



Gary Marshall Deitmen

March 1, 1947 - January 18, 2024

Gary Marshall “Pap” Deitmen was born on March 1, 1947 in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and passed away at his home in Pinewood, Tennessee on January 18, 2024. He was 76 years old.

He was the son of the late Donald Theodore Deitmen and Thelma Ann Lockard Deitmen.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers Joseph Mark Deitmen and Ricky Deitmen.

He is survived by his wife Anna Marie Grimes Deitmen. Daughters Teah (Gary) Cannon, Jodi (Phillip) Bates, and Christina Griffith. Brothers Randy (Jackie) Deitmen and Jeff Deitmen. Sister Dawn Marie Deitmen. 7 Grandchildren and 8 Great Grandchildren. Along with many other relatives, friends, and loved ones.

Gary grew up in Pennsylvania. He and Anna met and began dating while they were in the seventh grade. He graduated from McGuffey High School in Claysville, Pennsylvania. While still in school he joined the National Guard and served for eight years. He and Anna married on August 5, 1967 at the Whitehall Church of Christ in Pittsburg. This was the beginning of 56 wonderful years of marriage. While still in Pennsylvania he started his first

construction company named Durable Builders. Once his parents made their way to Tennessee he, Anna and the girls made the move in 1974. In 1978 Gary and his dad started Mark I Inc. which was named so in honor of his late brother. He worked until his retirement in 2017. He was a hard worker, and was always right there with his crews. They built many buildings, and countless Tractor Supply Stores across the country. He was a fair and generous boss and always made sure his guys were taken care of.

Gary was a beloved member of the Pinewood Church of Christ and faithfully attended there since 1974 when he moved to Tennessee. He was “Pap” to everyone and loved all of the kids that attended there. He was sure to always have a bag of treats, mostly M&M’s, to give to each one. He made sure they had one for each hand. Church was always a priority in his life, and he made sure he and his family were there at every opportunity.

Gary was an avid outdoorsman and was up at 4 o’clock every morning ready to go. He enjoyed going hunting for deer, ducks, dove, and bear and fishing on the Tennessee River. He traveled all over the United States, Canada, and Argentina doing what he loved. He made sure to pass on that enjoyment of the outdoors to his three daughters, and all of his grandchildren who got to share in many of his trips and adventures.

He and Anna were blessed to be able to travel. They spent time at beaches and even took a long road trip out west. They would frequently visit family in Pennsylvania. He logged countless miles behind the wheel and was always on the go. He loved having family get-togethers and parties. He never passed up an opportunity to spend time with his family.

Gary was the best Dad. He was supportive of his girls in everything that they did, often driving for hours to make games or horse shows just to turn around and drive right back to wherever he happened to be working at the time. He

did not miss anything. This carried over when he became a grandfather. He could always be found at the ball field cheering louder than anyone for his grandchildren. He often took his grandkids to Titans football games, especially if the Steelers were going to be in town so he could cheer for his team. He loved his family and always made sure they were taken care of. He was pure love, and always strived to show that love to his family. He is going to be deeply missed by everyone who was blessed to know and love him.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Pinewood Church of Christ Building Fund.

Chris Chilton and Eric Hughes will officiate services.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens

2833 Highway 100 E
Centerville, TN 37033

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
102 West End Ave.
Centerville, TN 37033
(931) 729-3561

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

LW

“ Lisa Russell Woodard lit a candle in memory of Gary Marshall Deitmen



Lisa Russell Woodard - May 23, 2024 at 08:21 PM

TB

“ Where to start... he was a truly kind loving soul that believed in everyone. We helped me through some tough times. And we had some good times together traveling. He trusted me and that ment the world to me. I will always rem his kindness and passion to finish the job and get on to the next one. He was a great example to follow . And he was always I mean always there when I needed his help. God ill never forget him. Rip my friend

Tommy Burks - January 22, 2024 at 11:43 PM

JC

“ Always enjoyed going to their home with Jodi, and going to all the barrel races together. He was life of the party. We talked Steelers and horses every time we got to be around each other. He will definitely be missed. Prayers for all of his family.



Jennifer Bertrand Carroll - January 22, 2024 at 11:25 AM

PH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May your precious memories help you in the days to come.

Pam Hinson - January 22, 2024 at 09:34 AM



“ *Deepest Condolences to Gary's Loving Wife Anna, and Sweet Children and extended family. We will Miss Gary., especially his smile. I always enjoyed seeing Gary and waiting to hear what he would say. He LOVED LIFE AND HIS FAMILY to the fullest!! When I was 5 or 6 years old, I remember his Dad at church just loving on all the children there and seeing how many he could hold in his arms/ it seemed like 4 or 5 children was always around him or in his arms :)*

Gary was a lot like his Dad, he Loved to show his kindness to all children and make them smile and make a difference in their lives. He was special, and irreplaceable. You will have tons of great memories to help you through the difficult times, Gary was never idle and always on the move and making people laugh. Pinewood won't be the same without him.

Trent Cash and Family

Trent Cash - January 22, 2024 at 08:55 AM

MF

“ *Mangrum Family lit a candle in memory of Gary Marshall Deitmen*



Mangrum family - January 21, 2024 at 09:34 PM

KB

“ *Karen Beasley lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitmen*



Karen Beasley - January 21, 2024 at 03:59 PM

GR

“ *Greg Dianna Rochelle lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitmen*



Greg and Dianna Rochelle - January 21, 2024 at 11:42 AM

RG

“ *Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitmen*



Ronald Gammons - January 21, 2024 at 11:37 AM

EC

“ *Praying for the Dietman family.*

Eddie Chisholm - January 21, 2024 at 09:16 AM



“ *Paula Crowder lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitmen*



Paula Crowder - January 20, 2024 at 11:04 PM

BB

“ *Prayers for Anna and her daughters for comfort in the loss of their beloved husband and father. May Gary have eternal rest. 🙏*

Barbara King Barchiesi - January 20, 2024 at 09:29 PM

JB

“ To Anna, Teah, Jodi, Christina, & all the Deitman family, Ricky and I and all our family send love. Our hearts are broken, but our hope is secure. Gary loved his family so visibly. I'll never forget watching him with each of you, and those unique relationships were truly God's love shining through him. We are forever grateful for our years at Pinewood with your family. No doubt, you all were answered prayers for our family. We are lifting your family up in prayer and confidence as you cherish the past and anticipate the days ahead. We've grown to love your Kendall.

Jan Brewer - January 20, 2024 at 09:28 PM

RH

“ We're thinking of the loss.

Ruby & Rex Horner - January 20, 2024 at 04:19 PM

RS

“ We are thinking of you.

Regina & Martha Shelton - January 20, 2024 at 04:18 PM

KW

“ Anna my deepest sympathy to all of you. Gary was a great man. May God give you strength for the days ahead. Kay Miller Ware

Kay Miller Ware - January 19, 2024 at 10:16 PM

WF

“ wanda foglia lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitmen



wanda foglia - January 19, 2024 at 09:12 PM

SS

“ *Sissy Scroggins lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitmen*



Sissy Scroggins - January 19, 2024 at 08:34 PM

DS

“ *So very sorry for your loss! May God give you comfort and strength and peace. Our deepest sympathy. With love Debbie and Keith Semore*



Debbie Semore - January 19, 2024 at 05:26 PM

GR

“ *Greg Dianna Rochelle lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitmen*



Greg and Dianna Rochelle - January 19, 2024 at 05:16 PM

SG

“ *Stanley Judy Gordon lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitmen*



Stanley & Judy Gordon - January 19, 2024 at 03:42 PM

FT

“ *Dear Anna and Family,
Our love and prayers to you and your Family
Gary's love for God, Family, and Country was
bigger than life and he was not a bit bashful of
speaking up
Be at peace, your prayers are being heard*

Floyd & Dorothy Thomas Class of 1966



Floyd & Dorothy Thomas - January 19, 2024 at 02:21 PM

BD

“ *Bryan Tina Dykes sent a virtual gift in memory
of Gary Deitmen*



Bryan & Tina Dykes - January 19, 2024 at 01:50 PM

RR

“ *Ray Ragsdale lit a candle in memory of Gary
Deitmen*



Ray Ragsdale - January 19, 2024 at 12:41 PM

MB

“ Dear Anna and family, I am so sorry to hear of Gary passing, keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.



Marge Bash - January 19, 2024 at 10:36 AM

GF

“ Glenda Fitzgerald lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitmen



Glenda Fitzgerald - January 19, 2024 at 10:05 AM

BI

“ Brenda Isbell lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitmen



Brenda Isbell - January 19, 2024 at 09:43 AM

AJ

“ Andy Jennette lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitmen



Andy Jennette - January 19, 2024 at 09:23 AM

EV

“ I'm sending my love to Anna and the girls but I wish I could be there to hold you. The obituary tells the facts about Gary but I knew the man; his enthusiasm, his work ethic, his faith, his love for family and his God. The Deitman family has had an amazing influence on so many in PA and TN and especially on the Vansteenberg family. I am there in spirit for all of you. ☐☐🙏☐☐

Elaine Vansteenberg - January 19, 2024 at 09:15 AM

CM

“ Cheeva McClearen lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitmen



Cheeva McClearen - January 19, 2024 at 08:11 AM

KB

“ Karen Bowen sent a virtual gift in memory of Gary Deitmen



Karen Bowen - January 19, 2024 at 07:40 AM

SB

“ Shawna Bowman lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitmen



Shawna Bowman - January 19, 2024 at 04:45 AM



“ I always enjoyed seeing and talking to Gary, he knew I was a Steelers fan, we always talked about how they were doing. Thoughts and prayers for Gary's entire family...R.I.P Sir



James Arthur (Tank) and Dana Atkinson - January 18, 2024 at 10:43 PM

RS

“ Randy Self lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitmen



Randy & Tina Self - January 18, 2024 at 09:46 PM

KS

“ Gary was one of a kind. The world could use many more people like him. I will always remember him for his passion for his grandchildren's baseball, football, and cheerleading. One night our middle school boys were playing in Fairview. Gary knew the boys were capable of playing better and harder than they were being allow to play. (These boys had won 3 or 4 Super Bowls they played in.) The Bulldogs were behind at halftime. When the boys returned back to the field, Gary walked down behind the boys so they could hear. He shouted out to them to play like they knew how to play and to take control the game. They boys listened to him and turned the game around. I can still see him down there on the sidelines. I will cherish that forever. I have so many more wonderful memories of him. We will all miss him.

kathy I scott - January 18, 2024 at 08:59 PM

KS

“ *kathy scott lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitmen*



kathy I scott - January 18, 2024 at 08:53 PM

CN

“ *Rest easy Uncle Gary you will forever be missed and never forgotten 🙏❤️🙏❤️😊*



Christy Thomas I'm Gary's neice - January 18, 2024 at 08:38 PM

RR

Gary was always a great man and will be missed by lots of people . Prayers to his sweet wife Anna and all the family friends .

Rita Rodgers - January 18, 2024 at 10:56 PM



“ *Michelle Cripps lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitmen*



Michelle Cripps - January 18, 2024 at 07:40 PM

JW

“ Janet Wright lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitmen



Janet Wright - January 18, 2024 at 07:20 PM

RR

“ He will be missed by so many 🙏 Love you



Rita Rose - January 18, 2024 at 06:58 PM

CJ

“ connie johnston lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitmen



connie johnston - January 18, 2024 at 06:56 PM

RO

“ Rota lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitmen



Rota - January 18, 2024 at 06:55 PM

JH

“ *Jody Harris lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitmen*



Jody Harris - January 18, 2024 at 06:40 PM

PT

“ *Gary was an amazing man.
Heaven gained a great one.*



Paula Talley - January 18, 2024 at 06:00 PM

MP

“ *Michael pasteryk lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitmen*



Michael pasteryk - January 18, 2024 at 05:47 PM

MK

“ *Mike Amber Kelley lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitmen*



Mike and Amber Kelley - January 18, 2024 at 05:46 PM

LG

“ *Lonnie Marilyn Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitmen*



Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam - January 18, 2024 at 05:24 PM

MB

“ *Michael BATES sent a virtual gift in memory of Gary Deitmen*



Michael BATES - January 18, 2024 at 04:39 PM