



Gale Mitchell Karam

February 17, 1941 - June 6, 2024

Gale Mitchell Karam, age 83, retired Toledo Police officer, passed away peacefully on June 6, 2024, at Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center. The grandson of four Lebanese immigrants, Gale was born on February 17, 1941, to Mitchell & Alice (Genite) Karam in Toledo, Ohio. He attended McKinley Elementary and DeVilbiss High School. A Veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Gale was appointed to the Toledo Police Department on January 13, 1967. He began as a patrolman, who later trained as a member of the first SWAT team in Toledo Police history, retiring as a Detective on April 23, 1992.

Gale was especially proud of his family heritage. In his youth, he served as an altar boy at St.

Elias Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church. Gale was Secretary of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 040 and served on the Board of the Toledo Police Museum. This year's Toledo Police Museum Cops and Rodders Car Show was dedicated to Gale. He was both Past President and, most recently, Chaplain of Toledo Police Retirees. Gale was also Past Commander and Chaplain of the American

Legion Post 512 and a member of the Forty and Eight Society. He was a member of the Kirby Club and the NRA. He had a charismatic personality, and a great sense of humor, a generous and caring nature that endeared him to many. Gale will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Gale was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Connie Wilhelm Karam; son, Jeffrey Karam; brother, Richard Karam; stepson, David Bihn; and mother of his children, Janice Gailliot Eberle.

He is survived by his son, Michael Karam; daughter-in-law, Mindy Karam; step-daughter, Kelly (David) Kane; beloved grandchildren, Nicholas, Sarah, Eric, Thomas, and Isaiah Karam; step-grandchildren, Justin, Kaitlin, and Kirstin Kane; sister-in-law, Shirley Karam; niece, Denise (David) Krupp; nephew, Steven (Tiffany) Karam; special cousin, Joyce Karam; special friend, Diane Harmon; and many more loving family members.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Friday, June 21st from 3:00-7:00 p.m. The Funeral Service will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Rupert Loyd presiding and a presentation by the Fraternal Order of Police.

Memorial donations may be given to the ALS Association or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Memory Eternal.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral Ceremony

JUN 21. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KW

“ Condolences to Gale's family, I was honored to meet Gale many years ago when Connie worked for me. They were wonderful people and I'm sure he will be dearly missed. Karen Wills

Karen Wills - July 02, 2024 at 02:25 PM

CD

“ Chris and Kendal Delaney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gale Mitchell Karam.

Chris and Kendal Delaney - June 19, 2024 at 09:02 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gale Mitchell Karam.



June 19, 2024 at 09:02 AM

MS

“ Gale and I came on the TPD in the same class. Unfortunately we didn't get a chance to work together but it would have been an honor for me if we did. He was always easy going and liked by everyone. Very sorry to hear of his passing, and last saw him in 2017 at a RTPOA dinner. He was as he always was, a great guy!!!
Mick Shindell

Mick Shindell - June 18, 2024 at 07:42 PM

DC

“ DAVE & PAM COLE purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Gale Mitchell Karam.



DAVE & PAM COLE - June 18, 2024 at 12:55 PM

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DAVE & PAM COLE - June 18, 2024 at 12:55 PM

DJ

“ i grew up with gale he lived 2 doors from me ! i was 3 years older than him but we had a lot fun together ! then i joined the air force at 18 and was station in new jersey and got married and lost track of him .i came back to maumee and ran in to him at devilbiss nite at centennial and we go to lunch or e-mail each other ! our birthdays were 2 days apart !i will miss him and i want to offer my condolences to his family !!
Don Jaynes

DON JAYNES - June 17, 2024 at 10:50 PM

TD

“ Toledo Police Museum Board of Directors purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gale Mitchell Karam.



Toledo Police Museum Board of Directors - June 17, 2024 at 12:18 PM

DW

“ *What a wonderful classmate played football with him at McKinley than DeVilbiss. Actually reconnected with him in the the 1960,'s . I was riding a bus home from Wittenberg and Gale was heading home on leave. We recognized each other and talked the rest of the way. Just a good fit and classmate a very fine fellow. Dave Wise*

Dave Wise - June 17, 2024 at 11:58 AM

LJ

“ *Gale a*

Larry J Jamra - June 17, 2024 at 07:39 AM

BT

“ *I met Gale when we started the Police Museum. He said, "Sure" when I asked him to be on the board and shrugged in that way he did, saying he wasn't sure what I needed an Ol' guy for. He has been Ol' guy to me since ... and I needed him. I remember his consistent kindness and his quiet wisdom. He will be greatly missed this side of heaven. Shalom, my friend.*

Beth Thieman - June 16, 2024 at 03:08 PM

FS

“ *My condolences to the family of Gale,*

*Good cop
Good American
Good friend
Good man*

I enjoyed meeting and being a part of the Toledo Police family with Gail. My wife BJ and I enjoyed many group dinners with Gail and Connie and other close friends over the years. Gale and I both lost our beautiful wives' way to early but still kept in touch.

Rest in peace my friend,

Frank Stiles

Frank P. Stiles - June 16, 2024 at 02:56 PM

JE

My condolences to the Karam family. My prayers for comfort are with you.

Judy Evans

Judy Evans - June 16, 2024 at 06:44 PM

JD

“ *Have know Gale forever it seems. Part of my life in many different ways. Will miss our chats at family weddings etc. love and miss you dear friend. Memory eternal*

Judy Daquano - June 14, 2024 at 11:38 PM