



Garry J. Zeck

January 13, 1962 - December 9, 2020

Garry J. Zeck, 58 of Indianapolis, IN formerly of Mason City passed away on December 9, 2020 at his home. He was born on January 13, 1962 in Springfield to Donald and Doris (Wilson) Zeck.

Garry is survived by his siblings: Bill (Brenda) Zeck of Third Lake, IL., Randy (Brenda) Zeck of Mason City, and Kathy (Bill) Zeck-Kennedy of Plano, IL., nephews: Steven, Gregory (Ashley) Zeck, Brady (Molly), Tanner (Mikayla), Wylie Zeck, Vincent, Christoph Meixelsperger, Alan, Jay Kennedy, Nick (Angela) Fox and great nephew Otto Zeck

He graduated from Mason City High School in 1980 and received his bachelor's degree in Chemistry in 1984 and physiology in 1985 from Southern Illinois University. He worked for Sigma Chemical Company in St. Louis as a chemist from 1985 – 1998, he moved to Indianapolis, IN and began working at Eli Lilly as a consultant biochemist from 1998 until he passed.

Garry was a member of the Mason City United Methodist Church. He loved watching the St. Louis Cardinals, basketball especially March Madness and football.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Mason City Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mason City Area Nursing Home or Mason City United Methodist Church. Online condolences can be left at www.hurleyfh.com. Social distancing will be practiced and masked required.

Cemetery Details

Mason City Cemetery

Mason City, IL 62664

Previous Events

Graveside

DEC **16**. 11:00 AM (cst)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Garry J. Zeck*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *My condolences to all who knew Garry and especially his family. I was one of his many friends in St. Louis who knew him from work. We played softball together on one of the company teams, went camping and bike riding. On Fridays after work, we would gather at Garry's and have our first weekend beers. Had a couple of stag parties at his place that were a lot of fun. Garry and I took a trip to New Orleans about 10 years ago during March Madness. We had a great time enjoying the food and micro brews. Spent a day at the D-Day museum and haunted antebellum mansion. Garry was a wonderful person and I will miss him dearly. I'm sorry to find out too late to attend services but will never forget him.*

Phil Tafra

Phil TAFRA - January 03, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ *I got to know Gary thru the Lilly League bowling. What an awesome guy. Sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to the Zeck Family. He will be greatly missed.*

Brent A Wagner - December 17, 2020 at 05:39 AM

KK

“ August 1997: Hiking all the way up Mt. Hood on summer snow after we had convinced Garry that there would be a whisky bar waiting for him at the top. Oops! We made it worth his while though when we made it back to base - the ONLY time he didn't argue about buying a round.

July 2003: A very crowded 3 hr car ride from Denver to Salida, CO with 5 adults and a wailing, fussy baby had Garry volunteering to travel in the bed of Greg's SUV. His reward for being packed there though was convenient access to a cooler of microbrews.

Though at least several years would pass between visits, we all easily picked up where we had left off - always nothing but much laughter.

Garry was great fun, very generous and will be greatly missed.



Karan Kiesling - December 15, 2020 at 11:52 PM

SS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



sarah slater - December 15, 2020 at 08:07 PM

SS

“ I will miss this sweet man! Loved the conversations and his sense of humor. He called me Lucy, short for Lucifer, as well as the devil child. He was one of the first friendly faces when I started working with him in Indy 20 years ago. Recently we bonded over one of his old growlers in his living room from Red Hook brewery. He had spent a lot of time there when worked on East coast and I spent a lot of time there when I was working in the Pacific Northwest. Will miss him greatly. He always put a smile on my face.

sarah slater - December 15, 2020 at 08:06 PM

BB

“ For the last 4 years, I have worked in the same group as Garry at Eli Lilly and Company. Our team lost a great scientist with vast experience in protein purification. But more importantly, we lost one of the nicest guys that I have ever met. He was the proverbial “gentle giant” that always had a smile and a funny remark to lighten the mood. He did his job with a quiet diligence and was great at delivering results. His legacy is cemented in the knowledge that he provided to Lilly, documented in extensive internal literature, but also in the scientists that were his mentees and friends. I am very thankful that I got to know Garry these last few years and extend my utmost sympathy to his family in this trying time.

Bruce Baldwin - December 15, 2020 at 01:10 PM

GE

“ I am so sorry for your loss

Gene - December 14, 2020 at 02:32 PM

JK

“ 1968...6 yrs old...First Grade...52 yrs ago...When Garry & I became best friends.

So MANY memories...

Attempting to play him in basketball as his blind dog Tip cheers him on to yet another victory.

All the road trips.

Stopping by his place in STL and then Indy to catch up and reminisce about 'the good ole days'.

Although the years rolled on, there was always one constant I could count on and that was I knew that if I ever needed ANYTHING / ANYTIME that he would be there for me or my family.

What a big heart...which has now so sadly stopped. A great loss for everyone who knew him.

How so I'm going to miss ya

Forever Friend

Jonathan



jonathan kiesling - December 13, 2020 at 06:28 PM

 Bill Zeck

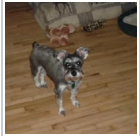
Jonathan, I had never seen this photo before. Thank you so much.

Bill Zeck - December 13, 2020 at 07:48 PM



“ *Memories: Garry and I playing one on one basketball at each of our driveways in grade school, playing catch in his yard in the summer listening to St. Louis Cardinal games on KMOX radio. Bowling and donuts in the summers during our college years, All the ski trips to Colorado/Utah with Greg & Jon, the I-70 Inn, skiing in the all yellow chemical splash suit. Being a groomsman in Jon's wedding and an usher in my wedding. I was hoping to see you at our next HS class reunion. May your soul rest in eternal peace, my great friend. Until we meet again.*

John Sheary - December 13, 2020 at 12:56 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss.*



Nancy Leesman - December 13, 2020 at 10:47 AM



“ *Randy, You and your family have my sincere condolences*

Jeff Lynn - December 12, 2020 at 11:04 PM

BZ

“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Brenda Zeck - December 12, 2020 at 03:23 PM

GD

“ Garry will be missed deeply and always remembered. So many wonderful happy memories. Opening Day won't be the same without him!



Greg DiPasquale - December 12, 2020 at 02:27 PM

JO

Remembering all the fun times with Garry from the early grades through high school, then after college all the Colorado/Utah ski trips with Greg and Jon. Until we meet again, my great friend. John Sheary

John Sheary O.D. - December 12, 2020 at 11:18 PM

WB

I was sorry to see this news. I only knew Gary for a season of life back in high school. When I think of Gary, I remember him coming into math class and Jon Kiesling winging a chalk eraser at him and hitting him with a big puff of white smoke. Then Gary would chase him around the classroom yelling "Kiesling!" He would never catch him because the teacher would walk in and class would start. I saw this ambush many times and it still makes me laugh when I think about it. God Bless you Gary and all of your family and friends. From an old class of '80 friend from a different season.--Wayne Bale

Wayne Bale - December 15, 2020 at 09:27 AM