



## Gary W. Cain

October 17, 1937 - February 4, 2019

Gary W Cain, age 81, of East Springfield, Ohio passed away peacefully on February 4, 2019 at Trinity West Hospital in Steubenville. He was born October 17, 1937 at his home in East Springfield to the late Wendell and Audrey Cain.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Margaret (Edwards) Cain who he married on September 15, 1957, a son Brad L. (Tammy) Cain and son-in-law Joe DeBold all of East Springfield, 5 grandchildren – Allison (Scott) Pickett, Devin (Chad) Litten, Taylor (Emily) Cain, Eric DeBold, and Shaylyn Cain (Gabe McCarthy), and 2 great-grandchildren – Grayson and Madison Pickett.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Michele (Cain) DeBold in 2015.

He was a 1955 graduate of Springfield High School and immediately following graduation, pursued his dream of receiving his Certified Auctioneers license. He went on to become a licensed Realtor and started Gary W. Cain Realtors and Auctioneers in 1967 servicing Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Following in his footsteps, both his son and grandson went on to become licensed Realtors and joined the family business.

Throughout his career he served as President of the Steubenville Board of Realtors; Ohio Association of Realtors District 2 Vice President and led

several committees; and President of the Ohio Auctioneers Association in 1975. His success in business led him to be the recipient of many prestigious honors including Realtor of the Year for the Steubenville Board of Realtors multiples times; Distinguished Service Award for the Ohio Association of Realtors; inducted into the Ohio Auctioneers Hall of Fame in 1993; Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Businessperson of the Year 2008 and Lifetime Achievement Award recipient 2015; and inducted into the East Central Association of Realtors Hall of Fame in 2018.

He was a lifetime member of the Christ United Methodist Church in East Springfield and held many offices in both his local church and in the Eastern Ohio Methodist Conference. In addition to faith and family, he was an avid hunter who traveled the world including taking 2 safari trips to Africa. He had a love of all animals but especially enjoyed riding his horse Knight. He was always looking for the next adventure which included going skydiving on his 70th birthday.

His civic activities included Chairman of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, Franciscan University Advisory Board, Member of the Unionport Masonic Lodge, Steubenville Rotary Club President, Edison Local Board of Education, Steubenville City of Murals Committee, member of the Jefferson County Port Authority and for over 60 years conducted the Jefferson County 4-H Sale of Champions.

The funeral will be held at the Christ United Methodist Church in East Springfield at 11:00am on Friday, February 8, 2019 with the Rev. Greg Bush officiating. Burial will follow at the East Springfield Cemetery. Visitation will be at Dodds Funeral Home in Amsterdam on Thursday, February 7, 2019 from 4:00-8:00pm and on Friday from 10:00-11:00am at the East Springfield United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Christ United Methodist Church, PO Box 127 East Springfield, Ohio 43925.

# Cemetery Details

## East Springfield Cemetery

220 Church Street  
East Springfield, OH 43925

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dodds Funeral Home -Amsterdam  
207 S Main Street  
Amsterdam, OH 43903  
(740) 543-3555  
<https://www.doddsfuneralhomes.com/>

## Service

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ United Methodist Church  
203 Church Street  
East Springfield, OH 43925

# Tribute Wall

TS

“ *Sympathy to the Cain family. From Clyde and Toni Starr.*

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**Toni Starr** - February 14, 2019 at 08:29 PM

RW

“ *Jim and I send our heartfelt condolence to Gary's family. We pray that you may find peace during this sad time. Gary was a wonderful person and we are blessed to have known him.*

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**Roxie and Jim Williamson** - February 08, 2019 at 02:44 PM

TP

“ *Brad*

*Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours - may your dad rest in peace*

*Tim & Gina Pestian*

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**Tim Pestian** - February 08, 2019 at 12:15 PM

GM

“ *I am deeply saddened by Gary's passing. Gary was a very special person who will be missed by all. I was proud to be a member of Cain Realtors team for 11 years & proud to call him "friend". My deepest sympathies to Marg & the entire family.*

*Gloria Milhoan*

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**Gloria Milhoan** - February 07, 2019 at 10:32 PM

MD

“ Margaret, Brad and family, Erin and I are sad to hear about the loss of Gary. We always appreciated Gary and looked forward to speaking with him every chance we had. Your family has always felt like family to us. God's Blessings to the family in the days to come.  
Erin & Marc DeSantis

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**Marc DeSantis** - February 07, 2019 at 09:23 PM

MS

“ My Condolences to the family. Gary was a true gentleman.  
Marianne Golas Sullivan

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**Marianne Sullivan** - February 07, 2019 at 06:07 PM

KD

“ Marg, Brad and family, Sandy and I are saddened to hear about the loss of Gary. I always appreciated Gary and he was so helpful when I started my business and supported me over the years. God's pease and Blessings to you in the days to come. Kenny and Sandy Dorsey

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**Kenny & Sandy Dorsey** - February 07, 2019 at 02:49 PM



Benjamin  
Bowers

“ *Marg, Brad, Tammy, Taylor, & Family,*

*I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Cain's passing. May his memory and the legacy he leaves be forever remembered and passed down to your children. I'm sure every time I see a Cain sign I will think of him. His business success was and is encouraging to me. I remember talking to him a year or so ago when I was in the East Springfield office. He was full of life and energy and I thought " I hope I enjoy my work as much as he does when I'm his age"*

*God Bless your family with joyful memories during this time of mourning & forever.*

*-Ben Bowers*

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**Benjamin Bowers** - February 07, 2019 at 10:24 AM

DK

“ *Dr.Dan & Dianne Keenan purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Gary W. Cain.*



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**Dr.Dan & Dianne Keenan** - February 07, 2019 at 09:02 AM

JS

“ *Condolences to the Cain family.*

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**John Craig, Myrtle Beach, SC** - February 07, 2019 at 06:33 AM

BG

“ Gary and Butch used to come help my Mom and I load cattle for the auction from our farm in the 50's and 60's. He helped mend our barn gate when one of our contrary cows broke it in pieces. Anytime we needed real estate info he was there. We prayed for each other when we had both come down with cancer. He has gone on to another adventure and we will pray for you till we get there.



Beverly Ann Gundrum - February 06, 2019 at 10:52 PM

RT

“ I can recall many a Sunday morning that Gary spent the time to keep us Toth boys in line and out of trouble (the best he could). We are all better men as a result of having him in our lives. Thoughts and prayers to the family. Randy Toth

Randy Toth - February 06, 2019 at 08:10 PM

BL

“ Was shocked and saddened to hear of Gary's passing. Deepest and sincerest condolences to Margaret, Brad, and the entire family

Bob Lane - February 06, 2019 at 05:10 PM



“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Gary W. Cain.



February 06, 2019 at 03:59 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Gary W. Cain.*



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February 06, 2019 at 03:41 PM



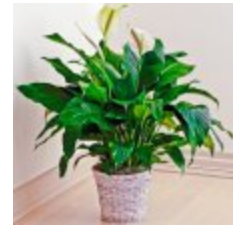
“ *A true class act and asset to the community. He will be very much missed.*

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**John Cucarese** - February 06, 2019 at 03:39 PM



“ *Marvin Bates purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Gary W. Cain.*



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**Marvin Bates** - February 06, 2019 at 03:36 PM



“ *I am very saddened to hear of Gary's passing. The years I worked with Gary and the Cain organization were some of the very best. To put it simply, Gary was 'good people'. He leaves a long legacy of community service. He will be missed. My deepest sympathy, loving thoughts and prayers to his family.*

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**Stephanie Wendell** - February 06, 2019 at 03:10 PM



“ *Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary W. Cain.*



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February 06, 2019 at 12:32 PM



“ *Fred Sponhaltz lit a candle in memory of Gary W. Cain*



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**Fred Sponhaltz** - February 06, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ *Mr & Mrs Burke Dale Sullivan,Jr lit a candle in memory of Gary W. Cain*



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**Mr & Mrs Burke Dale Sullivan,Jr** - February 06, 2019 at 11:01 AM



*Sorry for your loss of a wonderful man and a great friend. Our Love from the Burke & Polly Sullivan family's. God Bless you all.*

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**Mr & Mrs Burke Dale Sullivan,Jr** - February 06, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Gary W. Cain.



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February 06, 2019 at 10:03 AM



“ *EM Media purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden* for the family of Gary W. Cain.



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**EM Media** - February 06, 2019 at 09:37 AM



“ *Fields of Europe* was purchased for the family of Gary W. Cain.



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February 06, 2019 at 09:23 AM



“ *To the Gary Cain Family,  
Please accept our sympathy on your loss. Gary was a very nice person, a great auctioneer, and friendly to everyone.  
From Phil and Sandy Judy*

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**Phil Judy** - February 06, 2019 at 09:18 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Gary W. Cain.*



February 06, 2019 at 09:12 AM



“ *Donna and Marty Hauser purchased the Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy for the family of Gary W. Cain.*



**Donna and Marty Hauser** - February 06, 2019 at 09:02 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Gary W. Cain.*



February 06, 2019 at 07:34 AM



“ *Sending our deepest sympathy and most sincere condolences to a beautiful family for the loss of a great man, a professional man, a honest man and a generous man! We are lifting you up in prayer this week because we know how hard the days ahead are going to be. Just know, we are here for you all.*



**Mary and Dan Stacey** - February 06, 2019 at 01:12 AM



“ *Sincerest Sorrow - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Gary W. Cain.*



February 05, 2019 at 09:41 PM



“ *Gary was a true professional and an outstanding person in every respect. It was a privilege to know him and to work with him.*

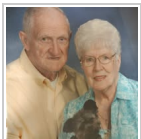
*Don Freels*

**Don Freels** - February 05, 2019 at 08:18 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to Gary's family. He was truly a wonderful colleague who was admired for his knowledge, skill and integrity. He will always be remembered as a wonderful human being. Rest In Peace.*

**Steve Brown** - February 05, 2019 at 08:13 PM



“ *Marg and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Gary. He was such a kind and gentle man and we will surely miss him "across the isle" in church.  
God bless all of you.  
Pam, Mike, and Michael Swickard*



**Pam Swickard** - February 05, 2019 at 07:43 PM

 Robin  
Lees

“ *I remember Gary. Very honest man. Always had such a wonderful smile and kind heart. My condolences to his family. Prayers sent.*

*Robin (Herman) Lees*

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**Robin Lees** - February 05, 2019 at 06:42 PM

DM

“ *I will miss his smiling face. Wonderful, caring man. Hugs and prayers.*

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**Denise McCourt** - February 05, 2019 at 06:32 PM

EG

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Cain family. He will be truly missed by all who knew him or his family.*

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**Ed/Roxane Gates** - February 05, 2019 at 05:53 PM

JH

“ *Dear family of Gary Cain, We did business with Gary Cain during his career. He was a very personable man and very honest. I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers for his family and friends.*  
*Julie L. Hill*

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**Julie L Hill** - February 05, 2019 at 05:33 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Gary W. Cain.*



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February 05, 2019 at 03:49 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Gary W. Cain.*



February 05, 2019 at 03:28 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was a wonderful person and will definitely be missed by his family and friends. We are keeping all of you in our prayers and if there is anything we can do to be of assistance, don't hesitate to ask. Much Love and Blessings to each of you. Ron and Pat Grimes and Family*

**Ron and Pat Grimes** - February 05, 2019 at 03:28 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Gary W. Cain.*



February 05, 2019 at 03:05 PM



“ *Alan and Cindy Ciacci, to the family of Gary you have our deepest sympathy. Gary was such a kind man.*

**Alan and Cindy Ciacci** - February 05, 2019 at 03:03 PM

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“ *Brad, Tammy, Taylor and girls, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Gary was a very nice and kind person. Remember the great time you had with him. My dad , (Norman Gregor ) always had a kind word to say about Gary.*

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**Diana Ciacci (Gregor)** - February 05, 2019 at 02:57 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary W. Cain.*



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February 05, 2019 at 02:31 PM

CC

“ *So sorry to the Cain family....you are in my thoughts... Connie Coss (Joe Corabi's secretary)*

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**Connie Coss** - February 05, 2019 at 02:11 PM

BS

“ *One of the most kind gentlemen anyone will ever meet. We will certainly miss his smile and positivity when he visited us at the Recorder's Office for deed information. Prayers and condolences to all of you.*

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**Bob Stanko** - February 05, 2019 at 02:05 PM

RC

*Sorry for your loss, I have many good memories of our childhood. But too sick myself to make calling hours or Funeral. Hang on to the MEMORIES . Robert Call*

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**Robert call** - February 08, 2019 at 03:40 PM

LP

“ *Sending love,hugs,prayers to The family!! R.I.P.Gary..*

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**Lori And Wayne Paul** - February 05, 2019 at 01:26 PM