



Mr. Gary Alvin Lum

April 16, 2017

Gary Alvin Lum died after a courageous battle with cancer April 16, 2017 at DePaul Hospital in Bridgeton, Missouri, at the age of 62.

Gary grew up in Ferguson, Missouri, with his parents, John and Helen Lum and 5 siblings. After earning his Bachelor of Science - Business Administration from University of Missouri - St. Louis and his Master of Business Administration - Management from Southeast Missouri State University, Gary worked in the computer information industry in St. Louis, then made the Southern California area his permanent home. He spent six years at the University of Southern California as a Programmer/Analyst, worked at Rockwell International for four years, and had a long career at Anthem Health Networks, formerly WellPoint, rising to the level of Business Information Developer Senior in 2014.

Gary was dedicated to his work but he was passionate about music and sports. He was an accomplished tennis player throughout his adult life and

enjoyed coaching his colleagues who played on Anthem's Corporate Olympics tennis team. He traveled to Wimbledon and the US Open Tennis tournaments to watch his favorite competitors. He loved most all sports and enjoyed playing street hockey with his brothers and watching his beloved St. Louis Blues hockey team. It was the last activity the three Lum boys did together.

Gary was a gifted violist and a taskmaster when it came to perfecting his craft. He played in college level orchestras in Alton, Illinois, UMSL and Florissant Valley Community College. He was a violist for the St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra. But his favorite ensemble work was playing chamber music with his siblings at home. Gary was also an avid photographer, capturing much of the Lum family history in pictures for all to remember.

Gary is survived by his father, John, siblings Barbara, Beverly, Philip, Joan, and Art, and much loved nieces and nephews, John, Debbie and George Lum, Sela and Matthew Moy, Joey and Jamie Lum.

Funeral and burial services are private.

A Memorial Service will be held at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ferguson, Missouri,

and will be announced later by Valhalla Funeral Chapel.

Tribute Wall

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“ Many, many years ago, I was friends with Barbara Lum. It was a great friendship that I've been sorry to lose. I was thinking about Gary today. Thinking about learning to play violin in grade school. One summer we took summer school classes (violin). I can't recall where we went. I vividly recall the instructor but not his name right now. Ivy something. We had to walk home after class, carrying our violins. Our moms had us walk together because we were walking along Florissant Road. I guess we were supposed to keep each other from walking into traffic. I saw both of the boys about 20 years. Later, I saw one of the sisters doing the news. We exchanged an email and I'd hoped I'd hear from Barbara. So much time has gone by since we lived in Cool Valley on Hawksbury. You've all been in my thoughts off and on and I remember you all so fondly. I'm so sorry about Gary passing away. But, again, I think about all of you and I always smile thinking about Gary and I trudging home in the hot summer sunshine. I'm on Facebook Laura Long Helbig. I hope you get a notice about my post. Best wishes,
Laura Long Helbig

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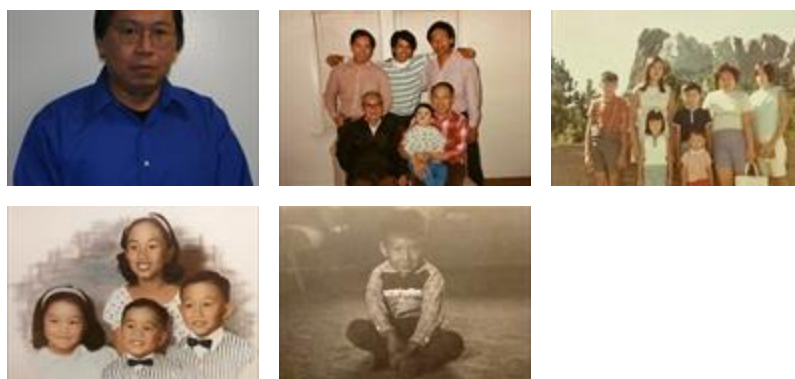
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“ To my sweet Lum family, I was so sad to hear of Gary's passing. I love you guys so much and I am praying that the Lord would comfort you until you see Gary again in paradise. Please accept my deepest sympathy. Kelly Moore

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