



## Donald Richard Gales

December 20, 1949 - September 18, 2022

Donald Richard "Rick" Gales, 72, of Indian Head, passed away Sunday September 18, 2022 in the Washington Hospital, Washington, PA. He was born December 20, 1949 in Indian Head a son of the late Sheldon "Jack" and Olive A. Kemp Gales. Rick had worked as a Saltlick Township Supervisor for 30 years. He was instrumental in starting Resh Park in Indian Head and the Indian Creek Valley Bike Trail. Rick served in the U.S. Army Reserves during the Vietnam War and was a member of the Donegal American Legion. He was a member of King Solomon's Lodge 346 F&AM and was a former member of the Saltlick Township Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. Rick will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by his loving family, his wife of 24 years Cheryl "Cheri" Tinkey Gales, his sons Richard Gales of Connellsville and Spencer Gales and wife Rebecca of Irwin, his grandchildren Alexandra Turner, Jerrod Turner, Jordan Gales, Izaak Gales, and Claire Gales, his brother Kenneth "Bo" Gales and wife Diane of Indian Head, and his sister Joann Stouffer of Clarion, PA.

In addition to his parents Rick was predeceased his sisters Norma Jean Coffman and Marlene Koza, and his brothers Ronald H., Arnold J., Gerald, and Charles Gales.

Family and friends will be received Wednesday from 2-8 PM in the Mark C. Brooks Funeral Home, 146 Municipal Building Rd., Melcroft (724-455-2310) where a Funeral Service will be held Thursday at 11:00 AM, with Pastor Keith Deckinger officiating. Interment will be private. To leave a message or send

condolences please visit our website a [www.brooksfhmelcroft.com](http://www.brooksfhmelcroft.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **21**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mark C. Brooks Funeral Home, Inc.  
146 Municipal Building Rd  
Melcroft, PA 15462  
(724) 455-2310  
<https://www.brooksfhmelcroft.com>

## Service

SEP **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Richard Gales*

October 02, 2023 at 08:23 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers for Rick's family at this difficult time. May you find comfort in God, your memories, and the blessings of those memories. With Love and Deepest Sympathy, Bob Breakiron, Deanna, and Bobby.*



Deanna Mowry - September 22, 2022 at 10:02 PM



“ *Enos Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald Richard Gales.*



Enos Family - September 21, 2022 at 01:12 PM



“ *Williams Supply Chain Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Donald Richard Gales.*



Williams Supply Chain Family - September 21, 2022 at 11:35 AM



“ *Island Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Richard Gales.*



September 21, 2022 at 09:08 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Richard Gales.*



September 21, 2022 at 07:15 AM



“ *Condolences from the Donegal American Legion - Post 941. Rick was a long time friend and valued member of our organization and the community.*

**Donegal American Legion** - September 20, 2022 at 11:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Richard Gales.*



September 19, 2022 at 07:24 PM

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“ *My sincere love and prayers for the Gales family. May you always remember the loving times together. Blessings and love. Linda Proch*

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**Linda Proch** - September 19, 2022 at 03:34 PM