



## T Gary McMeekin

July 11, 1947 - May 7, 2016

Thomas Gary McMeekin of Surfside Beach, age 68, died Saturday, May 7, 2016, of a massive stroke.

Gary was born in Florence and grew up in Georgetown and Pawleys Island, SC. He was a graduate of Winyah High School and the University of South Carolina

He is survived by his wife, Judy, son Gabriel, brother Howard and his wife Sharon; nephew Wren McMeekin and his wife Kelley and their son Jake; niece Jessica and her husband Bob Rogers and their sons Lane and Landen; and brothers-in-law that he loved like brothers, Mark Casper and Mike Casper and his wife Renee and niece Heather Casper.

Gary was a real estate appraiser, owner of McMeekin Appraisal Service and a former banker in Horry County. He was known for his big heart, outrageous compliments and comments, true concern for others and gravelly voice. He supported youth by coaching youth baseball, refereeing recreation league football and high school football, and serving for 39 years in the South Carolina Football Officials Association. He supported our country by 25 years of service in the US Navy, attaining the rank of Yeoman Second Class, Chief Warrant Officer. He supported his church and the Christian community at the Church of the Resurrection as a vestry member, diocesan representative, usher and lay reader. He loved hunting, boating, golfing, shagging, USC

Gamecocks, Cursillo, and his pets but mostly he loved his family and friends and was deeply loved in return.

Services and a celebration of his life will be held Thursday, May 12, 2016, at 6:00 PM at the Church of the Resurrection in Surfside Beach. The family will receive guest at the Church prior to the service and a reception at the church will follow. Donations may be made to the Church of the Resurrection Memorial Fund.

Sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries)  
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ Dear Howard and family- Our thoughts and prays are with you all.  
Billy and Carol Bernier

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**Carol Bernier** - May 15, 2016 at 11:28 AM

LC

“ Howard, I send you my sincere condolences on the passing of your brother. I have fond memories of both of you from going to school and spending time on the North End as well as wonderful memories of your parents. RIP, Gary.

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**Luci Chandler Cook** - May 13, 2016 at 03:46 PM

GR

“ Glenna Rogers lit a candle in memory of T  
Gary McMeekin



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**glenna rogers** - May 13, 2016 at 12:06 AM

CD

“ Judy,

*Karen and I want to extend our condolences in the sudden and unexpected loss of Gary. We were so saddened to hear and Gary will missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Gabe as you go through this most difficult time in your lives.*

*We love you both,*

*CW and Karen*

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**Cecil W DuPree** - May 12, 2016 at 03:54 PM

KE

“ Judy, I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family. My sincerest condolences.

*Kelley*

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**Kelley** - May 12, 2016 at 12:53 PM

TT

“ Judy, We have such fond memories of many card games and suppers with you and Gary and Gabe as we were all growing into our adult lives. Gary was always so patient with our lack of knowledge about bridge. Barry loved talking sports with him. Our prayer is for God's great comfort in the upcoming days for you and Gabe. We love you! Barry and Teresa

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**Teresa Triplett** - May 12, 2016 at 10:56 AM

HA

“ Gary & my brother, Bobby Reid, were fast friends when we were growing up in Willowbank and it seemed that he & Bobby's most favorite hobby was harassing me! I'll miss that big ole smile and his genuine heart! Now he & Bobby can reunite and keep all the angels on their toes!!  
Happy (Reid) Land

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Happy - May 12, 2016 at 06:46 AM

SK

“ Judy, your family is our prayers and all our thoughts. I'll never forget that at my first CMG event, Gary was the only spouse interacting with all of us, making us (and our significant others) feel at ease. Shahid remembers him distinctly for the conversation they had, and I know his memories match those of anyone who met Gary. He was an incredibly kind and warm person. My sincerest condolences.  
Sumeyya



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Sumeyya Khan - May 11, 2016 at 09:59 PM

FR

*our deepest sympathy fay ray rose*

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fayand ray rose - May 13, 2016 at 07:23 AM

RS

“ Judy, Gabe and Mark you are in our prayers We always have a big laugh when we think about the times we spent with Gary at the family reunions. Our favorite memory is when our son Josh said "mama look at that man drinking the corn juice out of his bowl". He loved the fresh corn that Lisa made so much he turned it up and drank the last bit out of his bowl.

*Rhett and Lisa Simpson  
Abbeville SC*

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**Rhett Simpson** - May 11, 2016 at 06:38 PM

MT

“ Judy... My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God be with you.

*Regards,  
Maria Trysla*

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**Maria Trysla** - May 11, 2016 at 11:10 AM

AC

“ All of us at CMG purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of T Gary McMeekin.



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**All of us at CMG** - May 11, 2016 at 10:45 AM

BT

“ Gary was one of those rare people whom you can't help but love because he was always falling over himself to show you love! It was my great pleasure to work with Gary way back in his Conway National Bank days. What precious memories I have of him and Judy and the baby Gabe! Thank you, LORD, for sharing this family with me! An old friend: Bill Thomas

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**Bill Thomas** - May 11, 2016 at 08:50 AM

PR

“ Please accept my sincere condolences on Gary's unexpected passing. I grew up with Gary in Willowbank and was his '65 Winyah High classmate and football teammate. I recall playing touch football with Gary and other Willowbank residents in Tommy and Johnny Joseph's yard, which was across the street from where Gary lived. I recall that Gary and Howard's father was a dentist as was Tommy and Johnny's father.

*Phil Ray, Erlangen, Germany*

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**Phil Ray** - May 11, 2016 at 07:40 AM

RL

“ Raymond, Gail, Erin, Courtney, Ginger, and Leslie purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of T Gary McMeekin.



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**Raymond, Gail, Erin, Courtney, Ginger, and Leslie** - May 10, 2016 at 05:12 PM

GR

“ *gail roper purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of T Gary McMeekin.*



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**gail roper** - May 10, 2016 at 04:58 PM

BC

“ *Judy, My thoughts and prayers are with you and Gabe! Was browsing the obituaries and saw Gary's obit. Immediately my mind went to our time at Talon, Inc here in Loris and all the sweet times you and I shared. How is the biscuit making? These memories are treasures to me. Philip is now 34 years old. Again, my condolences, prayers and love.*

*Betty Carter*

*Loris, S.C.*

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**Betty G Carter** - May 10, 2016 at 03:09 PM

HC

“ *I am so sorry for your loss.*  
*Helen*



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**Helen @ CNB** - May 10, 2016 at 03:05 PM

NB

“ *Nancy Lee Brown lit a candle in memory of T Gary McMeekin*



Nancy Lee Brown - May 10, 2016 at 02:11 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of T Gary McMeekin.*



May 10, 2016 at 01:51 PM

DD

“ *We will not forget how Gary reached out to us in friendship at the Church of the Resurrection and anywhere else he saw us. He will be missed but never forgotten.*

*With love for Judy and his entire family,*

*Marian and Dudley Dalton*

Dudley Dalton - May 10, 2016 at 12:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of T Gary McMeekin.*



May 10, 2016 at 12:16 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of T Gary McMeekin.*



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May 10, 2016 at 11:55 AM



“ *Judy, Henry and I were so saddened to hear about Gary. He will truly be missed. My heart goes out to you and Gabe .Our condolence comes from knowing he is at peace and in a far batter place. He enjoyed life to much to not be able to do everything he wanted to do. Thankfully we have our memories to sustain us. Susan and Buddy asked that we express their sorrow as well. Buddy said "he was a great man and I enjoyed talking to him at the family reunion". Unfortunately we will not be able to make it to the service, but our thoughts and prayers are with you. We loved Gary, and as I said before he will truly be missed.  
Karen and Henry*

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**Karen Meadows** - May 10, 2016 at 11:44 AM

MM

“ I am so sorry to learn about Gary's passing...I remember him so very well throughout our lives and growing up in Georgetown. He and I were in kindergarten together, elementary, junior high, and high school at Winyah High School. We danced together often either at our little birthday parties, Junior Cotillion, and later at the Pavilion. Gary was always so nice (and so cute and silly, too), and I'll always keep him in my heart.

*I ask for God's blessings on Gary and all of you during this time and always.*

*Molly Hamilton Mercer  
Pawleys Island, SC*

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**Molly Hamilton Mercer** - May 10, 2016 at 11:01 AM

JS

“ A tremendous man and a long time friend. He will be missed. GOD Bless his family. Jim Spann

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**Jim Spann** - May 10, 2016 at 10:36 AM



“ Delicious Delights Basket was purchased for the family of T Gary McMeekin.



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May 10, 2016 at 09:57 AM

EV

“ *Eddie Vick lit a candle in memory of T Gary McMeekin*



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**Eddie Vick** - May 10, 2016 at 09:51 AM

MS

“ *Judy,*

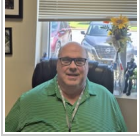
*Ann and I are saddened by your loss. We enjoyed meeting Gary over 20 years ago on our Carter Marketing "Cruise". His wit, laugh and personal warmth stood out amidst our group. It was good to re-connect this past Christmas. I hope you are able to spend time with the many who knew Gary well and share memories of a nice, good person.*

*All the best from all your friends at CMG in the DC office.*

*Mark & Ann Schweitzer*

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**Mark Schweitzer** - May 10, 2016 at 07:48 AM



“ Gary was very influential in my officiating career. When I was a very young football official just starting out, he taught me so many things that help me develop into a good official. The most important thing was to have fun and enjoy every moment because it goes by so fast. He always could make me laugh and keep me loose before big games. Many other officials have told me he had a positive impact on them as well. He lived for high school football and over the years we worked many games together. Those were truly fun times. He will be greatly missed, and my thoughts and prayers are with his family. Richard Geddings , Sumter SC

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**Richard Geddings** - May 10, 2016 at 07:46 AM

WU

“ *RIP Sailor !!!*  
*Wayne Williams*  
*United States Marine Corps*



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**Wayne Williams - USMC** - May 10, 2016 at 07:33 AM

BF

“ Judy,

*I am so very saddened to learn of Gary's death. He was truly a very special person and a great friend. Gary helped me a great deal as I started in my football officiating career. No one was better prepared and easier to call with than Gary. I have many fond memories of meeting, games, and banquets that were shared with Gary. I will miss his laugh, his insight, and his help. God bless you and Gabe during this most difficult of times.*



*Bryan Fink  
District 11-SCFOA*

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**Bryan Fink** - May 10, 2016 at 07:01 AM

SM

“ Judy and Gabe,

*Sally and I are very saddened to hear this news. Gary was a very special person and one that will be sorely missed. God bless you both. We're really going to miss our "Sweet" Gary.*

*Joey and Sally McNutt*

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**Sally and Joey McNutt** - May 10, 2016 at 05:36 AM

MC

“ Markus T. Casper lit a candle in memory of T  
Gary McMeekin



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**Markus T. Casper** - May 09, 2016 at 09:56 PM

MC

“ Gary Mac ~ my best good friend. I love him dearly.

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**Markus T. Casper** - May 09, 2016 at 09:55 PM

SS

“ Sam and I are deeply saddened to learn of Gary's sudden death. Please know that we hold Judy and family in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult of times. Unfortunately, we are out of town at our house in Fort Mill, SC and unable to attend the services....may God bless you all!

*Sam and Stephanie Sands*

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**Sam and Stephanie Sands** - May 09, 2016 at 09:16 PM

BK

“ Judy and Gabe,

*We were distressed to learn of Gary's passing. Our distress is, of course, a very human reaction, to which we need always to remind ourselves that Gary is now free of pain and suffering and rests in the arms of our Lord. You both are in our thoughts and prayers. We will endeavor to be there Thursday to celebrate Gary's life and the welcome he has received from God, but should circumstances prevent us from getting to Surfside, please know our prayers will be with you that evening.*

*Love,*

*Jane and Brian Kernaghan*

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**Brian Kernaghan** - May 09, 2016 at 02:13 PM

WF

“ *Judy and Gabe,  
We are so sad to hear of Gary's passing. He was a great person  
and a good friend. The memories will always remain.  
You both are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Love,  
Chris and Wynne Fuse*

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**Wynne and Chris Fuse** - May 09, 2016 at 01:42 PM

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*Judy, I am so saddened to read about Gary's passing, I have so many  
memories, especially of Gabe. He and Aitken spent the nights and  
days, playing together when you lived in Hagely. The last time I saw  
Gary was when he was officiating at one of Aitken's football games  
which was more than a few years ago, So many fun memories of you,  
Gary, Gabe and Aitken, and Johnny. Unfortunately Aitken passed away  
suddenly in August Now he and Gary can talk Gamecocks! My thought  
and prayers are with you  
Rose Gallup Pierce*

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**Rose Pierce (Gallup)** - May 11, 2016 at 05:02 PM

DS

*Judy and Gabe, We are so sorry to hear about Gary. He was so kind to  
us when we moved here in 1982. We have great Sertoma memories  
and watching him officiate the Socastee Football games. He was so  
sweet and always in a good mood!*

*"I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live,  
even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will  
never ever die." John 11:25-26*

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**Donnie & Mary Lou Snyder** - May 12, 2016 at 10:15 AM