.  
25 Susquehanna Ave.  
P.O. Box 936  
Hallstead, PA 18822  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

PS

“ I first met Gary at an ASA Umpire school, then again at the NYSSO Umpire School. He was a great instructor. He took me under his wing, and invited me to multiple tournaments where he was the UIC. He was a great mentor and friend. RIP Gary. Peg Squazzo

Peg Squazzo - August 12, 2024 at 05:15 PM

MA

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Gary's passing. We were together for five years. I will always cherish the times I had with Gary and our memories together. My condolences to his daughter Jesse who I Love like a daughter. His son Jamie , all the grandchildren and great grandchildren. and the rest of Gary's family. ( I Will Miss You My friend. ). May you rest peacefully in heaven . Love you , Mary

Mary - August 10, 2024 at 06:07 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Gary E. Williams.



August 07, 2024 at 01:40 PM

PM

“ WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL WITH GARY, HE WAS A GENTLEMAN ALL THE TIME. RIP GARY FLY HIGH

patty Morris - August 06, 2024 at 07:42 PM

DG

*So sorry for your loss. I babysat Jamie years ago while Gary and Jamie's Mom worked at the Harford Fair with Gary's Mother- Mother Edythe Williams. They are rejoicing in heaven now. Gary was a good, thoughtful, kind, caring, and helpful man mindful of the needs of others. God bless and keep his family during this difficult time. Donna Navickas Gunning*

Donna Navickas Gunning - August 07, 2024 at 04:08 AM

RF

“ *My dad knew the Williams, that's how we met Gary. He will be missed, rest in peace.*

resseguie family - August 06, 2024 at 07:42 AM

DP

*I was one of many fortunate people to learn how to umpire under Gary's tutelage. Even before I was a teenager, Gary was there teaching me the ropes of how to be an umpire. I was able to thank Gary face to face when I made the National Indicator Fraternity for USA softball. Gary was a special friend to my dad and it was another example about why the game is so great. Because of the relationships you make because of it. Gary understood that and fed into the lives of his umpires. He will be missed. Say hi to dad up there Gary!*

Daniel Prong - August 06, 2024 at 03:19 PM

MY

*The parting of a loved one is always a hurt, praying for comfort as only God can give....Peggy Yeomans*

marguerite Yeomans - August 07, 2024 at 10:34 AM