



## Gary "Pickle" L. Vogle

November 14, 1943 - January 16, 2021

Gary L. Vogle, known to family and friends as Pickle, 77, of Mount Joy, passed away of natural causes on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at Emerald Nursing and Rehabilitation in Elizabethtown. Born in Mount Joy, he was the son of the late Lloyd and Nellie (Lawton) Vogle. Pickle was the devoted husband of Margie (Cochran) Vogle, with whom he shared 45 years of marriage until her passing in 2013.

Gary was a graduate of Donegal High School in 1961. After graduation, he served in the National Guard and a few years later went on to work at Armstrong World Industries in Building Maintenance for 30 years, retiring in 1999. Shortly after retirement, he began driving school bus for Laidlaw, serving the Donegal School District.

Gary is survived by two daughters, Melanie Kendig of Mount Joy, and Shelby Moody, wife of Kevin, of Gravel Ridge, Arkansas. He is also survived by his three grandchildren, Madison Kendig, Logan Moody and Emily Moody, who were the greatest joys of his life. Also surviving is a brother, Ronald Vogle, husband of Marilyn of Washington Boro; and a sister, Nancy Gault, wife of Jim of South Carolina. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Pat Vogel, the wife of the late, William Vogel.

Gary's whole life was devoted to the youth in the Mount Joy area. He was

affectionally known as Coach Pickle at Kunkle Field for 30 years and served as the Head Coach of the junior midget baseball team. He also announced the Donegal High School football games for many years and loved the Indians. His favorite places on earth were Camp Two Buck in Clearfield County, the bowling alley where he bowled a 300 many times, and the Mount Joy Diner enjoying his coffee. His daughters teased him and called him Mr. Mount Joy because he knew everyone and spread so much joy. He was always so happy and never met a stranger.

The family would like to extend a warm thank you to the staff of Emerald Nursing and Rehabilitation for all the care they provided Gary over the past seven years. If desired, memorial contributions in Coach Pickle's name can be made to the Mount Joy Athletic Association, P.O. Box 584, Mount Joy, PA 17552.

Respecting the needs for safety during Covid, services will be private. A Celebration of Life event will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ Curt Smith lit a candle in memory of Gary  
"Pickle" L. Vogle



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**Curt Smith** - December 25, 2021 at 11:05 PM



“ Melanie So very sorry for the loss of your dad Please know my  
thoughts and prayers to you and your family Love Donna Speece

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**DONNA SPEECE** - January 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Always happy, smiling and laughing! That's how we will remember  
you Pickle! Your steadfast loyalty to the Donegal community and  
your active participation in Mount Joy baseball and Donegal football  
will live on through your legacy. You were a great friend too. Fondly,  
Duck and Hazel Germer and Deana Hollister.

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**Deana Hollister** - January 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM

HI

“ Dear Gary, I heard from Gerry Kirkpatrick about your passing...I was hoping to drive up to PA and visit you in Etown!First, I am disappointed that FLORIN didn't get mentioned...we grew up in Florin, right?Second, I have 2 vivid memories about you:1) Standing in my mother's kitchen at 739 West Main Street you decided that you needed to lean on something AND you put your hand down on the black coil of the electric stove...which was very hot and burned your hand! I think my mother rushed and put butter on it and then held it under running cold water at the sink...which was the "cure" those days...2) This one will cause some people to wink and blink hehehe: you got together a bunch of boys and girls and on the concrete floor in your father's empty barn we played spin the bottle. I kissed a girl Marilyn Gerlitzki there which was the first girl that I ever kissed! Yes!Sorry that I did not drive up and visit you! Gerry emailed me about you very often...I guess you are a lesson NOT to put off things that you want to do!!! hope there is a heaven and that you are happy there!

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Harry F Brooks IV - January 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our neighbor for many years and a friend to all. Pickle will live forever in the memories of all the parents of Mount Joy, who were so well served by the most cheerful man maybe I have ever met. A friend of all including our now adult sons at kunkle and in the Florin neighborhood were always greeted by his smiling face and some funny little jab every time he drove down the street. He was one of the best Mount Joy ever had. Rest in peace Pickle you still make us smile just thinking of your you.

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Doug Myers - January 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM

 JH

“ Reading of Gary's commitment to Donegal and his community makes me proud to have been a member of DHS "61. I remember Gary as a fine and friendly person. I extend my condolences to Gary's family and friends.

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**Jim Harnish** - January 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Coach "Pick" / Coach Pickle / Coach Vogel leaves indelible fingerprints on my life. Man, there's nothing like coming up to the plate playing for Coach, him standing in the coach's box at 3rd base, clapping for you, rooting you on. Young men NEEDED Coach Vogel. We lived for his unbridled enthusiasm and zest for life. Can you imagine? His smiling grin looking down at you from third? You thought you could take on the world when he was coaching you. Anything was possible. I have such gratitude to his extended family for the generous manner in which you shared him - his love for life - with so, so many of us who grew up in Mount Joy and had the honor and privilege of playing for this giant of a man. I'm a better human being for having known this man. I carry this man's smile and spirit in my heart. I believe in myself because of this man. I show up and show love towards my fellow man because of this man. Because he was kind and decent enough to teach me how. His life was an ongoing demonstration of an inspired life lived for purpose greater than self. Pick was all about others. Rest In Peace, Coach. I love you for everything you ever did for me and my brother. Ronald "jake" ClarkMJAA: 1978 - 1983

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**Ronald S. Clark** - January 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Gary "Pickle" L. Vogle

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January 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Coach Pickle was a special person to me. He always had a smile on his face and a word of encouragement for his players. My thoughts and prayers are with the Vogel Family. Chris Miller Jr. Midget Red 1988

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**Chris Miller** - January 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rest In Peace "Pick". You were always good for many laughs during our times hanging out at Kunkle Field. Thank you for the years of dedication to our youth, and for your service to our country. My condolences to his family at this time.

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**Jim Evans** - January 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM