



C. Garland Tussing

May 30, 1947 - January 8, 2018

C. Garland "Gar" Tussing, 70, of Deshler, Ohio passed away Wednesday morning, December 20, 2017 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Perrysburg, Ohio after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born May 30, 1947 in Hancock County, Ohio to the late Orville and Lillian (Haraway) Tussing, Sr. On July 26, 1969 he married Nancy Kennedy at Deshler First Presbyterian Church. She preceded him in death on September 16, 2011.

Gar grew up in Deshler playing various sports with neighborhood kids, including his future wife Nancy. He especially loved basketball and playing as a guard for the Deshler Pirates. He wasn't shy about shooting and would later tell his grandkids they call it "basketball," not "pass it ball" for a reason.

Gar received his Bachelor of Science in Education from Bowling Green State University and taught several subjects at Deshler Elementary School including: physical education, industrial arts, photography and Ohio history. During the beginning of his teaching career, he also spent some time coaching basketball.

Through teaching, Gar and his cousin, Joe Tussing, developed a special interest in local Native American history. They decided to get their junior high students more involved through putting on their own Tecumseh play about the famous Native American, born in Ohio. Through funds raised by the play, students got to go down to Chillicothe Ohio, to see a professional production of "Tecumseh." This experience became a unique and special experience for

many Deshler junior high students over several years.

Later in his career, Gar was thrilled to take on the position of Athletic Director at Patrick Henry High School. He was very proud of the strong athletic tradition at PHHS and enjoyed supporting the student athletes and coaches. Upon retirement, Gar transitioned well into being an amazing full time Grandpa. He enjoyed seeking out and finding the most special presents for the kids, taking them to practice, watching their baseball games, dance recitals, etc. and of course teasing them quite a bit, as he did everyone. When he wasn't on Grandpa duty, Gar continued to enjoy watching Patrick Henry sports and golf trips. He also enjoyed being a long-time member of the Deshler Men's Association.

He is survived by three loving daughters, Stefanie (Brandon) Johnson; LeAnne (Kyle) Markins; Jacqueline (Bryan Minges) Tussing; 7 grandchildren, Landon Johnson; Whitney Johnson; Maddox Johnson; Peyton Johnson; Alexandra Markins; Savannah Markins; Brody Markins; brother, Orville (Nadine) Tussing, Jr.; sister-in-law, Diana Tussing and brothers-in-law; Michael (Stella) Kennedy and Patrick (Suzanne) Kennedy.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; brother, Darrell "Babe" Tussing; and in-laws, Ernest and Irma Kennedy.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at Patrick Henry High School Gymnasium on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. James Creager officiating. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception at the high school immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Patrick Henry Athletic Boosters and Scioto Society, a nonprofit that supports the Tecumseh Outdoor Drama in Chillicothe, Ohio.

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ I would like to express my sympathy to the family of Gar Tussing. As his principal for several years, I enjoyed every minute working with him. It was obvious to me he loved each and every student he taught, and always was cheerful and dependable. My memories of Gar are very good, and I cherish them in my heart. James M. Bartelheim

James M. Bartelheim - January 24, 2018 at 05:53 PM

ER

“ What a great man. Taught me a lot about life, and basketball. Was a fabulous teacher. His classes were all ways the best. Very professional at all times. He was very kind and nice man. Liked by all that crossed his path. He was a very smart and gifted man. When i think back to the people that help mold my life, MR. GAR was one of them. He was such a great inspiration. I have not seen him much in the last 30 years, but when i did we had great conversations. Deshler and patrick henry school lost a great ambassador. He loved them both such much. To his daughters , your father was a great man, he will be missed by all. To pat and mike,i am sorry for your loss. May god be with you all . THANK YOU so much for all that you did and gave to me , COACH! I LOVE YOU and will miss you. Rest in piece!!!

Ed Rodriguez - January 14, 2018 at 03:11 AM

JP

“ I am sorry for your loss. Mr. Gar was a wuality teacher and good guy; Tecumseh was such a memorable part of Jr. High with Mr. Gar and Mr. Joe.

Judy Powers - January 12, 2018 at 11:48 PM

RH

“ So sorry for the loss to this present world of Coach Gar Tussing! What a great Teacher, Coach, and Friend; he was my Industrial Arts teacher at Deshler Junior High School as well as our basketball coach and though I could not play because of medical issues, Coach Gar allowed me to serve as the manager just so I could be on the Team! A truly memorable person in my life...inspired me in my drawing, and to express my creativity in various arts, and encouraged me everyday during class! Blessings to you girls who truly had a great Mom & Dad! Your Mom had me come to speak at the Presbyterian Church a couple of times and we had such great memories and conversations; what truly good people they are-forever, because of Christ's love! It is necessary to grieve their passing, but Oh! what a celebration their reunion must be! Praying for you...

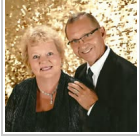
Russ Hartman - January 11, 2018 at 03:04 PM

KP

“ Kayleen Panning sent a virtual gift in memory of C. Garland Tussing



Kayleen Panning - January 09, 2018 at 11:01 PM



“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Gar. He was a great teacher, friend, and Patriot. Many great memories of Gar will never be forgotten. Sending our prayers of comfort and peace to the entire family. We will try to make it to the service, but between gymnastic meet and basketball games, it might not be possible. Would love to see all of you!

Jim and Deb Oberhaus

Jim Oberhaus - January 09, 2018 at 07:38 PM

HS

“ Howard Petersen Sr lit a candle in memory of C. Garland Tussing



Howard Petersen Sr - January 09, 2018 at 05:58 PM

PS

“ Patty And Ivan Sugg lit a candle in memory of C. Garland Tussing



Patty and Ivan Sugg - January 09, 2018 at 05:20 PM

DW

“ Deepest Sympathy to the family! He was one of my favorite teachers!

Diana(Behrman) Wachtman - January 09, 2018 at 03:04 PM



“ *Robyn Neiderhouse lit a candle in memory of C. Garland Tussing*



Robyn Neiderhouse - January 09, 2018 at 11:07 AM



“ *We were so sorry to hear of Gar's passing. I was so glad that I got to see him recently. I enjoyed working with him many years thru the Athletic Boosters. Prayers for the whole family. Kathy and Steve Lieb*



Kathy and Steve Lieb - January 09, 2018 at 10:15 AM



“ *Rayola Risner lit a candle in memory of C. Garland Tussing*



Rayola Risner - January 09, 2018 at 05:51 AM



“ *Sending my sincere sympathy to the family on the passing of Gar. We taught in Deshler at the same time. Gar would help me with Buckeye necklaces for my First Graders by drilling holes so the children could string and make their own necklaces. It was a pleasure to know him. So sorry.*

Jackie Sautter - January 04, 2018 at 11:26 AM

JP

I remember those necklaces. You were both great teachers!

Judy Powers - January 12, 2018 at 11:45 PM

CS

“ *Cheryl Schwiebert lit a candle in memory of C. Garland Tussing*



Cheryl Schwiebert - December 25, 2017 at 11:02 PM

KT

“ *Kenny And Doris Tussing lit a candle in memory of C. Garland Tussing*



Kenny and Doris Tussing - December 24, 2017 at 02:26 AM

TW

“ *Tom / Jan Wright lit a candle in memory of C. Garland Tussing*



Tom / Jan Wright - December 23, 2017 at 09:42 AM

LR

“ *Laura Roof lit a candle in memory of C. Garland Tussing*



Laura Roof - December 22, 2017 at 08:57 PM