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Garold "Gary" Joseph Wesley, of Kalkaska, Michigan, passed away peacefully November 1, 2018, in Grand Haven, Michigan, having lived bravely with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) for three years. He was 74.

Gary was born July 30, 1944, to Harold and Lucille Wesley, in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. He graduated in 1962, from Pontiac Central High School, where he earned his varsity jacket and letters for football.

All who knew Gary, knew his heart and soul were most at home at Wesley's Pine Shores on Pickerel Lake in northern Michigan. He vacationed every summer there, at a cabin built by his grandparents. It was also where he met a pigtailed little girl named Rebecca "Becky" Jean Beaty. They married in 1967.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in marketing from Eastern Michigan University, Gary moved his family to Peoria, Illinois. Here, he was introduced to running, which proved to be a life-long passion. His proudest personal running accomplishment was completing the Boston Marathon in 1985. He supported the local running community, the Illinois Valley Striders, volunteering at local races and serving as a board member. He gave thousands of hours serving as the registrar of the Steamboat Classic race, earning him the title of "Mr. Irreplaceable". In 2016, he was inducted into the Steamboat Classic Hall of Fame.

Gary was a dedicated MSU Spartan fan. He and Becky spent every fall since 1985, driving 14 hours to and from Spartan Stadium for football games.

Gary loved hikes in the woods, fly-fishing, sailing, rowing, sunset cruises on the pontoon boat, being a cheerleader for his children and grandchildren, and attending all the important life events of those he loved.



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In 2013, after 41 years of service, Gary retired as Executive Vice President from Edward Hine Company, a commercial printer. In 2015, he was diagnosed with ALS. Months later, he introduced "ALES for ALS" to Short's Brewery in Bellaire, Michigan. This program raises awareness and funds for ALS treatment and research. He and Becky lived their dream of "golden years at Pickerel Lake" as long as they physically could. During his last months spent in Grand Haven, he was blessed with the love of many friends and family, and the faithful, tender care of his wife of 51 years.

He is survived by his wife, Becky; daughter, Carin (Edward) Snider of Grand Haven, Michigan; son, David (Miriam) Wesley of Studio City, California; grandchildren, Sarah Snider of Pleasanton, California; and Logan Snider of Grand Haven, Michigan; brother, Alan (Karen) Wesley of Clarkston, Michigan; sister, Denise (Tom) Erhart of Petoskey, Michigan; sisters-in-law, Carroll Guinn of Cedar creek, Missouri, and Elaine Beaty of Hopkins, Minnesota; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Lucille Wesley; in-laws, Myron "Mike" and Ardith Beaty; and brother-in-law, Elwin "Butch" Beaty.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE will take place at 11:00 AM, Saturday, November 17, 2018, at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church, Kalkaska, Michigan, Fr. Mike Class, S.J. presiding. A luncheon will follow. Donations in Gary's name can be made to either the ALS Association Michigan Chapter, 675 E. Big Beaver Rd. Suite 207, Troy, MI 48083; or Susan Mast ALS Foundation, PO Box 5712, Traverse City, MI 49696. Memories can be shared with the family at www.sytsemaFH.com.




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Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, November 17, 2018

 11:00 AM ET

 **St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church - Kalkaska**
438 Co Road 612, Kalkaska MI 49646



Tribute Wall

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MW

Miriam Wesley shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Gary and his son, David, at the Fox Studios backlot in Los Angeles, December 2012.



November 14 at 8:54 AM

JD

Janet Dean posted:

Becky, So sorry to learn of Gary's death. Felt very fortunate to work with him for many years. Many fond memories of you both. My thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Janet Dean

November 13 at 5:16 AM

JT

Judy Tolliver posted:

R I P Gary -- we had lots of miles together, many events together, a shared love of running and our favorite running club -- IL Valley Striders -- our favorite race -- Steamboat Classic -- and many years of friendship. I know you had a tough road the last couple of years but stayed strong. Thinking of you and your family with much sadness and with lots of fun memories. Judy & Bill Tolliver

November 12 at 7:00 AM

JW

John A West posted:

My sympathy to Gary's family for your loss. I didn't keep up with Gary after high school but I have thought of him from time to time. We sat next to each other in just about every class through three years at Pontiac central. (Alphabetical seating don't you know) I forwarded the information to pete petroff and he will let the rest of our class know of Gary's passing. God bless. John West

November 10 at 9:49 AM

CW

Cecil Wyman posted:

Becky -Diane and I are so to hear about Gary. God only knows what both of you have endured the last few years. Gary was a friend, and one of the good guys that made you feel better just to be around. We share your loss, and our prayers are with you and your family. Cecil

November 10 at 6:29 AM



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RP

Rena' And Drew Parker posted:

Becky, We are in tears in Peoria. Drew and Rena' Parker

November 10 at 6:05 AM

NE

Nessels posted:

Becky and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Gary was always so kind to our family. We will miss him. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Patty, Rick, Trevor, Sydnee and Jake

November 9 at 12:49 PM

JG

Janet Greenleaf lit a candle in honor of Garold.



November 9 at 9:43 AM



Logan Snider shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.



November 7 at 9:49 PM

CB

Cindy Bridges posted:

Becky, So sorry to hear about Gary. I think of you often and many great memories. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Cindy Bridges

November 7 at 1:40 PM



Karen Zuckerman posted:

Becky, Remembering fondly the times we spent with Gary in lively conversation. Thinking of you and family! Karen and Richard Zuckerman

November 7 at 5:17 AM



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Miriam Wesley shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

November 14 at 8:54 AM

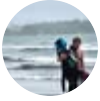




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Gary & Grandson on a pontoon cruise on Pickerel Lake



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Garold by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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