



Gary Douglas Brewer

November 22, 1941 - November 13, 2013

Known as a friend to all he met, and as a man that would give a stranger the shirt off his back, a story teller and a jokester, Gary Douglas Brewer, 71, died November 13th at the Hospice House in Bloomington, Indiana. Gary lived courageously and humorously with cancer since his diagnosis in 2004. Gary was born November 22, 1941 to Charles and Ardith Barnard in Sassafras, Indiana. After the death of his mother, he was adopted at the age of four by Cary and Margaret Brewer of Jasonville, Indiana. He entered the U.S. Army upon graduation from Jasonville High School in 1959, where he was named as a Distinguished Alumnus in 2009.

Gary was a highly decorated war veteran after three tours in Vietnam. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, two bronze stars (one with valor) and two Purple Hearts. An account of his heroic actions during the 1968 Tet Offensive are chronicled in the books, *The Battle For Saigon Tet 1968* and *100 Miles of Bad Road* by Keith Nolan. He served 12 ½ years in the Army. He then transferred to the Indiana Air National Guard's 181st Fighter Wing at Terre Haute, Indiana, where he retired as an Air Force Master Sergeant in 1993 after 26 ½ years of service.

He owned Brewer Heating and Air Condition of Worthington. As a public figure he served two terms on the Worthington Town Board, while socially he was a member of the American Legion Post 106 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7117 (both in Worthington) and Elks Lodge of Linton.

Gary is survived by Judy (Vuchinich), his wife of 29 years; sons, Cy (Lynn)

Brewer of Bloomfield, Gary D. (Danielle) Brewer, Jr. of Mesa, Arizona, Larry (Tammy) Brewer of Goodyear, Arizona, Christian Brewer of Worthington and David Gatineau of Foley, Alabama; daughters, Jennifer Eveland of Brazil, Karen (Mark) Hash of Solsberry and Phyllis (Todd) Hammers of Florence, North Carolina; sisters, Charlotte Barnard of Whiteland and Jean (Oral) Riggins of Odon; he leaves twenty grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, twenty-three nephews and five nieces; two brothers-in-law, Sam Vuchinich of Philmoth, Oregon and Rudy Vuchinich of Birmingham, Alabama; lifelong friends, Larry Kent Dennis of Haines City, Florida, Steve Noel of Worthington and special helper Lloyd Phillips.

He is preceded in death by both sets of parents, a brother, Frank "Rusty" Barnard and sister, Peggy Andis.

Graveside services will be conducted at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 23, 2013 at Worthington cemetery. Celebration of Life services will follow at the Worthington American Legion until 3:00 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Worthington VFW.

As Gary spent much of his time ensuring everyone around him had enough to eat, the family request in lieu of flowers that donations be sent in Gary's name to the Sun Shine Shop food pantry, 14 N. Washington St. Worthington, IN 47471 or the food pantry of the Donor's choice.

Online condolences to the family are available at www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall

HP

“ *R.I.P Did not know you except thru 3/4 Cav . But reading your history you sound like one honorable man that joins a list of men on Fiddlers Green.*

Howard Phillips - November 21, 2013 at 09:06 PM

EP

“ *I served with Gary 'Brew' at the 181st, he also did some plumbing work for me. He was a great guy, full of lots of good stories. He will be missed.*

Eric & Neva Pitts - November 19, 2013 at 09:42 PM

JR

“ *Rest in peace Gary, I was with you at Tan Son Nhut in B Troop and know the sacrifices you endured for our country. You were quite the man and something every soldier should strive to duplicate and I know you conducted yourself just as honorable in civilian life. Thank you for your Service Jim Ross B Troop 3/4 Cav.*

Jim Ross - November 19, 2013 at 05:43 PM

AL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Rest in peace.*

Arnold laurent - November 19, 2013 at 03:22 PM

TD

“ *Gary always made me feel part of the family back when Larry and I were in high school and he always asked how I was when he saw me in the years past. He will be fondly remembered.*

Terry Dyer - November 18, 2013 at 01:27 PM

DC

“ Judy, Our deepest sympathies. We often fondly recall numerous (long, long) evenings sharing jokes, stories drinks and game after game after game of euchre. Gary was a master of the game and I suspect just about everything else he attempted. He was full of great stories and mostly filthy hilarious jokes. He was a joy to be around. I hope you find solace in great memories. You are loved and will never be alone. Doug and Vicki

Doug and Vicki Coulter - November 17, 2013 at 10:32 PM

RK

“ You fought a good fight and will be missed. We've got your 6.

Robert Kelley - November 17, 2013 at 11:39 AM

KR

“ ON BEHALF OF THE COMRADES AND SISTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVED ONE AND OUR DEPARTED COMRADE. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL. SINCERELY VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA STATE CHAPLAIN KEISTON R. HOLLOWAY

KEISTON R. HOLLOWAY - November 17, 2013 at 11:19 AM

DW

“ Gary Douglas Brewer

Daniel Wright - November 17, 2013 at 08:01 AM

SH

“ Served with B Troop 3/4 Cav my condolences to Gary's family

Stan Homiski - November 16, 2013 at 11:27 PM

JJ

“ *It was such a honor to serve with a true patriot.*

James Jelf - November 16, 2013 at 07:34 PM

TT

“ *So sorry for your loss. He was a great man, who truly cared for and joked with everyone he met. Great memories from high school at your home!!*

Tracy Thatcher Tarr - November 16, 2013 at 07:26 PM

CR

“ *A life lived in service to his nation and to his community. A man who cared more about others than himself. May the memory of this good man live long in the hearts of those who had the privilege to know him. May the love of Christ fill the hearts of all his loved ones and give them peace. Dennis E. Roe, Chaplain 3/4 Cavalry Association "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." John 15:13*

Chaplain Dennis E. Roe - November 16, 2013 at 07:01 PM

AB

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort from your memories, as well as the comfort found in God's word the bible. Romans 5:12 says, "That is why, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned." How loving of God to promise what is found at Revelation 21:4 which says, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."*

A. Bell - November 16, 2013 at 02:28 PM

DB

“ To Judy and the Brew Crew, our condolences. Gary was a great soldier and a fine man. How blessed you were to have him in your life, and we were also.

Dwight W., Virginia and Ed Birdwell

Dwight W. Birdwell - November 15, 2013 at 09:15 PM