



Gary Kroot

December 5, 2016

Gary Kroot, 59, of Lancaster, beloved father, brother, uncle, cousin and friend, passed away on Monday, December 5, 2016. He was the son of the late Eli and Leonora Kroot.

Gary lived his life as a strong man, both in personality and health. His home was always open to friends, and there was always food on the table. As a retired Mars employee, Gary enjoyed his last few years spreading sweetness as an ambassador for American Heritage Chocolate. He was also an avid Mets fan, photographer, and active member of the local Jewish community. Gary spent as much time as possible with his daughters; Rachael of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Alexandra of Los Angeles, California. Gary is survived by his daughters, as was their mother, Laura Kroot, who passed away in February 2016. Gary took the past ten months of grieving to visit his girls frequently, fly them home, travel together, and always connect over the phone. His daughters were his greatest source of pride.

Gary was a member of Congregation Shaarai Shomayim, Lancaster.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Gary's Funeral Service at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, December 9, 2016 at Congregation Shaarai Shomayim, 75 East James Street, Lancaster, PA with Rabbi Jack P. Paskoff officiating. Burial will follow at Shaarai Shomayim cemetery. The family will greet friends at the Temple from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the service.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials in Gary's name may be made to Congregation Shaarai Shomayim or the American Heart Association.

Cemetery Details

Shaarai Shomayim Cemetery

East Liberty Street
Lancaster, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Shaarai Shomayim Cemetery
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Service

DEC 9. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gary Kroot

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ Lexie & Rachel, I was shocked and saddened to hear that your dad had passed away. It seems impossible that you could lose both your parents in the space of a year. You both know how blessed you were and how much they loved you. I hope that all your memories comfort you and that with time the pain lessens. May his memory (as was his life) be a blessing.

Diane Levenson

Diane Levenson - December 20, 2016 at 02:31 PM



“ I am saddened to hear of Gary's passing and wish family and friends comfort in your grieving. I've known Gary for years through his various roles with Mars and most recently through American Heritage events we worked together. I always enjoyed Gary's company and appreciated his intelligence, drive, kindness and always apparent love of family. He was always willing to help and to teach! Thank you girls for sharing your father with us.

Shelley Harvey - December 09, 2016 at 04:20 PM

MR

“ I had the good fortune to work with Gary at M&M/Mars in several capacities. He was a true gentleman that stuck to his convictions. He took great pains to always put the needs of the people he led first. I am very sad to know he has passed and pray that God comforts his daughters and friends over the coming days.

Mike Roberts

Michael Roberts - December 09, 2016 at 03:17 PM

DP

“ I got to know Gary and became his friend as we carpoled every week for several years from Elizabethtown to Hackettstown as part of the "Duel Site" engineering team. We worked together on projects in both factories. We kept in touch thru Email after I retired. You will be missed, my friend. Dave P.

Dave & Nancy Penkunas - December 09, 2016 at 01:16 PM

PS

“ Every ending has a new beginning. Lucky to have had the opportunity to have know you in this life time. May God bless you and keep you.



Patricia Sherman - December 09, 2016 at 09:59 AM

SP

“ Our sincere condolences from the Purwo family here in Indonesia. I have worked with Gary and have shared bagels with him when it was his turn to buy them at one of our cocoa meetings back in the day. He will be missed!

Sandy & family (in Indonesia)

sandy purwo - December 09, 2016 at 07:57 AM

LB

“ Irwin, Amy, & Gary's daughters, I just want to offer my condolences to each, & everyone of you. I do recall, when we were young, & living on Allen Street, all the fun we had playing kickball in the Acme parking lot, Gary, Barry, Irwin, & Mary. I am just sorry, I never got to know Gary, as an adult. I do miss all the good times we had growing up on Allen St. Just remember, he will always be close to your heart, & he will always be watching out for each & everyone of you. He is now with Barry, & his parents. Much love, to you all, Cousin, Lynne (Bartosch) of Syracuse, NY

Lynne Bartosch - December 08, 2016 at 08:16 PM

MH

“ Rest peacefully, Gary. How well I remember then "old days", back in Syracuse, you, your brothers, Lynne and I and the childhood fun we had together. My condolences to the family. Mary Himlin/Boerne TX

Mary Himlin - December 08, 2016 at 07:11 PM

TM

“ I had the privilege of doing two American Heritage events with Gary. He left such a lasting impression after the first one, that I felt like I had known him for a long time. The next time I saw him, I felt like we were old friends. He will be missed.



Tim Miller - December 08, 2016 at 05:41 PM

YW

“ Your friends at WMBD-TV purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Gary Kroot.



Your friends at WMBD-TV - December 08, 2016 at 05:08 PM

PC

“ RIP Gary, you was the best plant manager I had at M&M Mars. Thanks for being fair. You will be missed.



pam croft - December 08, 2016 at 01:04 PM

JA

“ Good by Gary loved you as a friend and coworker

Jerry Adams Florida

Jerry K Adams - December 08, 2016 at 11:26 AM