



Gary L. Eckman

Gary L. Eckman, 62, of Willow Street, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, July 24, 2008, at Lancaster General Hospital. Born May 7, 1946, in Lancaster, he was the son of Helen (Saurbaugh) Smith, and the late George Smith. Gary is survived by his wife Louise Eckman.

Mr. Eckman graduated with an Associate's Degree in Physics at York College and worked for General Electric in Lebanon for 30 years as a computer aided draftsman. Mr. Eckman was an avid history buff who enjoyed hunting and raising beagles in his free time. Most importantly, Gary cherished spending time with his loving family, especially his granddaughters.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Eckman is survived by two daughters, Greta, wife of Jamie Smith, of Neffsville, and Gena, wife of Andrew FitzGibbon, of Laurel, MD; one step-brother, George Smith Jr., of Dowagiac, Michigan; and two granddaughters.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 29, 2008, at the Gundel Funeral Home, 415 North Duke Street, Lancaster, with the Rev. Donald G. Price officiating. Viewings will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 28 and Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home. Interment will immediately follow the service at Conestoga Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to one's charity of choice. The Gundel Funeral Home, Inc. is assisting the family with arrangements. For additional information or to send a condolence, please call 393-1776 or visit [www.gundelfuneralhome.com](http://www.gundelfuneralhome.com)