



Gary LeRoy Carter

May 19, 1938 - February 12, 2021

NOTE: Funeral Services will be live streamed at the following link on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 12:00 pm: <https://youtu.be/RxozY6ENSI4>

Gary LeRoy Carter passed away on February 12, 2021 at the age of 82. He was born in Ogden, Utah in the spring of 1938 to Richard LeRoy Carter and Emma Jane Fife. While growing up, Gary had hardworking and loving models in Jane and Daniel Francis Thomas, Gary's admired stepfather.

Gary attended Ogden High School where, at 18 years old, he met his beloved sweetheart, Judy Coop. They were together for 64 years and sealed in the Jordan River Temple in 2002. Together they raised four daughters: Carrie, Pamela, Stacey, and Leslee.

In his youth, Gary contracted the polio virus. With treatment and round-the-clock care from his mother, Gary survived the virus and did not experience any symptoms of paralysis. In fact, while at Ogden High, Gary thrived as an athlete. He found a lot of joy in playing competitive sports and was a letterman in three. He was able to show exemplary performance in the sports of football, basketball, and baseball. Gary was a second baseman in American Legion Baseball. After high school, he was a fierce competitor in basketball at Weber State where he developed friendships with teammates that lasted a lifetime.

As Gary aged, he gave up many team sports and began golfing. He found a passion in the casual game of golf and frequently found a few birdies while on the course. He spent hours instructing grandchildren on ways to improve their own game and discover their perfect swings.

Gary was an outdoorsman. He enjoyed fishing, hunting upland game and waterfowl, and gardening. A great day for Gary was spending time with his grandsons while reaching his bag limit on a hunt. He also had a green thumb with tomatoes. He enjoyed growing a variety of sweet garden tomatoes and frequently ate them on BLTs.

Gary lived a full life. He grew up in Utah and raised his family in Fresno and Pleasanton, California, only to move back to Utah to be closer to grandchildren. Gary was especially tender-hearted with his grandchildren. He always remembered birthdays with a card and a call. Gary cherished his family and often spoke highly of their individual achievements. He was proud of his strong, beautiful daughters and their families. He is survived by his saintly wife Judy Carter, Carrie (Bill) McCleary, Pam (Cary) Elder, Stacey (Paul) Christiansen, Leslee (Mark) Cleman, 19 grandchildren, and 50 great-grandchildren.

Gary will have a ceremony for family only (due to COVID-19 restrictions) on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 12:00 pm. The public may view the funeral services for Gary at the following link: <https://youtu.be/RxozY6ENSI4>

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Washington Heights Cemetery

4500 Washington Blvd
Ogden, UT, 84401

Events

FEB 16 **Live Funeral Service Broadcast** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Comments



“ A great friend, teammate, and cousin for the eternities!! He is blessed with a magnificent family that honored and loved him. It was always a thrill to play with him as a teammate or run through fields chasing roosters, I will miss that contagious laugh!!!

Val Weathers - February 16 at 02:43 PM



“ Uncle Gary was always larger than life. He had a huge laugh that would make you laugh with him. I loved visiting Gary, Judy and "the Pamies" in California. Time goes by so fast. As adults we go on with our lives and forget to thank the very people who have made us who we are today. Thank you Uncle Gary. I Love You and you will be missed. Give Grandma a big kiss for me.... Julie "AKA Bergie"

Julie Farina - February 16 at 11:55 AM



“ Julie Farina lit a candle in memory of Gary LeRoy Carter



Julie Farina - February 16 at 11:49 AM



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Judy and entire Family and Friends,

It is with a great deal of sadness that I share with all of you, the loss of your Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather and Friend.

Gary will be sorely missed by everyone that knew him. He was a friend to everyone he met. He was my dearest friend for over 65 years. We grew up together and he was in my wedding party, We spoke on the phone regularly, as late as last Friday. We enjoyed reminiscing about the good “ole days”.

Judy, you and your family must share all the great memories that you have enjoyed, and remember that one day we will all be together again.

May he Rest In Peace..

Love to all

Rudy and Marie Lucero

Rudy Lucero - February 15 at 11:15 AM