



Park Walter Gast, Jr.

May 30, 1929 - August 14, 2020

Park Walter Gast, Jr., a long-time resident of Lebanon, Ohio and a former resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Hamilton, Ohio passed away in Powell, Ohio on August 14, 2020 at the age of 91 years.

Park was born on May 30, 1929 in Hamilton, Ohio to Park Walter Gast (Sr.) and Ella Miller Gast. He was raised in Hamilton and graduated from Hamilton High School in 1947 and from The University of Cincinnati in 1952 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. At UC he was a member of Triangle fraternity, an organization through which he made lifelong friends and of which he was a lifelong supporter.

On June 16, 1951 Park married his high school classmate and the love of his life, Ethel Parker Wildman. Park joined the Air Force and was stationed in San Antonio, TX, Denver, CO, and Spokane, WA. In Denver Park was introduced to two of his lifelong hobbies, skiing and woodworking. After completing his military service, Park and Ethel returned to Cincinnati, Ohio. Their 3 daughters were born between 1955 and 1959.

Park spent most of his career first as a partner and later as President of Long-Stanton Mfg. He and his partners built the business from a small metal stamping shop into a successful and well regarded business with customers across the US.

The Gasts moved to Lebanon, Ohio in 1971 and established Redwing Farm. On the farm they raised grapes, which they supplied to Fountain Wine Cellars in Cincinnati, of which Park was a part owner. Park retired from Long-Stanton

in 1988. During retirement the Gasts enjoyed life on the farm, and Park especially enjoyed planting and nurturing trees. They spent time each year in Colorado and also traveled to many parts of the US and overseas. Park enjoyed skiing into his late 70s. He also devoted time to woodworking, creating many unique and beautiful bowls on his lathe.

The Gasts were long time members of Lebanon Presbyterian Church, where Park served in a number of ways and held the offices of Trustee and Elder. Park was a founding Board Member of Interfaith Hospitality Network, and continued as a volunteer into his 80s. Park and his wife Ethel were also long-time fans and supporters of the Cincinnati Opera. In 2001 they supported the Cincinnati Opera's production of Verdi's Nabucco in honor of their 50th anniversary.

Park will be sadly missed by his daughters Margaret (Daniel) Cunningham, Jane (Dale Martin) Gast, and Carolyn (Michael) Neeley, and his grandchildren Marvin (Jessamyn Myers) Cunningham, Emily (Brett) Nichols, Scott (Ashley) Neeley, Trisha (Randy) Jackson, and Christina Martin. He also leaves nine great grandchildren, a sister Virginia (Phillip) Hasluck, several nieces and nephews, and many friends. He was predeceased by his wife of 68 years, Ethel Parker Wildman Gast, in January 2020. He was also predeceased by his parents Park Walter Gast (Sr.) and Ella Miller Gast, and a sister Catherine Gast Wilson.

A Memorial Service will be held at Lebanon Presbyterian Church on Saturday, August 14, 2021. Visitation will begin at 10 AM, the memorial service will be at 11 AM, and a lunch reception will follow. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Interfaith Hospitality Network, or the charity of the donor's choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lebanon Presbyterian Church
123 North East Street
Lebanon, OH 45036

Memorial Service

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Lunch Reception to follow the Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Park Walter Gast, Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Park Walter Gast, Jr..*



August 13, 2021 at 08:25 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Park Walter Gast, Jr..*



August 12, 2021 at 08:38 PM



“ *Love, Sue Wildman purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Park Walter Gast, Jr..*



Love, Sue Wildman - July 21, 2021 at 04:54 PM

SW

“ I think of Park every time I use the beautiful wooden salad bowl he made for us!

He was so talented.

Sue Wildman

susan wildman - July 21, 2021 at 04:37 PM

DC

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Dan Cunningham - August 23, 2020 at 04:01 PM

DC

Park "Honest Abe" Gast, Jr. Skiing at his beloved Breckenridge, Colorado ski mountain.

Dan Cunningham - August 23, 2020 at 04:02 PM

MH

“ Park Gast is a person of whom I often think. He and his father are the only people I have known with the name of "Park". Where did it come from? Maybe someone can inform me. Park was a quiet, but effective leader. Obviously an intelligent man, a good planner, and a great conversationalist; all traits that enabled him to accomplish much in many areas

It was his and Ethel's work that made the Annual Gast Family Reunion a successful and much enjoyed event; for many years hosted at their beautifully nurtured farm. Annually he would bring a growing scroll of the Gast Family entering each year any new members which helped keep us connected and interested in our genealogy.

*I am glad to have had my cousin "Park". Thank you, God!
Marilyn Gast Hanlin*

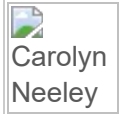
Marilyn Gast Hanlin - August 21, 2020 at 02:59 PM

EW

“ I have only known Park Gast, Jr for 74 years. In that short amount of time he allowed me to be part of his family, his friend, my mentor, the recipient of many memories, pictures, and unbounded amounts of knowledge of what it takes to recount, savor, and save the past. He was my family history teacher. He allowed me the privilege of learning to become a better man with many different kinds of endeavors that others may never have the privilege of knowing or understanding. I learned to ride a horse properly on his farm. I caught my biggest bass of my life in his pond. (Carolyn even took the picture, which I still have). I helped him ready family reunions at his farm for several decades, by his request. I learned how to do and understand family history in ways most folks will never have the great good fortune to know or accomplish. May GOD give him peace.

(from the hand of a grateful Eugene Williams, Jr.)

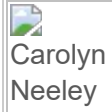
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Carolyn
Neeley



Carolyn Neeley - September 02, 2020 at 01:35 PM



Carolyn
Neeley

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