



## Gary Lee Preston Jr.

July 15, 1968 - February 19, 2017

Gary Lee Preston, Jr., 48, of Springfield passed away, Sunday, February 19, 2017. He was born on July 15, 1968 to Gary Lee, Sr. and Doris (Pack) Preston. Gary graduated from Greenon High School in 1986 and attended Morehead State University before joining the US Navy shortly after. He met Roianne Van Rope during his naval service and they were married in 1992. Gary worked as a machinist for Esterline & Sons MFG. He enjoyed spending time with his family, playing the guitar and hiking, especially in John Bryan State Park. Gary is survived by his wife of 23 years, Roianne of Springfield; two sons, Wyatt Joseph Preston and Troy S. Preston of Springfield; his parents, Gary and Doris Preston of Casstown, OH; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry Brian and Sharon Preston of Casstown, OH; his maternal grandmother, Imogene Pack and his paternal grandmother, Leone Preston, both of Fairborn, OH; two nieces, Sydney and Shelby Preston; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who will miss him dearly and grieve his loss forever. Gary is preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Vadis Pack; his paternal grandfather, Luther Preston; and two aunts, Brenda Preston and Julia Pack; three uncles, Jimmy Pack, Larry Preston and Billy Preston. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, February 24, 2017 at 11:00 AM in the Miami Valley United Baptist Church, 660 W. Hyde Road, Yellow Springs, OH 45387, with Elder Freddie Preston and Elder Eugene Wells officiating. Family and friends may also call during a visitation on Thursday, February 23, 2017 between 5:00 and 8:00 PM at Adkins Funeral Home, 7055 Dayton-Springfield Road, Enon,

OH 45323. In lieu of flowers, the Preston family requests that donations be made in Gary's memory to a fund set up for his children. Currently, those donations should be mailed to Adkins Funeral Home, c/o The Gary Preston Memorial Fund.

# Cemetery Details

## No Cemetery Chosen due to Cremation

<http://Due>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 23. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Funeral Home  
7055 Dayton Road  
Enon, OH 45323  
(937) 864-2288

## Funeral Service

FEB 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

Miami Valley United Baptist Church  
660 W Hyde Rd  
Yellow Springs, OH

## Military Honors

FEB 24. 12:30 PM (ET)

Miami Valley United Baptist Church  
660 W Hyde Rd  
Yellow Springs, OH



# Tribute Wall

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“ Gary Lee was a Sweetheart!! So sorry I was unable to come up for the funeral. I've been sick and in the hosp. got home yest.He was very kind and soft spoken. A good Dad. Son and husband, and a good musician!!

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**Ginny Lynn Duffey** - February 25, 2017 at 05:00 PM

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“ My most sincere condolences to the Preston family. My heart goes out to Roi, Wyatt and Troy. I pray the Lord give peace and strength to this family.

*Love and hugs,  
Shannon, Sean and Cole*

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**Shannon Tackett** - February 23, 2017 at 06:18 AM

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“ I remember Gary Lee's first stage performance, when Doris would sit Gary Lee on the kitchen table, and he would sing Jeremiah was a bull frog and Lookin out my back door.  
Gary Lee we will miss you and your music will always be with us.

*Love to all  
Chuck & Sharon Prater*

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**Chuck & Sharon Prater** - February 21, 2017 at 07:33 PM

GD

“ We had many good times playing cards and watching Bengals games !!! Gary was always there for me when I had my heart surgery and visited me at the hospital. I still have the gift he brought me . I will miss him dearly . Your friend always Gordon DeHart

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**Gordon DeHart** - February 21, 2017 at 05:43 PM

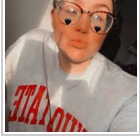
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“ My ist time meeting gary was going to get one of my kids from his house. I spotted a case of poker chips in his house and that was the common thread that started the tapestry of our friendship. Along the way his whole family became woven in to the pattern.his kids playing with my kids. Poker nights in the garage. He was a thoughtful,soft spoken,very talented and intelligent man. My memories of him will be the laughter downstairs. The summer bonfires with our kids. The coolness of having a brother two doors down. Watching the impressed looks of the people who heard this unassuming man play and sing his arse off. My heart goes out to my fellow employee,neighbor,and most importantly friend Roianne. I cant imagine your loss. My heart also goes out to both Wyatt and Troy. The two sons he left behind that will be forced to become men for their mom way too soon. If any of the 3 of you need me for anything at any time you dont even have to call I'm only 65 steps west of you. Godspeed on regaining your footing after this tragedy. I'll see you Thursday.

Love,sean.

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**Sean Foley** - February 21, 2017 at 03:17 PM



“ Gary and his family moved down the street from me like 10 years ago. Gary was the most soft-spoken, easy going guy who had eggshells on his bedroom wall so his music wouldn't be as loud and annoy the neighbors. I can't count how many times he gave a dollar for playing with his boys to keep them out of the house. How many times his son had a bonfire and invited all the neighborhood kids over and he would come out, no matter what time, to relight the fire. Gary is and will always be a intregal part of my childhood. You will be missed b

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**Kyle Foley** - February 21, 2017 at 02:28 PM



“ It was always an absolute treat to see Gary at Peach's Grill in Yellow Springs on Tuesday nights. Such a warm, friendly guy who loved to sing his favorite tunes and wrote some great originals, too. I just liked hanging out and talking to him, nicest guy in the world. He'll be greatly missed.

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**Joe Tritschler** - February 21, 2017 at 09:40 AM



“ Gary Lee loved to sing and played guitar. I remember hearing him sing at a family reunion a few years ago and he did a great job of singing and entertaining us. When he sang you could tell how much he enjoyed the music.

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**Mary Ann Humbarfee** - February 21, 2017 at 08:28 AM

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“ *Lori Hall (Easter) lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Preston Jr.*



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**Lori Hall (Easter)** - February 20, 2017 at 09:45 PM