



## Mr. Gary R. Merksamer, Jr.

August 6, 1991 - February 20, 2016

Gary R. Merksamer, Jr.

Beloved Son, Brother, Grandson, Nephew

LOWELL—Surrounded by his loving family and friends, Gary Reid Merksamer, Jr. went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 20, 2016. Gary was the 24 year old son of Gary R. Merksamer, Sr. and Lynn (Farrell) Merksamer of Lowell who survive him. Gary also leaves his sister Mikayla and his brother Zachary. Gary fought a courageous battle waiting for a liver and kidney transplant at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Gary was born in Stoneham, MA on August 6, 1991. When Gary was three years old, he received a liver transplant. He attended Lowell Schools and was a graduate of Landmark Academy. Gary had been employed at General woodworking.

Gary enjoyed hanging out in Connecticut with the “Three Amigos” Steve, Brian, and Zach. He enjoyed trips to Las Vegas with PA. He was a big sports fan, especially of the Boston Bruins. Gary loved watching the Sopranos with Johnny, and eating his favorites, Espresso Pizza and roast beef subs.

Most of all, Gary enjoyed spending time with his family and the people he loved the most. Gary’s family are devoted advocates of the importance Organ Donation and raising people’s awareness about the gift of life.

His Mom and Dad would like to acknowledge, with deep gratitude, the Doctors, Nurses, and Staff Members who cared for Gary, especially all those on Phillips 20 at MGH.

Surviving Gary Jr. are his parents Gary Sr. and Lynn (Farrell) Merksamer of Lowell; his sister Mikayla Merksamer of Lowell; his brother, Zachary Merksamer of Lowell, US Army stationed in Hawaii, and his fiancée Claudia Smith of Tewksbury; his maternal grandparents, Pamela and Gary Chascin of Lowell and Florida; his paternal grandmother Jeannette Merksamer of Ft. Pierce, Florida; his aunts and uncles, Jim and Lisa Merksamer, Jeff and Marcie Merksamer, Christine Perkins, John Farrell, and Colleen Farrell. Gary is also survived by his Aunt Michelle whom he shared a special bond with and who was a constant support by his side at the hospital. Gary is also survived by several great aunts, great uncles, and cousins.

Gary was the grandson of the late James Merksamer and John H. Farrell.

## FUNERAL NOTICE

MERKSAMER—in Boston, February 20, 2016, at Mass General Hospital, Gary R. Merksamer, Jr. age 24, a Lowell resident. Family and friends are invited to a MEMORIAL SERVICE and CELEBRATION OF HIS LIFE on SATURDAY MORNING at 10 A.M. at the GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, 275 Billerica Rd. CHELMSFORD. Gary's family will receive friends at the Church, following the Service. As an expression of sympathy, in lieu of flowers, monetary donations in Gary's memory may be made to the New England Organ Bank, 60 First Avenue, Waltham, MA 02451 or at [www.neob.org/monetary-donations](http://www.neob.org/monetary-donations)

Please consider registering as an organ donor on the National Donate Life Registry. Save lives through organ and tissue donation!

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# Cemetery Details

**No Cemetery Services**

## Previous Events

### Funeral Service

FEB 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

Grace Community Church  
275 Billerica Road  
Chelmsford, MA 01824

### A Celebration of Life

FEB 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Community Church  
275 Billerica Road  
Chelmsford, MA 01824

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Gary R. Merksamer, Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM

MM

“ *Gary was my nephew, my friend, my inspiration, my little peanut. Through the struggle he always found a way to smile, a way to make me smile. We all think of a hero's being a super hero like super man or batsman. My hero was my boy. He fought harder than anyone I have ever known. He will always be a part of me and hold a piece of my heart. Until we meet in heaven. I will forever love you my cute little peanut head. Love Auntie She'll.* ❤️❤️🙏



**michelle merksamer** - January 26, 2017 at 10:21 AM

BB

“ *Brenda& Dean Blais lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary R. Merksamer, Jr.*



**Brenda& Dean Blais** - February 25, 2016 at 07:16 PM

CB

*Lynn and Gary,  
I am so sorry for the loss of your son..  
Please know that I will be praying for you, Gary and your family for Peace, strength and comfort .  
Love,  
Colleen Bergendahl*

**Colleen Bergendahl** - February 27, 2016 at 09:41 PM

SR

“ *Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary R. Merksamer, Jr.*



**Sean & Erin Rourke** - February 24, 2016 at 06:31 PM