



Gary Craven

June 10, 1953 - December 25, 2020

Gary Craven passed away peacefully on Christmas Day surrounded by his family.

Gary was born on June 10, 1953 in Minneapolis, MN and raised in Southern California beginning in 1958. His career began in the boating industry in Newport Beach, California. He moved to Vancouver, WA where he met the love of his life, Kay. They were married on Dec 4th, 1987. After settling in Bend in 1995, they pursued their dream of owning and operating their own business, purchasing Big Country RV in Redmond in 1997. Gary's hope that Big Country RV would remain a family run dealership was realized when their son Kenny joined the business in 2013.

Gary enjoyed camping, boating and traveling with friends and family. Gary loved a project, especially a construction project. He had great vision and loved being part of bringing his vision to life. Gary will be remembered as a generous, compassionate and fun-loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. He always had a joke to share and a smile for everyone he met.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents Ken & Valeria Craven, whose 71 year marriage inspired Gary to have an unwavering commitment to his family. He is survived by his wife Kay, son Kenny, daughter-in-law Mackenzie, grandchildren Hart & Smith, his four sisters and their spouses Karen(Craig),

Vicky(Darrell), Heidi(Mike), Becky(Tim) and numerous nephews and nieces.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Services, St. Charles
Foundation at 2500 NE Neff Road Bend OR 97701.

Tribute Wall



“ 14 files added to the album *Obituary Wall*



Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery - May 18, 2023 at 02:53 PM

GH

“ Q: *How did you meet Gary?*

A: My late parents and I lived across the street from the Craven family in Costa Mesa, CA, in the early to mid-1960's. I am very sorry to read of his untimely passing. Sincerely, George Hewett

George Hewett - February 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Rest In Peace, Gary! Love you!*

Dave and Margo Kremers - January 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ We were blessed to call Gary our friend for many years. He was kind, thoughtful, generous and all so funny. He always wore his smile and had a joke to tell. He will be greatly missed by many including his wonderful, loving, family but mostly by the love of his life, Kay. Rest In Peace Gary, we love you. Dave and Margo Kremers

Margo Kremers - January 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ In memory of Gary from the family of Earl Hebeisen. Our thoughts are with the entire Craven family

Family of Earl Hebeisen - January 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Kay and family - our deepest sympathy to all of you at the passing of Gary. You are in our thoughts and prayers! Love Pat and Julie Noble

Julie Noble - January 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Gary Craven

Pamela and Mel Himel - January 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Such a Kind, Gentle, Fun-Loving Soul ! You will be missed by everyone, but never forgotten.

David Burnham - January 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ My uncle, my godfather, my friend. We had so many good times and I have so many great memories and I'm so lucky to have those. You're forever with me, forever in my heart, I miss you and I love you!

Carrie Leigh Pickens - January 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Kay and family, We were so very saddened to learn of Gary's passing. We have such happy memories of you both as neighbors. So friendly, hospitable and fun. Please accept our sincere condolences. Frank & Lea Dailey

Lea Dailey - January 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I pray the love of God enfolds you during your journey through grief.

Teri Meyer - January 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Uncle Gary, you will be missed by so many. Your humor and kindness will be the memories we will all carry in our hearts. Give grandma and grandpa hugs from me. Love, Amy and family

Amy Luethmers - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Tribute Store - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ We wish the entire Craven family prayers and comfort at this time. What a legacy Gary leaves for all ! We will miss his smile.

Tribute Store - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Gary was a dear friend, a boss and a mentor. His sense of humor always brought a smile to my face. So many joyful memories to list. Thank you Gary for everything. I love and miss you my friend. Rest In Peace.

Rick Breeden - January 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Gary Craven

Tribute Store - January 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Our thoughts are with you! We will miss our visits in LaQuinta. What a guy!

Bob and Suzie Lauer - January 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ We are sending our heartfelt condolences to Kay, Kenny, Mackenzie and the entire Craven family. We met Gary and Kay eleven years ago--he was always the kindest, most fun-loving and generous friend imaginable. Our hearts are broken, but we will always cherish our memories of golfing, dining and having fun with our dear friend, Gary.

Pamela and Mel Himel - January 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Gary always lit up the room, but he shined his brightest with Kay on his arm. All our love Gary, we treasure you in our hearts. Mark and Suzanne

Suzanne Sampson - January 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Always in our thoughts forever in our hearts. Love you Brother Gary. Love, Karen, Vicky, Heidi, and Becky

Karen, Vicky, Heidi, and Becky - January 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Always in our thoughts forever in our hearts. We'll miss your smiling face, the way you made us laugh, and your kind heart. We'll love you always and forever brother Gary. Hugs and Kisses, Karen and Craig, Vicky and Darrell, Heidi and Mike, Becky and Tim

Karen and Craig, Vicky and Darrell, Heidi and Mike, Becky and Tim - January 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM