



Mr. Gary R. Helmick

April 8, 1951 - April 2, 2020

Gary R. Helmick, 68, of Valrico, Florida, born in Clarksburg, West Virginia on April 8, 1951, went home to be with his Lord on April 2, 2020. He was known for his kindness and hospitality, and enjoyed golf, and sports in general. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Ina J. Helmick; son, Nathan Helmick and his wife Rebecca of Fairfax, Virginia; grandchildren, Malachi Helmick, Katelyn Helmick, and Noah Helmick; mother, Betty J. Helmick of Valrico; and brothers, Aaron Helmick of Springfield, Virginia, and Roger Helmick of Clarksburg, West Virginia. He was preceded in death by his father, Russell Helmick. A private funeral service will be held on Monday, April 6 at 3:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City. (Due to COVID-19, the service will be limited to immediate family only, but it will be live-streamed for extended family and friends. Please email office@hopewellfuneral.com to request an invite and receive instructions for access.) Expressions of condolence may be given at HopewellFuneral.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Friederich's Ataxia Research Association (FARA) at curefa.org.

Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Gary R. Helmick



Hopewell Funeral Home - April 04, 2020 at 09:51 PM

CT

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God bless you all and your family!

Chris Tippins - April 06, 2020 at 09:11 PM

PC

My sympathy to you, Ina, and your family. I remember the love you shared in stories about Gary. May those same loving memories give you comfort now.

Pat Cunningham - April 07, 2020 at 12:28 PM

PM

Ina, I will be praying for you and your family during this time of loss. May God give comfort to you and those you love.

Paula Marshall

Paula Marshall - April 07, 2020 at 02:37 PM

VB

“ *Vivian Burch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary R. Helmick*



Vivian Burch - May 27, 2020 at 07:06 AM

VB

My heart reaches out to Ina and all of Gary's family and friends, May God Bless each and every one...That was a wonderful obituary and video of Gary, thanks for sharing... <3 Love you ..

Vivian Burch - May 27, 2020 at 07:11 AM

RS

“ *Ina, I offer my deepest condolences to you, and to all who loved Gary and will miss him dearly. While it is hard to find any words of consolation at a time like this, may the sweetest memories you shared during your 42-year marriage somehow lift your spirits and bring you comfort.*

Renee Bloch Shallouf - April 10, 2020 at 04:43 PM

BK

“ *Dearest Ina, I was shocked today to learn of your loss. While working with you at LaVoy Exceptional Center, I learned more about Gary through the storied that you shared. After a lifetime of happiness together, may precious memories comfort you. Sincerely, Bonnie Kelley*

Bonnie S. Kelley - April 08, 2020 at 04:54 PM



“ We want to first offer our heartfelt sympathies to all of Brother Gary's family! Prayers for their hearts to find comfort in Jesus Christ, for them to be strengthened in the Lord and find a sense of peace during this sad time of loss! We send our love and respect out to all of you, and you will all be in our prayers! Now I will share one peek at Brother Gary's sense of humor , and he had a great sense of humor! We loved his humor! So, in the time that they were looking to place a new pastor , after Pastor Jenks had to leave us, one Wednesday night at Valrico Worship Center, Gary was informing the church people of Brother Chuck House, who was coming that following Sunday to try out for the position of Pastor , but to inject his humor into it, he called Chuck House , Chuck Wagon, instead! We all broke out laughing at that, then when that Sunday came and Brother House came to preach, it was so hard to not laugh at the new last name that Gary had given him! LOL. We all loved Gary, though, and I believe that most of us did love his humor! He was so much fun to be around! Gary, we will always treasure our memories of you, Brother! We are looking forward to seeing you again soon, when we will join you around God's Throne of Glory! Love you, Brother Gary! RIP Gary Helmick! . With much love and support to this family, from Carlyle and Diana Guthrie, along with Sis Yaja Kolakowski and Sis Lisa Welch

Diana N Carlyle Guthrie - April 08, 2020 at 09:10 AM

DB

“ Ina, your loss and grief are shared by all of us at MI who know and love you. Sincerely, Diane Barrs

Diane V Barrs - April 07, 2020 at 05:20 PM

LL

“ *Ina, my deepest sympathy to you and your family. May your wonderful memories of Gary sustain you and bring you comfort and peace.*
Lynn Lord

Lynn Lord - April 07, 2020 at 09:06 AM

AH

“ *My nephew Nathan couldn't have said it better!! My brother Gary was one of the best individuals you could ever meet. I will miss him so much!!*

aaron helmick - April 06, 2020 at 02:22 PM

MH

“ *To Sister Ina and Family,
My sincere condolences on the loss of Brother Gary, I thought he was a cool guy and I know that he has gone to the home that was prepared for him in Heaven.
When I visit again, I'm going to miss hearing him tell me how he loved my singing.
Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted, I pray continued comfort for you and your family, in the mighty name of Jesus Christ!
Forever your Sister in Christ
Marva Hunt*

Marva E Hunt - April 06, 2020 at 11:08 AM

BT

“ Gary's my longest and best friend since 1967 we attended electronics trade school together during high school. Then we attended United Electronics Institute in Charleston WV. We both rented adjacent rooms at Mrs. Glusenkamps boarding house while attending UEI.
While in tech school Gary would attend his church I would attend mine. We may have been of different religion but we were of same faith in Jesus . I have always known him to be of high character and Christian values.
Gary and Ina both of you are wonderful
Buddy your going to be missed
Not good by.....See you later
God Bless
Your friends Bill,Christy,&Bobby Terneus

Bill Tern - April 06, 2020 at 10:29 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary R. Helmick.



April 06, 2020 at 09:15 AM

IH

“ Very, very sad to hear of Gary's passing. I worked with Gary for many years at Amalie Arena. He wasn't only a great teammate, he was a great guy as well... always willing to lend a hand. RIP my friend.

Irwin Heichen - April 05, 2020 at 07:02 PM



“ So saddened to hear of Gary's passing. I worked with Gary for many years at the Amalie Arena. He was one of the nicest people I've known, who was always there to help. My heart goes out to his family. He will be missed.

Katrina Balentyne - April 05, 2020 at 06:43 PM

DM

“ My sympathy to Gary's family. I attended school with Gary in Clarksburg and graduated with him, class of 1969, Washington Irving High School. I remember him as a quiet gentleman. We lost touch after school but I am happy to know he had a loving family.

Donna S Meredith - April 05, 2020 at 10:46 AM

JC

He was a very kind and friendly, gentle man .he will be very missed .

Juanita Caruthers - April 05, 2020 at 07:22 PM

DT

“ Ina, Donnie and I were sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Donnie was a groomsman in you wedding and very precious memories when we were all newlyweds. We had wanted to visit when we heard how sick he was but due to this virus it wasn't advisable. We all know he is with our God and pain free. We will be praying for peace and comfort for you and your family.

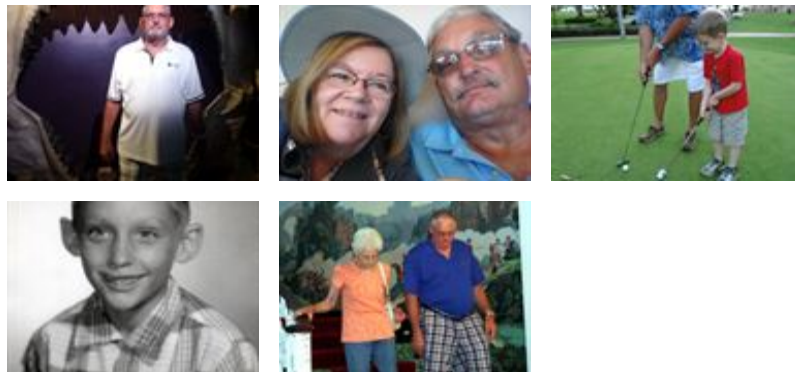
Love to you all.

Donnie and Bebe Thomason

Donnie Thomason - April 05, 2020 at 07:21 AM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - April 04, 2020 at 09:52 PM

JR

“ *Ina, we hold the fondness memories of you and Gary during a special moving of God in our lives at Tampa. May the Lord hold of you very close and know we care..Judi&Cary*

Judi Rutherford - April 04, 2020 at 07:54 PM

JB

“ *Ina and family. We are so sorry for your loss. I remember Gary as a very thoughtful happy person. You all are in our prayers.*

John and Lisa Barnes - April 04, 2020 at 07:37 PM

LP

“ *So very sorry for the loss of Gary. Prayers for the family. Betty you are in our prayers. May God wrap his arms around you.*

Loretta Helmick Pernell - April 04, 2020 at 06:26 PM

RH

“ Gary was a Great man and an Awesome brother. He will always be in my heart. Love you so much.

Roger Helmick - April 04, 2020 at 05:33 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary R. Helmick.



April 04, 2020 at 05:26 PM

RK

“ Ramya Ramanathan & Rajasrinivasan Kannan purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Gary R. Helmick.



Ramya Ramanathan & Rajasrinivasan Kannan - April 04, 2020 at 01:59 PM