



## Gary Brandt

December 17, 1941 - February 7, 2022

Gary Brandt, age 80, passed away peacefully at the Whatcom Hospice House with his family by his side on February 7, 2022.

Gary was born to Fred and Marie Brandt in Bellingham on December 17, 1941. After graduating from Bellingham High School, Gary went on to have careers as a commercial fisherman and a machinist. He owned and operated the F/V Brookfield for many years and enjoyed the challenges that came with it. He fished for salmon in Puget Sound, tendered up in Alaska and bottom fished off the Washington Coast. As a machinist, he helped build many larger fishing vessels and loved to tell stories and show pictures to anyone who would lend an ear. Gary had special interests in motorcycles, cars and drag racing. In the 1960's Gary spent a lot of time in the local drag racing circuit and then later into sprint cars. He started riding motorcycles at a young age and continued until his elder years. He spent good times with Bill Curry who grew up in his neighborhood and then later built boats with.

Gary was known for his independence, stubbornness, and loyalty to local fishermen whom he had cherished memories with. In his later years he had some physical limitations due to several health issues, but his stubbornness and perseverance allowed him to live independently at home until his final days.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Marie Brandt. He is survived by his son, Shawn Brandt (wife, Rian Simplot), grandson Erin Brandt, brother Sam Brandt (wife, Sam) and nieces and nephews; Jamie (son, Thaisyn), Kim (son, Mason), Collin and Leon and many loving cousins and friends.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our heartfelt sympathy to Sam and all Gary's family. We pray for God's comfort and encouragement for each one. Sincerely, Donna Brandt Hager, Eric and Garth*

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**Donna Hager** - February 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *So sad to hear. My thoughts are with the family especially to Shawn and Erin.*

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**Bonnie Smith** - February 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM