



## Gary Allen Protzman

July 12, 1947 - April 28, 2010

Gary Alan Protzman, 62, of Butler, PA, passed away at 5:20 AM on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at his residence after an illness.

He was born July 12, 1947 in Butler, PA, the son of the late Gilbert A. Protzman and the late Bernice (Morrow) Protzman.

Gary was a member of Mt. Chestnut Presbyterian Church. He loved dirt track racing and was always in the pits at Lernerville working on cars. Gary also loved hunting, playing softball and he umpired and coached little league baseball and softball at Prospect Boys Club. He had worked at Pullman Standard and then Hindman Transfer. He was a veteran of US Army during Vietnam War. He was a member of Victory Lodge 694 and the American Legion Post 119.

Surviving are his wife, Sue Ann (Bartley) Protzman whom he married December 30, 1978; his daughter, Mrs. Lance (Garrah Lynn) Neigh of Butler, 1 niece and 4 nephews, a brother in law and 2 sister in laws.

He was preceded in death by his son, Adam Jon Paul Protzman who died in an accident on January 1, 2002, his parents, and his mother and father in law.

Friends will be received at Young Funeral Home, Ltd., 127 W. Jefferson St.,

Butler, on Friday, April 30, 2010 from 2-4 & 7-9PM.

Services will be held at Young Funeral Home, Ltd., on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 11:00 AM with his pastor, Rev. Jeff Curtis officiating.

Private interment in the Butler County Memorial Park, Butler, PA.

# Tribute Wall



“ Sue, Garrah and Lance,  
We are so sorry to hear about Gary. Just know he is now reunited with Adam. Be assured they are together smiling down and watching over you all. We had so many good times, he always had something funny to say. We are going to miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Carl and Joyce##imported-begin##Carl and Joyce##imported-end##

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“ To: Missy Heller

Missy,

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Love,

Beth##imported-begin##Beth##imported-end##

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“ Gary,

*I'm going to miss you sooooo much. You were the greatest. I just wish i could of seen you one last time. I love you gary just like you were a part of my family.*

*Sue Ann,*

*Sue if there is anything that i can do for you just call me. I love you like faimly also. I'm really sorry about your lost.*

*Garrah,*

*I'm sorry about your lost of your dad but you guys know that our family is here for you guys if there is anything that you need just let us know. we love you guys.*

*Adam,*

*Adam your dad is coming to see you now you guys can go to the races up in heaven.*

*Love you all*

*If tears could build a stairway  
And memories were a lane,  
I would walk right up to heaven  
To bring you home again,  
No farewell words were spoken  
No time to say good-bye,  
You were gone before we knew it,  
And only god knows why,  
My heart still aches in sadness  
And secret tears still flow,  
What it meant to lose you,  
No one will ever know##imported-begin##Brittany  
Jenkins##imported-end##*

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“ Lance,  
*Sorry dont think that i forgot about you your part of the family now  
trust me you helped us out and we will be here for you also.*

*LOVE YOU ALL##imported-begin##Brittany Jenkins##imported-  
end##*

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“ We where so sorry to hear about Gary, just remember our thoughts  
and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Stephanie and  
Brian##imported-end##

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“ Garrah-  
*I am so sorry about the loss of your dad. He is in a lot of my  
childhood memories. My deepest and most heartfelt sympathies go  
out to you and your family.*

*Take care,  
Brandi##imported-begin##Brandi (Johnson) Maser##imported-  
end##*

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“ Sue, so sorry for your loss.  
*I'll always remember how hard you two worked together keeping  
Franklin Mobile Home Court looking beautiful. Donna and I are still  
down South and won't be able to attend the funeral.*

*Take care and God Bless##imported-begin##Gary and Donna  
Shannon##imported-end##*

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“ I am really sorry to hear of Gary passing he will be missed i will keep the family in my prayers###imported-begin##Dana##imported-end##

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“ I just dont know what to say we had our good times and then bad but he never left my mind he was a good friend sue if you need i would love to talk to you some day please call me some day 770 241-4527###imported-begin##Dana##imported-end##

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“ I remember Gary from 1st grade at Mitchell School. He was my 'guardian' walking home in the woods as someone had said there were bears in the woods. Hadn't been in touch since I entered the US Navy in July 1965. Always wondered how he was doing. Gone too soon.###imported-begin##Bob Parker##imported-end##

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“ Dear Sue and family, so sorry to read of Gary's passing. I remember you fondly from our Thoroufare Days, cashiering. God Bless you and keep you strong through these sad times.###imported-begin##Alison##imported-end##

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“ I'm sorry that Gary didn't take the chance to know what a beautiful woman his daughter became and the grandchildren who will never have memories to cherish of their grandfather. I'm sorry his daughter wasn't listed as family. That her grief wasn't considered. I'm sorry that there are people in this world who don't know how to love someone entirely. Loving the children they brought into the world. Even if they aren't yours. My condolence go out to All of Gary's children##imported-begin##Family##imported-end##

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“ My condolences to Gary's family. I spent a lot of time with him at the Prospect Boys and Girls Club. He was a nice man.##imported-begin##Rick##imported-end##

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“ Gary I'll never forget you!##imported-begin##Diane##imported-end##

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“ Sue and Garrah, I am sorry to hear about your loss. My prayers and my thoughts will be with you.##imported-begin##Lori Haller##imported-end##

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“ Also surviving but not mentioned! His oldest daughter to his first marriage and 2 grandchildren. I hope you read this. I wouldn't blame you if you didn't after not being mentioned in your fathers obituary. You have been cheated and your father wouldn't have wanted that. I'm certain I knew him enough to know he would be ashamed. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Your grandparents would have never wanted you left out. My husband and I thought you should know that the Protzman family was always proud of you. You were just a little girl the last time I saw with your Dad. I ran into him not long ago and he told me he had 2 grandchildren and that his youngest daughter was getting married. His eyes seemed full of joy and regret when he spoke of you.

*My prayers are with you and I hope you find peace.##imported-begin##Elaine Shaeler##imported-end##*

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“ To the family of Gary Protzman . My deepest and sincerest condolences on your loss . I will remever him fondly .

*With love and prayers ,*

*Pearl ( applewood drive)##imported-begin##Pearl Evans##imported-end##*

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“ I would like to thank the people who did not forget about me. If there is one thing I have learned being a parent of two myself - is that you do not treat one child different then the other.

*I will regret - not only for myself - but, for my own children.*

*May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Melissa Sue Protzman - Heller##imported-end##*

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“ *May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind always be at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
and rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.##imported-begin##2  
Beer##imported-end##*

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“ *Sue, Garrah and Lance:  
Sorry to hear about your loss. Gary will remain in our thoughts and prayers until we meet him again. Sorry your condolence page has turned into a "BLOG" page. This is not an appropriate webpage to do such comments. If you should need anything, please know Roy and I will be here for you.  
The Piper Family##imported-begin##Bridget Piper##imported-end##*

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“ *Being Gary's sister-in-law for 10 years... gave me the pleasure and insight of knowing how much he loved his family. There's always two sides to every story and you shouldn't throw stones if you live in a glass house. May you rest in peace till we meet again.*  
XOXOXOXO##imported-begin##Sista-in-law##imported-end##

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“ Uncle Gary,

*I will miss our New Year's Eves, our long phone conversations, and your devilish grin and laugh when you did something you know you shouldn't have. I just hope you know you were a very important part of all our lives growing up - we all have great memories. On behalf of myself and the boys - thank you, we love you very much and we will miss you!*

*Aunt Sue,*

*I can't even begin to thank you for everything you have done. I always thought my Mom was a very strong person (which she is) but you are a very close second! You always made us "kids" feel welcomed anytime we called or stopped in, or just seen us out somewhere. I admire you for your love, dedication and hard work you gave to Uncle Gary - you never asked for help or complained. That is in fact TRUE LOVE. I hope you know if you EVER need ANYTHING all you need to do is call. Thank you and I love you.*

*Garrah Lynn,*

*I know we haven't been real close, but if you ever need any of us just call we'll be there, cause that's what family does .... no matter what your there for your family! We are all VERY PROUD of you and love you. Take care of your Mom, and cherish all the memories you have of your Dad. He loved you very much. I wish I could tell you it gets better with time, cause it doesn't .... you just learn to accept it.*

*Lance,*

*I'm glad you are a part of our family. You are a very kind and loving young man, take care of both our girls. They will need a strong loving man to do that and I you are the perfect man for the job. We all love and care for you.*

*Melissa,*

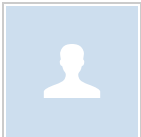
*Your Dad loved & cared about you, I know this for a FACT. I've always looked at you as more like a baby sister than a cousin. I'm sorry you didn't have the kind of relationship you wanted with your Dad, but that doesn't mean he didn't care. We all love and care for you and your family and are VERY PROUD as well. We are all here for you too if you need us.*

**\*\*FINAL NOTE\*\***

*Sometimes in life we need to take advantage of opportunities in life as they may never come again. As I get older and see more and more people I love pass the more I choose to take advantage of these opportunities. I'm here for any of you and all of you. Life is hard enough as it is, we don't need to make it more difficult. This remark is directed to those who have chosen to make this a "web page" .... this is malicious , disrespectful and very hurtful not only to me, but my entire family. This website is meant for condolences, memories, support and comfort. It is not a chatroom, blog or facebook. I am asking to please respect my entire family at this already painful time. If you feel the need to express your opinion I welcome any and all comments to be sent to me personally at [tracie.nebel@yahoo.com](mailto:tracie.nebel@yahoo.com). or you may call me. My home number is unlisted, and I will not post it here, but if you feel that you are such a close personal friend of someone in the family to be throwing around accusations then you are close enough to get my home number. Thank you, Tracie Lynn Protzman / Nebel.*

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*###imported-  
begin###Tracie Lynn Protzman / Nebel###imported-end##*

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“ *Garrah and Sue,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You have my condolences and will be in my thoughts and prayers.  
Love, Angie McGee###imported-begin###Angela McGee###imported-end##*

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“ Condolence pages were created for people to give personal notes to the family. Notes that can be read that help them deal with the loss of a loved one. Comforting thoughts for them during times of grief. It's wonderful that there are people who knew Missy's Dad and his family and that they took the opportunity to let her know she was thought about by them and wasn't forgotten. I'm not sure how people were expected to reach out to her. Her last name is different now. She wasn't listed in the paper or on here. She probably wasn't even invited to her Dad's funeral. I'm sure she has a great deal of people who have been able to give their condolences personally. Traci since you are like a big sister I'm sure you took the opportunity to talk to visit with Missy and talk to her about Gary and tell her you were sorry for her loss but not all of us could. There are those of us who were given no other way to do it than on this page.##imported-begin##FAMILY##imported-end##

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“ sue,garrah and lance, we have had many good times and gary will be surely missed and yes this is not the place to take out aggressions on the family situation. gary will be in my prayers and surely greatly missed. i wish i could've seen him one last time to say goodbye. love you all dearly. love donna##imported-begin##donna jenkins##imported-end##

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