



Gary John Joseph Szostak

July 11, 1948 - November 4, 2006

Gary John Joseph Szostak

58, of Mussey Township, died unexpectedly Saturday November 4, 2006 at home.

He was born July 11, 1948 in Detroit the son of Joseph and Ann Pawlowski Szostak.

His marriage to Dianne Chesney was January 11, 1969 in Roseville.

Gary was employed by Sealed Air Corporation for 26 years as a highly respected sales representative.

He was an avid golfer and enjoyed his Harley Davidson motorcycles. He was a member of the Port Huron Elks Club, and A.B.A.T.E. He loved to spend time with his family and grandchildren.

Surviving in addition to his wife Dianne of 37 years are 2 daughters and sons-in-law Tricia and Troy Trimble of Gainesville, FL, and Shawn and Jeff Anderson of Chesterfield; 7 grandchildren Ashley, Alex, Jacob, Cameron, Brodie, Kassidy and Collin; mother Ann Szostak of Ira; 2 sisters Carol Beauchemin of Chesterfield and Vivian McConnell of St. Clair Shores; brother Norman of Fort Myers, FL, and several nieces, nephews and fiends.

His family honors the memory of Gary and invite you to visit and share Thursday 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Capac, with a memorial of remembrance at 7:00 p.m. and attend funeral services 11:00 a.m. Friday with 10:00 a.m. visiting. Pastor Cecil Hartley and Mr. Weed Rains will

officiate. Burial will be in Pine Hill cemetery, Mussey Twp.

Memorials are suggested to "Wishes of the Family".

For information and Guest Book

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Previous Events

Service

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Kaatz Funeral Directors - Capac
202 N. Main Street
Capac, MI

Tribute Wall



“ TO TRICIA , SHAWN IF YOU NEED TO TALK AT ANY TIME I,LL BE HERE FOR YOU THIS WILL TAKE TIME, YOU'VE LOST A GREAT DAD THINK OF ALL THE GOOD MEMORY'S YOU BOTH HAVE A LOT. HE WILL HELP YOU. TALK TO HIM HE CAN HEAR YOU. AND IT WILL HELP YOU. I LOVE YOU BOTH GOD BLESS.SEE YOU SOON##imported-begin##AUNT KELLY##imported-end##

November 19, 2006 at 06:02 PM



“ DEAR DIANE AND SZOSTAK FAMILY, MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. I HAD THE PLEASURE OF HAVING GARY CALL ON ME FOR 9 YEARS. WHAT A TERRIFIC GUY WHO WILL BE MISSED GREATLY. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.##imported-begin##CLIFF WINCKI##imported-end##

November 12, 2006 at 09:06 AM



“ Dianne, Tricia, and Shawn
Death breaks ties on earth but renews them in heaven. "For I consider that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory that is to be revealed to us." Romans 8:18
Our loved ones in heaven would tell us to live on earth with heaven in mind. This world is not our home; our home is with our God.##imported-begin##Laura Erpelding##imported-end##

November 11, 2006 at 05:11 PM



“ Dear Gary and Family,
I was greatly saddened by the news of your passing. As a person of signifi-
cance in our industry, you will be greatly missed by the many of
us who knew you. I will always remember the "cellu products" golf at
Pinehurst and will cherish the memory of your positive outlook on
life
God bless you all in your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Jack
Hampton##imported-end##

November 10, 2006 at 05:25 PM



“ Dear Szostak Family,

I am very sorry to hear about your sudden loss and I hope you all
will feel better real soon, so sorry....##imported-begin##Frederick
Crapotta##imported-end##

November 10, 2006 at 08:41 AM



“ I am very sorry for your loss and my prayers are with your family.
Gary has called on me for twenty years and I will miss him greatly.
My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Terry
Coyne##imported-end##

November 09, 2006 at 09:46 PM



“ Tricia...I'm so very sorry to have caught you off guard this afternoon by trying to call your dad and I'm so terribly sorry for your family's loss. Even though I didn't work with him on a daily basis, your dad made me feel like I did. He was always so warm and genuine. He had a way of making the people around him feel special and will truly be missed by so many people. He touched a lot of lives. I sent out an email right after I spoke to you to let my teammate know and so many people responded and said what a great man your dad was and how much he will be missed. My sincerest condolences.##imported-begin##Jeanne Booher Unisource##imported-end##

November 09, 2006 at 05:20 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear about Gary. I have worked with Gary for about seven years and our conversations almost always turned to Gary and I solving the world's problems. I wish you all the best.##imported-begin##Jamie Buff##imported-end##

November 09, 2006 at 05:04 PM



“ To my one and only Ompa... You were the best grandfather i could ever ask for. Im going to miss you in everyway. I was looking forward to seeing you this Thanksgiving and spending time with you at the beach... but your in a better place now. Grandma, Mom, Aunt Shawn and I love you and miss you more than ever! Hope to see you again someday!:) I know i will! I LOVE YOU OOPMS! love always, your granddaughter- Ashley##imported-begin##Ashley Trimble##imported-end##

November 09, 2006 at 01:40 PM



“ Annie, Carol and all family members.
Just so you will know that there are so many people who are praying for all of you. We will continue to do so in the days and weeks ahead.
For those that don't know us, we are associated with Carol, Tom, and Annie through the Chesterfield Lions Club. We have been friends for years.
We didn't know Gary personally but still grieve with all of you in your loss...prayers are being said for all of you.
May God bless you .
Bill and Carol Bledsoe###imported-begin##carol bledsoe##imported-end##

November 09, 2006 at 01:29 PM



“ Shawn..i know i do not know you that well or for that long but we have had a few conversations about our familys and i know how much yours meant to you. When i heard of your dad's sudden passing at the hospital the other day i cried for you and your family, i know when someone goes suddenly it does not make any sense, but remember that our dads our in a better place and one day we will see them again. Let your dad give you the stength that he would want you to have ...for you, your family, and the two little guys at home. Your in my thoughts and prayers. Katrina###imported-begin##Katrina##imported-end##

November 09, 2006 at 11:16 AM



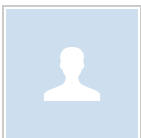
“ Diane, I will miss Gary he was not only my co-worker but also my good friend. We have shared a lot over the years, I always loved hearing what he was getting you as a present because he was so creative. We have been through the birth of all thoes grandbabies that he loved so much and all the stories when the girls were growning up. I was traveling with him and we had a lay over in Pittsburg and played Pac Man the whole time. Tomorrow I will be older than him and he always like to kid me about that.. My prayers are with each of you and I am very sad for you because I know how much I am going to miss him.. Love to all Judy Psalm 55:22###imported-begin##Judy Cole###imported-end##

November 09, 2006 at 10:57 AM



“ I pray that God will hold you close today and that your faith in Him will give you renewed hope and peace. "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."
I am sorry for your loss, Gary was a wonderful man who lived his faith and loved his family dearly. He was an inspiration to all who knew him.
With much love and prayers for your family always,
Linda###imported-begin##Linda Braschayko###imported-end##

November 09, 2006 at 10:53 AM



“ To a great godfather who never judged me,yet scolded me when i needed it.Somene who would listen and give me advice.aman that i wish i know better than i did he will always be in my heart also never be forgotten

god rest your soul###imported-begin##Johnathan C Joseph briggs###imported-end##

November 09, 2006 at 10:44 AM



“ Dear Diane, Trish, and Shawn,, Gary will always be in my thoughts and prayers. He was a wonderful guy and a great friend. So many memories of wonderful times we spent together,, concerts, eating out,, vacations far and wide,, and just hanging out having a good time with friends and family. Gary and Richard always had a good time together and had lots of good laughs together,, I know that Gary and Richard are together and watching over all of us. Take care Di,, keep in touch,, let me know how I can help you get through this time,, take care,, Love always,, Mary,, Richard,, and all###imported-begin###MARY MIELA###imported-end###

November 09, 2006 at 10:21 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was a great guy to work with.
My prayers and thoughts go with the family.###imported-begin###Neal O'Quinn###imported-end###

November 09, 2006 at 08:22 AM



“ Diane and family,

We share your loss and will keep you in our prayers.###imported-begin###Brian & Terry McKendry###imported-end###

November 09, 2006 at 07:59 AM



“ Gary touched all of our lives in a special manner and in so many ways, different for all of us, but important to all of our lives. I have known Gary for 40 years, Gary was more than a cousin to me, and in the early years he was like an older brother. In the early years Gary taught me many things about life - parties, drag racing on Gratiot and things, boy was he "cool". Gary gave me my first car, a 1958 Volkswagen, it was a vehicle of many colors (red, rust & fade), and it only had one forward gear, 3rd, but it was still from Gary. We had fun during all of those years growing up and becoming friends and family, the parties, barbeques, pinochle games, vacations with the family, family get togethers, and golf trips. We never had a cross word, except on the golf course, "your balls in the water", nice slice", and we always had fun and I enjoyed his friendship. I will miss Gary very much, but I will always have the memories of good times spent with him. We will all remember him in our own special thoughts and prayers. We have all been fortunate he was a part of our lives. Love always, Greg###imported-begin##Greg Chesney###imported-end##

November 08, 2006 at 09:58 PM



“ Gary, you were the best brother-in-law/brother we could have ever hoped for. You were one of the most caring, giving, loving & understanding men we've every come to know. You've made us and our family the better for it. Your advice & wisdom was always so helpful. You will always be loved and missed greatly by us and our family. FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS.
Kim, Troy & Girls###imported-begin##Kim, Troy & Girls###imported-end##

November 08, 2006 at 09:08 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers will be with your family during this hard time and always. The Fletchers##imported-begin##Karen and Brian Fletcher family##imported-end##

November 08, 2006 at 08:56 PM



“ DAD, as I sit here and cry with my thoughts racing why, I feel this sense of security because I know that you are in a special place. You are so awesome and I am going to miss you so much. The only thing that keeps me going is knowing that I will see you again someday. I LOVE YOU DAD!!!!##imported-begin##Shawn Anderson##imported-end##

November 08, 2006 at 06:34 PM



“ Shawn, Tricia, Mrs. Szostak, & Family,
I am very sorry about your sudden loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May GOD help you through this difficult time.

Kristin##imported-begin##Kristin Yurkie##imported-end##

November 08, 2006 at 06:23 PM



“ Dad, You were it! The back bone of our family, we love and miss you sooo much. I know your with God now, at peace and with grandpa, but why so soon. We just didn't get enough of you. I miss you. Tommorrow will be the hardest day of our lives. I just wish you were here to hold us like you always did. You always made everything better. I LOVE YOU! Tricia##imported-begin##Tricia Trimble##imported-end##

November 08, 2006 at 06:05 PM



“ I was saddened to hear about Gary and wanted you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Gary will be missed by all of us in the industry and especially those of us that considered him a real friend.

John P. Ogg

AEP Industries##imported-begin##John P. Ogg##imported-end##

November 08, 2006 at 03:57 PM



“ Gary was my friend and co-worker and I will miss him.##imported-begin##Mike & Joyce Woods##imported-end##

November 08, 2006 at 03:13 PM



“ It has been almost thirty years since I first worked with Gary and met you, Diane but I have fond memories of that time. Gary was a good man and I will keep him in my prayers.##imported-begin##Bill Sproul##imported-end##

November 08, 2006 at 02:55 PM



“ The Grenada, Ms. Sealed Air employees will carry Gary in our hearts and our prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##David Kinard##imported-end##

November 08, 2006 at 02:49 PM



“ There are no words a sister can say Diane, I am here for you. You've all lost a dam great husband, father, and the best umpa ever. I'll miss all the jokes and advice you have given me Gary. You will be in my prayers. Lots of love & God Bless.

Kelly & Family##imported-begin##Kelly & Family##imported-end##

November 08, 2006 at 01:56 PM



“ Gary will be missed by all of us at Sealed Air who knew him and his great sense of humor. We traded grandkids stories between us and in general he was a good guy.

Dianne, please accept my condolences to you and your family at this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Ellen Bitting##imported-end##

November 08, 2006 at 01:06 PM



“ You are in my thoughts and prayers in this time of sadness. Gary was a great guy and will be missed##imported-begin##Joy Guy##imported-end##

November 08, 2006 at 12:52 PM



“ Dear Szostak Family,

I am so very sorry for your loss. Gary and I have done business together for many years. He was an outstanding person, and I will miss him greatly. God Bless.

Sincerely,

Paul David Slagle

I Supply Company##imported-begin##Paul David Slagle##imported-end##

November 08, 2006 at 12:38 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sadness. Gary was a great person and will be missed by all who knew him and had the opportunity of working with him. Joshua 1:9##imported-begin##Anita Haynes##imported-end##*

November 08, 2006 at 12:38 PM



“ *Our prayers have been with the entire family. Gary is a great guy with an electric personality - at least in the short time I knew him he always had a smile.##imported-begin##Jarrod Erpelding##imported-end##*

November 08, 2006 at 10:49 AM



“ *We are saddened by your loss. Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. If you need a shoulder we are here for you. We love you.##imported-begin##Tiffany & Sean##imported-end##*

November 08, 2006 at 10:45 AM



“ Our most sincere condolences go out to the Szostak family and friends.##imported-begin##Kuban/Sanch Family##imported-end##

November 08, 2006 at 10:38 AM



“ Dear Szostak Family,
I am saddened to hear of your loss. I met Gary in 1992 and although I haven't worked with him in some time, I always enjoyed seeing him. Gary was always encouraging...always had a kind word and a smile.
My deepest sympathies to you all...you are in my prayers.
Bill Bartell##imported-begin##Bill Bartell##imported-end##

November 08, 2006 at 09:30 AM



“ I am very sorry for your loss.I knew Gary and attended Roseville High School with Norm.##imported-begin##Denise Brockmann-Gentile##imported-end##

November 08, 2006 at 09:26 AM



“ We are thinking about you Trish. Please let me know if we can do something for you.

Susie##imported-begin##Larry & Susie Smith##imported-end##

November 08, 2006 at 08:57 AM



“ *My sympathy to the family. Gary was a great guy to work with. I'm so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Pam Wright/The M. Conley Company##imported-end##*

November 08, 2006 at 08:27 AM



“ *Diane, Though I never had the chance to meet you or the rest of the family, I felt as if I knew you. I only knew Gary for about 6 years, but I had the pleasure of working closely with him and traveling together on occasions, a true gentleman, even on the golf course. My families prayers go out to you and yours. Gary, see you on the back 9 one day. David Saunders##imported-begin##David Saunders##imported-end##*

November 08, 2006 at 07:32 AM



“ *I MISS YOU SO MUCH DAD!!! t##imported-begin##Tricia Trimble##imported-end##*

November 07, 2006 at 09:21 PM



“ I have had the good fortune of knowing Gary for 35 years. I enjoyed his company and conversations at all of the family gatherings over the years. We shared a special bond of being one of the lucky people to marry into the Chesney family. We often mentioned to one another how wonderful and wild it was to be a part of the Chesney Clan, and he loved every minute of it. We were all blessed to have him as part of the family.

Gary was a quietly spiritual man. He felt blessed that he was born into a wonderful family, married into a wonderful family, and to have had a wonderful family of his own.

I will always remember his great sense of humor, his kindness to everyone, and his love of family and friends. Gary lived his faith, and his presence will be missed by all whose life he touched. Love and prayers, Jan###imported-begin##Jan Chesney###imported-end##

November 07, 2006 at 07:58 PM



“ I am saddened for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Mylinda Beckum - Sealed Air - Grenada, MS plant###imported-end##

November 07, 2006 at 03:30 PM



“ i am so sorry for your loss. i will keep gary and his family in my prayers.###imported-begin##marie wilson###imported-end##

November 07, 2006 at 03:10 PM



“ Dear Family,

I have never had the good fortune of meeting any of you; but feel I know a bit about all of you as Gary spoke with such love and pride of his family frequently. I worked with Gary several years ago on introducing the Sealed Air products to Kroger through Bunzl.

He was genuinely one of the nicest, kindest & respectable people I have ever encountered.

My prayers are with you. This is a loss which all who knew him will suffer; yet be so very grateful that we were afforded that opportunity.

With deepest sympathy,

Elaine Brock###imported-begin##Elaine Brock###imported-end##

November 07, 2006 at 03:00 PM



“ Dianne: *I knew & worked with Gary for over 25 years. He took my old territory & then he took my other territory when I retired. He was a great friend. God Speed through the grieveing process.*

Ken###imported-begin##Ken & Lou Cassell###imported-end##

November 07, 2006 at 02:44 PM



“ *I am so saddened to hear of your loss. Gary has left a hole that cannot be filled. I will greatly miss him!###imported-begin##Sheri Flink###imported-end##*

November 07, 2006 at 02:34 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Gary's family.##imported-begin##Mark Duvall##imported-end##

November 07, 2006 at 01:31 PM



“ To Gary : Well, now there's noone left that I can beat at golf. I miss you terribly buddy ! God Bless You & Your Family.

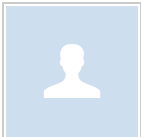
To Dianne & family: I've never had a truer or better friend. How he loved his family. He was so proud of you. His influence will forever be a part of my life.##imported-begin##Bob Biddle##imported-end##

November 07, 2006 at 12:17 PM



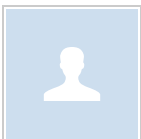
“ You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Susanne Troutt##imported-end##

November 07, 2006 at 08:58 AM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Gary over the last 8+ years. He was one of kind and will be greatly missed. He was dedicated to his family and my heart goes out to all of you. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Joyce Caltagirone##imported-end##

November 07, 2006 at 08:52 AM



“ we are so SORRY##imported-begin##paul,virginia locricchio##imported-end##

November 07, 2006 at 08:51 AM



“ Please accept my deepest sympathy at your great loss.##imported-begin##Dave Simon##imported-end##

November 07, 2006 at 12:16 AM



“ Very sad when we heard about this.##imported-begin##Wayne Antill##imported-end##

November 06, 2006 at 05:54 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Gary. I will have your family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Charlene Bordenick##imported-end##

November 06, 2006 at 04:48 PM



“ Condolances to all the family##imported-begin##bob price##imported-end##

November 06, 2006 at 04:13 PM