



Gary Gleckler

July 29, 1947 - February 8, 2025

Gary Gleckler, 77, of Worthington, Ohio, passed away peacefully at his home in the early hours of February 8, 2025, surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Gary was born to Raymond and Frieda (Volschow) Gleckler. He is survived by his devoted wife of 55 years, Martha, and their three sons: Brian (Lindsey), Eric (Lara), and Matthew (Stephanie). He is also survived by his brother, Robert Gleckler of Oak Harbor, Ohio, and nephew, Jack Gleckler; brother-in-law, Steven Curtis (Liz); sisters-in-law, Marilyn Ziegler (Mike), Donna Curtis and Sherry Schoonover; and many nieces and nephews. Gary was the proud grandfather of six grandchildren — Sabra, Kaylan, Elijah, Wil, Greyson, and Connor — and a great-grandfather to Cayden.

Gary spent his early years growing up on the family homestead in Oak Harbor, Ohio, and attended Salem Oak Harbor High School. He excelled in multiple sports, earning recognition as an All-Conference Defensive End in football while also serving as class president his senior year. While attending “Buckeye Boys State” at Ohio University, Gary decided to enroll to earn his bachelor’s degree in education, with a minor in English. During his time at Ohio University, he also pursued a relationship with fellow classmate Martha Curtis, ultimately winning her heart during their junior year while enjoying a beautiful fall Sunday gathering with friends at Rainbow Lake near Athens, Ohio. Their story began there! Gary and Martha were married on August 23,

1969, in Marietta, Ohio.

Gary began his career as a government teacher at Reynoldsburg High School while coaching football and track from 1969 to 1971. In June of 1971, Gary transitioned into the construction equipment sales industry with Columbus Equipment Company. Over the years, he served in various roles, including branch manager at several Ohio locations, company-wide sales manager, and ultimately president in 1988. He retired from the company in 1998. After retirement, Gary and Martha spent several months traveling across the United States in the fall of 1998. However, due to popular demand, Gary re-entered the workforce in 1999, taking on roles as branch manager for Holt Cat of Columbus (1999-2004), branch manager for All Crane (2004-2006), and president of Company Wrench in Lancaster, Ohio (2006-2012). He ultimately retired again in November of 2012.

Gary found joy in spending time with family and friends and attending the sporting events, plays, and concerts of his children, grandchildren, and other family members. He also enjoyed golfing, coin collecting, and, in his later years, tracing the Gleckler family heritage back to Germany. He and Martha found great adventure and blessings in enjoying the sunshine and developing wonderful friendships during winters spent in Venice, Florida!

Gary will be fondly remembered for his honesty, generosity, unwavering devotion to his family and friends, and his steadfast faith walk.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, February 24, 2025, at All Saints Lutheran Church, located at 6770 North High Street in Worthington, Ohio. Visitation will begin at 12:00 PM, followed by a service at 1:00 PM, and a fellowship luncheon at 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PANCAN.ORG / 877-272-6226) or Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research (LUSTGARTEN.ORG) in support of research to transform pancreatic cancer into a curable disease. PANCAN donation envelopes will be available at the service, as well as a QR code for Lustgarten.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24**. 12:00 PM (ET)

All Saints Lutheran Church
6770 North High St
Worthington, OH 43085

Memorial Service

FEB **24**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To Martha, Brian, Eric, Matthew, sorry to find out of Gary’s passing. I’m not much on the socials, it’s now 2026. This is Todd Gleckler from the St Louis area, the 1st cousin once removed of Gary and 2nd cousin of his sons. I know this because Gary called me in 2023 to say hi and go over the genealogy. I gave him ours kids’ names and bdates etc. Brian and I are the same age.

He shared his health concerns throughout 2024 as we texted several times. I told him my mom Linda just went into assisted living. My dad Roger (2011) was his 1st cousin through Fred, brother of his dad Ray. Hope this info is right. I last saw everyone in roughly 1993 at his house when my parents moved back to New Albany for a few years while I was in college. My recollection is that my Great Uncle Ray and Uncle Bob were there as well. Although I now know that Bob is officially Robert Alan, my 1st cousin once removed. I’m Todd Alan, maybe that was because of you, who knows.

I last texted with Gary in Jan 2025. Sending him a simple “O-H” and he responded with the appropriate “IO!”

I believe everyone from Ohio is legally expected to respond that way. It must’ve been before a Buckeye CFPlayoff game on the way to the ‘25 title.

Apologies, this is long. I’ll wrap with well wishes from Missouri to all the Gleckler’s in Ohio. In 53 years, I’ve never ran into a Gleckler outside of O-H...IO.



Todd Gleckler - February 24 at 06:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Gleckler.

February 24, 2025 at 07:40 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gary Gleckler.



February 24, 2025 at 07:40 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Gleckler.

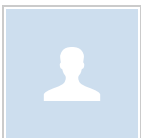


February 23, 2025 at 09:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Gleckler.

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“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Gleckler.



February 23, 2025 at 11:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Gleckler.

February 23, 2025 at 11:59 AM



“ Your Beck Consulting Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Gary Gleckler.



Your Beck Consulting Family - February 21, 2025 at 10:24 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Gleckler.



February 21, 2025 at 08:34 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Gleckler.



February 19, 2025 at 07:06 PM



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February 19, 2025 at 03:28 PM



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Gleckler.

February 18, 2025 at 08:11 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Gleckler.



February 18, 2025 at 08:11 PM

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“ The Tyack Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Gleckler.

The Tyack Family - February 16, 2025 at 01:01 PM

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“ The Tyack Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Gleckler.



The Tyack Family - February 16, 2025 at 01:01 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Gleckler.



February 16, 2025 at 07:36 AM

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“ Gary was a great childhood friend in Oak Harbor. We were on many sports teams together, I remember playing sandlot baseball in his backyard trying to hit to a short right field which was dominated by a pond. Gary was a salesman even back then as he sold me a pair of worn-out \$3 oars for a leaky rowboat I had on the nearby Portage River. I moved from Oak Harbor after my freshman year in high school, but we infrequently remained in touch. He'll be missed and I have regrets we did not stay in closer contact. David Erwin, Sacramento CA

Jon David Erwin - February 15, 2025 at 06:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Gleckler.

February 15, 2025 at 10:46 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Gleckler.



February 15, 2025 at 10:46 AM



“ Gary was the kind of first class human we should all aspire to be. We loved him and will miss him. Prayers and condolences to Martha and the rest of the family.

Scott Carpenter - February 15, 2025 at 09:42 AM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Gary at Company Wrench. He was genuine, kind and willing to share his knowledge. He called his BFF for always helping him with his computer issues. I called him my surrogate daddy and he filled that role for many years. He was a true friend and always first class. I treasure our time together and many visits after his retirement. He will certainly be missed. Rest in heavenly peace my friend. Until we meet again.



Lindy Wesley - February 14, 2025 at 07:37 PM