



Rev. Edward "Lee" L. Gard Jr.

December 28, 1927 - November 18, 2016

The Reverend Edward Leroy Gard, Jr. entered eternal rest on November 18, 2016. He was born in Detroit, MI on December 28, 1927 to Edward Leroy Gard, Sr. and Edith Mae Boadway Gard. After graduating from Wittenberg University and Hamma School of Divinity in Springfield, OH he was ordained into the Lutheran ministry in 1951. That same summer, he married Margaret Louise Whyde/Runk.

Pastor Gard served parishes in Hillsdale, MI; Columbus, OH; Lancaster and Amanda, OH and Canal Winchester, OH. He served as a chaplain in the United States Air Force for 23 years and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1975. His ministry in uniform extended from the Korean War to the Vietnam War and continued as an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

He and his wife Margaret celebrated 65 years of marriage on July 14, 2016. As young people they found the love of their lives and lived faithfully to each other and their faith. Their love survived and thrived through the challenges of military deployments and set a model for all who know them.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Florence Gard Fox and Bonnie Gard Bresz. He is survived by his beloved wife Margaret of Zanesville, OH; two daughters, Ellen and William Mallory of Richmond, VA and Eileen and Dwayne Liles of Zanesville, OH; two sons, Paul Gard of Columbus, OH and Daniel and Annette Gard of River Forest, IL; eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Friends may call 5:00 to 7:00 PM, Sunday, November 20, 2016 at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville and one hour prior to services from 10:00 AM till 11:00 AM at the church. Funeral Services will be held 11:00 AM, Monday, November 21, 2016 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 128 South 7th Street, Zanesville with Rev. Dan Bell officiating. Rev. Gard will be laid to rest in Zanesville Memorial Park with the United States Air Force, VFW Post 1028 and American Legion Post 29 conducting Full Military Honors. Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rev. Gard's memory. To sign the online guestbook or leave a personal note of condolence please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com

Cemetery Details

Zanesville Memorial Park

1475 Military Road
Zanesville, OH 43701

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home
935 Forest Avenue
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740) 452-5494
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Funeral Service

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
128 South Seventh Street
Zanesville, OH 43701

Visitation

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Tribute Wall



“ Hillis Combs Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Edward "Lee" L. Gard Jr.



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - November 20, 2016 at 12:42 PM



“ Rev. Edward "Lee" L. Gard Jr.

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ Paul and family,

I am sorry for your loss. Please accept my sympathies, and let me know if there is anything I can do for you.

*God Bless,
Daniel Mix
Colleague of Paul's*

Daniel Mix - November 28, 2016 at 08:37 AM



“ *My prayers are with you and your family as you mourn Lee's death until we meet again. I remember when we were near neighbors on the hill in Lancaster and attending some Synod and conference meetings. May God bless you and give you peace.*

*Pastor John and Joyce Michles
jandjmichles@yahoo.com*

John Michles - November 21, 2016 at 04:44 PM



“ *Margaret,*

God's Blessings to you and your family. Terry and I have fond memories of you and Lee and our time together at David. Know that you are in our prayers.

Let the promise of the resurrection bring you light and peace.

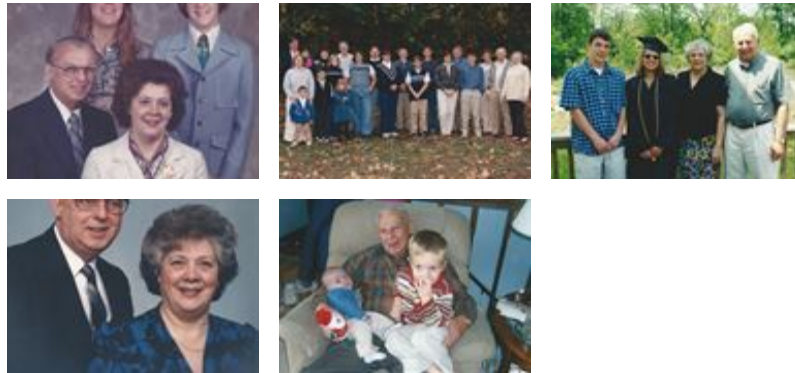
Go with God,

*Pastor Jonathan and Terry Bull
jon.bull@stpaulwesterville.org*

Jonathan Bull - November 21, 2016 at 11:17 AM



“ 68 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - November 20, 2016 at 12:23 PM

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“ I would like to express my condolences to the family. I have very fond memories of all the "kind and friendly" Gard family members.

Your former Avon lady in the 1970's.
Michelle Sutton



Michelle Sutton - November 20, 2016 at 11:21 AM

 Sylvia Mallory

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Sylvia Mallory - November 19, 2016 at 10:42 AM

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“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Sylvia Mallory - November 19, 2016 at 10:38 AM



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Jessica Metzger - November 19, 2016 at 10:22 AM



“ 6 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Ann Gard - November 19, 2016 at 09:23 AM

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My thoughts and prayers are surely with you. I have such fond memories of Pastor Gard and his whole family! Big hugs to you ALL! Just found this news on Facebook. Sorry I'm late. Sandra and Noel Heister

Sandra Heister - November 24, 2016 at 07:55 PM