



Harold E. Gainer, Jr.

September 11, 2020

Harold E. Gainer, Jr., passed away on Friday, September 11, 2020 with his wife by his side. He was the son of the late Primrose "Dutch" Sherrard and Harold E. Gainer, Sr.

Harold was a graduate of Penn Manor High School. He also graduated from HACC with an Associate in Arts Degree in Police Science. He also graduated with honors from the Pennsylvania State Police Academy. Harold proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps and was a Vietnam Veteran. He was a 28-year East Hempfield Township police sergeant and a 23-year security supervisor for Lancaster General Hospital.

Harold had a varied life, sharing the latter with his wife, the love of his life, Roberta "Bobbi Lynne" Weaver Gainer, stepdaughter, Katie, wife of Zac Weiss, and stepson, Zach Frey and his girlfriend, Danielle D'Amico. Harold is also survived by his brother, Steve Latham and his wife, Connie of Clayton, NJ.

Harold was a 16-year President of Red Rose Lodge #16 Fraternal Order of Police. He was a life member of the VFW, American Legion, and Amvets. Harold was a lifelong supporter of Schreiber Pediatrics, Salvation Army, and Water Street Mission.

Family and friends are invited to a Memorial Service at The Farm at Eagles Ridge, 465 Long Lane, Lancaster, PA 17603 on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. with Deacon Peter Jupin officiating. The family will receive friends at Eagles Ridge on Monday from 2-3:00 p.m. and also at The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA on Sunday, September 20, 2020 from 1-3:00 p.m. Due to COVID, masks and social distance are required.

Previous Events

Family Receiving Friends

SEP **20**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
528 W Orange St.
Lancaster, PA 17603
(717) 394-5300
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Family Receiving Friends

SEP **21**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

The Farm at Eagles Ridge
465 Long Lane
Lancaster, PA 17603

Memorial Service

SEP **21**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Lancaster, PA 17603

Tribute Wall



“ *Harold E. Gainer, Jr.*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *To Bobbi and Harold's entire family,
John and I want to extend to you our sincerest sympathy on
Harold's passing. Knowing him was a real privilege and we pray
God will give you all comfort during this most difficult time. Thinking
of you and praying for you,
With Our deepest sympathy,
John and Nancy Straw*

Nancy and John Straw - September 20, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ *Harold was always supportive of all my police week 5K's and a
great comfort to me personally after we lost Michael in the line of
duty. He will be forever at my side on the thin blue line.
My deepest sympathy to Bobbie and the family.
Mike Gallagher*

Mike Gallagher - September 20, 2020 at 11:52 AM

WG

“ Harold is a "once in a lifetime" individual one could be so lucky to meet while traveling through life's journey. To me, he was more than a friend, a confidant, and a Brother. There are no words that collectively I can state as to what he meant to me and my family. He was a true Leader of Red Rose Lodge #16, FOP, when it was truly needed. His passion regarding the Schreiber Pediatric Center of Lancaster County, and its youthful patients, will never be questioned. I think what I'll really miss is his ability to verbalize one liners at any moment, along with only his facial expression, followed then with a final laughter. He was an inspiration and leader to many, too numerous to even attempt to count. As I stated previously, Harold E. Gainer, Jr., was a "once in a lifetime" individual to come in contact with, and I thank God for the opportunity to have met this Man!

"REST IN PEACE"AMIGO!

Wayne T. Groff

Wayne Groff - September 20, 2020 at 09:45 AM

BD

“ Dear .Bobbi:
I am so very sorry to read of Harold passing away! I got to know him at the health campus when I would set up jewelry to sell for a fundraiser for Brent Miller jewelers. Oh my did he love buying you special gifts. What a special man who touched many. Sending my heartfelt sympathy to you in your loss. May all your wonderful memories you had comfort you in the days ahead. My sincere sympathy to you- Bev Doughty

bev doughty - September 18, 2020 at 04:43 PM

YC

“ *Your Family at PADC/ TE Connectivity purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Harold E. Gainer, Jr..*



Your Family at PADC/ TE Connectivity - September 18, 2020
at 03:13 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Harold E. Gainer, Jr..*



September 17, 2020 at 06:35 PM

YD

“ *I was a dispatcher from 1979 to 1986 and worked many shifts with Harold. He was always respectful of the dispatchers and was a pleasure to work with. He will be missed and my condolences to the family. Yvonne Donley, Dispatcher 24*

Yvonne Donley - September 17, 2020 at 01:58 PM

DA

“ I had the privilege of knowing Harold for 30 some years. I knew him to be a mentor, a fellow police officer, a remarkable leader of the FOP Red Rose Lodge #16 and a friend to many. Harold was really a true and competent leader over the years. My condolences to Harold's immediate family and also to Harold's extended Law Enforcement family.

Denny & Sue Arnold

Dennis Arnold - September 16, 2020 at 09:11 PM

GB

“ As a fellow police officer and FOP member, I had the great pleasure of spending a lot of time with Harold. He always took time to seek me out and talk to me as a fellow officer and Marine. Harold was the lifeblood of our FOP lodge for many years. I am a better man for having known Harold and for being the recipient of his vast amount of wisdom and knowledge. The law enforcement community lost a great one in Harold. He will forever be in our hearts and our minds. Condolences to his family. Please find comfort in knowing that Harold touched many, many lives and made this world a better place. Rest easy Harold. You will be missed.

Greg Buchkoski
"Butch"

Greg Buchkoski - September 16, 2020 at 03:18 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Harold E. Gainer, Jr..



September 14, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Harold E. Gainer, Jr..*



September 14, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Harold E. Gainer, Jr..*



September 14, 2020 at 03:44 PM



“ *Bobbie,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family and I am deeply sorry for your loss. What an amazing man. He was a mentor to me when I first started in Security learning the ropes of access, badging. He told me "kid I got your back and if you need anything I am always here". His humor, his caring, his squeaky ducks will always be remembered and I truly appreciate being able to work with him. He will be missed!
God Bless.*

Debbie Moore - September 14, 2020 at 02:58 PM

JW

“ *Bobbie, Our love, thoughts and prayers are with you, your family and friends during this most difficult time with the passing of our beloved Harold! We are totally speechless! Earthly words do not adequately express how very special Harold was or how he touched the lives of so many people by his presence! RIP my Veteran & Police Brother and Friend! Blessed are the peacekeepers, for they shall be called children of God (Matthew 5:9).
Jeff, Donna and Weaver Family*

Jeff Weaver - September 14, 2020 at 12:45 PM

CR

“ *Bobbie, my thoughts, prayers and sympathy are with you. I enjoyed working with Harold, "the Fuzz", and he always made me laugh. He was an amazing man!
Carolyn Rhoades*

Carolyn Rhoades - September 14, 2020 at 11:20 AM

DS

“ *My heart saddened quickly when I heard of Harold's passing. He was such a great person in so many ways. His bright smile and quick wit was a daily highlight when walking the halls of the LGH Health Campus. It is truly a comfort though knowing you are whole again and without disease in God's arms. RIP my friend - "chicken man". Thoughts and prayers to you, Bobbi as you go through this difficult time. Time will heal the sadness but never erase the wonderful memories that Harold has given so many of us over the years. God Bless you and your family. Debbie Spader*

debbie spader - September 14, 2020 at 08:37 AM

AS

“ Harold was an amazing man. He is the reason I am working at LGH. Working at the campus and seeing him on a regular basis he always made you laugh. Always a practical joker. He had a heart of gold and always put others first. There are so many stories we could all tell. His love for butterscotch krimpets, eating a dog treat and being tricked into thinking it was a cookie. I still see that smile. Rest in peace my friend.

Audree Shatto - September 13, 2020 at 09:05 PM

RA

“ Bobbi and family,
Our prayers and sympathy go out to you. I can not begin to tell you how much we will miss Harold at the Schreiber softball weekends. I can only hope that as we continue to hold the yearly event that we do Harold proud and put as much effort and love into it that Harold did. He truly was the best man I have ever known. If I accomplish 1/4 of the good in the world that Harold did, I will consider myself lucky!
Rest In Peace Harold.
Bob & Natalie Abram



Robert Abram - September 13, 2020 at 08:52 PM



What year was this taken

Misty Latham - February 21, 2022 at 06:19 PM

BP

“ So sorry to hear about Harold. I'll always remember the good times we had at EHT. He was the man who could tell a joke at anytime or anyplace. RIP Buddy - you will be missed.
Bob Pickel (aka 'lil gherkin)

Bob Pickel - September 13, 2020 at 06:09 PM

BM

“ Harold you will be greatly missed will remember the great times at EHTPD all he cracks you would make to make someone smile now you have others up above to smile at may you RIP BOB MIMNALL AKA SPARKY

BOB MIMNALL - September 13, 2020 at 02:41 PM

SS

“ Sarge your laugh was infectious, and you were loved and appreciated by so many folks around the country. I will always remember the great times I had with you and the other employees at EHTPD. Best ever and I would not change a thing. Fly high and keep on smiling. Until we meet again my brother....Love to you...Sunny

S Sundquist - September 13, 2020 at 02:19 PM

LS

“ Bobbi: So sorry for your loss. Please know you, Zach & Katie are in our thoughts and prayers. With sincere sympathy & love~ Liz & John Sangrey

Liz Sangrey - September 13, 2020 at 11:50 AM

OF

“ Harold,
You can rest peacefully for eternally now knowing that your good deeds in this lifetime were greatly appreciated and will always be remembered. Semper Fi, mate. Oz Fisher, EHTP, retired.

Oz Fisher - September 13, 2020 at 10:53 AM

KS

“ I was a dispatcher for the east hempfield township police department and harold was the kindest person you could ever meet. He would do anything for anybody. He will be missed. RIP sir and thank you for your service



Ken Stahl

Kenneth Stahl - September 13, 2020 at 10:42 AM

CS

“ Bobbi, I didn't know Harold well, in fact only seeing him a few times at Township events or on the phone dealing with an insurance issue but I did look forward to Christmas time and the cards and he would send to Bob Krimmel and myself. The addressing on the envelopes were as humorous as the cards themselves. We posted the cards (at least the ones that were semi-appropriate for an office setting and they gave a smile to all that read them.

My sincerest condolences to you and your family...he will be missed.

Cindy Schweitzer, East Hempfield Township Manager

Cindy Schweitzer - September 13, 2020 at 09:51 AM

CM

“ *Bobbi and family... my deepest sympathy to you all. I hope you will find comfort in the many memories you created with Harold. He was such an incredible man!*



Carol McCalli - September 13, 2020 at 09:01 AM

LR

Bobbi, I am so sorry to hear about Harold. Please know I am thinking of you.

Linda Sherrard Reidenbaugh

Linda Reidenbaugh - September 19, 2020 at 09:34 AM

SA

“ *My prayers and sympathy to the family. I worked with Harold back when he was with EHPD and saw him at many FOP events. He was a good-hearted man and a leader I looked up to. He has touched many lives and God rest his soul. Troy.*

Sam - September 13, 2020 at 06:40 AM

CR

Bobbie, my thoughts, prayers and sympathy are with you. I so enjoyed working with Harold "the Fuzz" at work. He was a delight to know and just a great guy. My hugs to you.

Carolyn Rhoades

Carolyn Rhoades - September 13, 2020 at 08:05 AM

LS

Bobbi: So sorry for your loss. Please know you, Zach & Katie are in our thoughts and prayers. With sincere sympathy & love~ Liz & John Sangrey

Liz Sangrey - September 13, 2020 at 11:47 AM

NK

Harold will be remembered by me as a person who could make your day happier no matter what. His cards, stories & jokes were the best. I have the highest respect for ALL he did for people in so many ways. He was one of the best. Nancy

Nancy Krous - September 13, 2020 at 02:09 PM

DF

Harold has been a co-worker and close personal friend for many years. He is the most caring and funniest person we have ever known. Harold cared deeply about his friends, his employees and even people that he did not know personally as evidenced by his involvement and contributions to charitable events. Our favorite response from him when asked "How are you?" was "Just ducky!" Thus, the vast collection of ducks surrounding his office. Harold believed in living life to the fullest - and he did. What fun we had! We will truly miss you!

Daniel & Stephanie Ford - September 13, 2020 at 06:07 PM

JW

Harold was my OIC for most of my years at EHTPD. His kindness, generosity & sweet spirit made my years working on his platoon a pleasure. He was a tremendous teacher, mentor and friend. I feel so fortunate to have had the opportunity to work along side sarge. Rest easy brother, you earned your wings.

Joan Wheeler - September 13, 2020 at 07:32 PM

AB

Bobbi, I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of Harold, he was always such a joy to be around and I will miss him calling in to me for the FOP picnic, such a dear, sweet man. You and your family are in my prayers.

Ann Marie Bomenka

Ann Marie M Bomenka - September 14, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - September 12, 2020 at
11:37 AM