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Gary Hamza

- BORN: May 19, 1943
- DIED: July 12, 2013
- LOCATION: Florence Township, Ohio

Garv Hamza, 70, of Florence Township, died Friday, July 12, 2013 at his home .

Gary was born Gerfried Klaus Bansbach on May 19, 1943 in Karls Ruhe, Germany. He emigrated to the United States with his Mother in 1948, was adopted by his step father in 1949 with name change to Gary, and became a United States Citizen in 1956. He grew up in Lorain, Ohio and worked in the family business, the OK Restaurant, at 1252 Broadway Ave. He graduated from Lorain High School in 1961, enlisted in the United State Navy and was honorably discharged in 1967.

He was employed by Ford Motor Co. in Lorain, until his retirement after 30 years in 1998.. During his time at Ford, he attended Dyke College and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration in 1989. After his retirement he pursued an interest in house renovation for rental and was a founding member of the LELA. He enjoyed wood-working, building custom cabinets for his houses and custom furniture for his family and friends. He took a special interest in Intarsia wood craft and created many beautiful pieces. He also enjoyed car restoration and was a avid fisherman. In his recent years, he became involved with Habitat for Humanity, gaining much satisfaction from the pursuit and valued the acquaintance of the devoted people he worked with.

He leaves behind his spouse of 19 years, Bonita Jean (nee Loebich) Hamza of Wakeman; sons, Timothy (Mandy) Hamza of Durango Co, Scott (Lisa) Hamza of Jacksonville, FL, James (Allison) Hamza of Phoenix, AZ, and Christopher Hamza of Olmsted Falls; step sons, Patrick, John, and Michael Finnerty; grandchildren, Zachery, Nicholas, Ethan, Kai, Aidan, Liam, and Fiona; sister, Barbara Lyczkowski of North Ridgeville; and brothers, Frank Hamza of LaGrange, and Michael Hamza of Youngsville, LA.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mike and Charlotte (nee Bansbach) Hamza.

The family will receive friends on Monday, July 15, 2013 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Riddle Funeral Home, 5345 South Street Vermilion, Ohio.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Firelands Habitat For Humanity 365 Main St, Suite A, Huron, OH 44839.

Online condolences may be made at www.riddlefuneralhome.com.