



Gary D. Henschen

December 16, 1950 - January 30, 2026

Gary Donald Henschen, age 75, of Alhambra, IL, died Friday, January 30, 2026 at Barnes Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.

He was born on December 16, 1950, in Highland, IL, the son of Donald and Vera Mae Henschen, nee Klueter.

On July 15, 1977, He married Sharon K. Bartels, in Hamel, IL. She preceded him in death on October 14, 1986.

On July 29, 1989, He married Cindy L Schuster in Alhambra, IL. She survives.

Gary was born in Highland, IL, and grew up on a farm in rural Alhambra. Attended Highland High School, graduating in 1969. He graduated from SIU Carbondale with a degree in Architectural technology. He then enlisted in the United States Air Force at age 20 in 1971. After basic training, he was sent to Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, CO. Assigned to the 43rd Tech Arcade Air Command at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, NV. 12 months later he transferred to 21 MMS Alaskan Air Command in Elmendorf, Alaska where he loaded planes with weapons. Two years later he went back to Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas for the remaining of his 4 years. He was discharged in July, 1975.

Upon his return to Alhambra, He worked for 25 years at Gehrig's Store, before moving to R. P. Lumber for 15 years. He retired in December 2016.

After retiring, he enjoyed his time with his wife, children, and grandchildren. He loved everything outdoors. He served on the fire department for 23 years, he mowed and maintained the grounds at Alhambra Township Park, where he still helped when he could. Over 50 years of service, he planted over 300 trees. He was a member of Salem United Church of Christ, where he was secretary of Salem Cemetery Association Board. Serving on Township Board, and American Legion, Post 1147. He also had the privilege of going on the Land of the Lincoln Honor Flight Mission #75 on September 2025, with his son, Nick.

Survivors include:

Wife – Cindy Henschen, Alhambra, IL

Son – Nick (Anna) Henschen, Alhambra, IL

Son – Chad (Sarah) Schuster, Highland, IL

Daughter – Amy (Bain) Henschen, New Douglas, IL

Grandchildren- Raiden Evans, Brenna Bassett, Harper Henschen, Kade Henschen, & Boden Henschen

Sister – LuAnn (Gary) Boda, Alhambra, IL

Sister – Barb (Greg) Loudon, Springfield, IL

Sister-in-Law -Joyce (Rich)Koenig, Cedar Hill, TN

Brother-in-Law – Steve (Alice) Bartels, Hamel, IL

Sister-in-Law - Karen (Steve) Maples, Fenton, MO

Sister-in-Law - Nancy (Tim) Stumpf, Edwardsville, IL

Sister-in-Law – Susi (Kenny) Miller, Edwardsville, IL

Brother-in-law – Joe (Deanna) Dauderman, Alhambra, IL

Many nieces, nephews, and cousins

He is preceded in death by

Wife- Sharon Henschen

Parents- Donald and Vera Mae Henschen

In-Laws – Earl & Gladys Bartels, Don Wilkening

In-Laws – Robert & Carol Dauderman

Grandparents - Dewey & Alma Henschen

Grandparents – J Henry & Rosa Klueter

Arrangements are being handled by Dauderman Mortuary in Alhambra, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at Salem United Church of Christ in Alhambra, IL and from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at Salem United Church of Christ in Alhambra, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at Salem United Church of Christ in Alhambra, IL with Pastor John Mindrup, officiating.

Interment will be at Salem Cemetery in Alhambra, IL.

Memorials can be made to Alhambra Township Park or Salem United Church of Christ.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Salem United Church of Christ
1117 West North St.
Alhambra, IL 62001

Visitation

FEB 4. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Salem United Church of Christ
1117 W North St
Alhambra, IL 62001

Funeral Service

FEB 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Salem United Church of Christ
1117 West North St.
Alhambra, IL 62001

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Braundmeier Family purchased the "God Has You" 21" Sonnet Chime for the family of Gary D. Henschen.*



The Braundmeier Family - February 04 at 07:53 AM

YF

“ *Your TCI Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary D. Henschen.*

Your TCI Family - February 03 at 03:15 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gary D. Henschen.*



February 03 at 03:15 PM

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“ *The Hopkins and Yates Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary D. Henschen.*

The Hopkins and Yates Families - February 03 at 03:10 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary D. Henschen.



February 03 at 03:10 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers to the family. Allan and Gay Tipsword and familt

GayTipsword - February 03 at 10:58 AM



“ Wendi Z. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary D. Henschen.

Wendi Z. - February 03 at 10:19 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary D. Henschen.



February 03 at 09:48 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Gary D. Henschen.



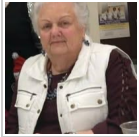
February 03 at 09:32 AM

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“ Theresa Tiepelman and Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Gary D. Henschen.



Theresa Tiepelman and Family - February 02 at 12:03 PM



“ Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Gary Henschen



Rita Rinderer - February 02 at 11:51 AM

MO

“ Henschen Family, Gary was involved in lots of activities in the area. He will be greatly missed. Your in our thoughts and Prayers. Mike & Mia Otto

Michael Otto - February 02 at 10:27 AM

JR

“ Jerry and Debbie Ringering purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "I thought of you" for the family of Gary D. Henschen.



Jerry and Debbie Ringering - February 02 at 08:13 AM

TB

“ Tara B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary D. Henschen.

Tara B. - February 01 at 08:02 PM

BS

“ Sending sincere sympathy to his family 🙏🙏

Beckie & Bob Schrumpf - February 01 at 07:43 PM



“ I had the great fortune of knowing him during my days working with the late pastor Jerry. The spirit of the Hamel Church under Jerry's leadership was so positive and healing. This man was a great servant leader as was Jerry so sorry to learn of his passing sending you all my prayers and support.

Harvey Chiles - February 01 at 07:11 PM