



Gary Lawrence Harrison

December 28, 1943 - February 9, 2018

Gary was born December 28, 1943 and is preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Pearl.

Gary who was a loving father, Papa, nephew, cousin, uncle, friend and neighbor, passed away February 9, 2018 at 74 years young. He was diagnosed with cancer in 2015. He fought courageously and although he was still a youthful soul, he passed away from multiple complications of cancer. He is survived by his daughter, Lisa and son-in-law Mark Voigt and two grandsons, Jacob and Cole.

Gary attended UW, graduated ITT Technical College and served in the US Army, all of which prepared him for an over 30-year career with the Seattle School District as an IT manager. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, camping, fishing, boating, traveling and had a true appreciation of music. He treasured everything “techy” and could often be found listening to TED talks and podcasts. He was a wealth of knowledge and was often helping family and friends with their computer troubles. His life motto was to never stop learning. Gary’s adored friends were like family to him and he cherished them all.

For nearly 20 years, Gary shared his knowledge and friendship with everyone in the Shoreline Auxiliary Communications Service (Ham Radio). This group

supports the City of Shoreline as well as King County and Washington State when requested. He advanced the teams capabilities by providing training and education in all forms of digital communication as well as maintaining computers in all Ham Stations in each Shoreline fire station. He was always available to solve highly technical issues with skilled operators as well as mentor beginners. He enjoyed meeting over coffee with friends. He was a stable and reliable force in our lives and we miss him dearly.

His sense of humor and quick wit were a trademark of his. He had a passion for all things funny. Gary is missed every day and life is simply less grand without him here with us.

Gary's Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 5th at the Embassy Suites (20610 44th Ave W, Lynnwood, WA 98036) from 6:30pm-9:30pm

Tribute Wall

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“ I was so sorry to Gary’s obituary in this Sunday’s Seattle Times. You may not recognize my name but I am Gary’s first cousin on his dad’s side. My mother, Lorraine (Harrison) Hansen was Henry’s younger sister. I have found memories of the two playing at our grandmother’s home as small children. Gary was four years older but was always so full of fun and adventure. I hope the memories you have will bring you joy in the future. Please feel free to contact me if you wish.
Linda Hansen

Linda Hansen - February 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was so sorry to learn of Gary’s passing. I worked for Gary at Seattle Public Schools from 1984 until his retirement and he was a great person to work for. Gary always had the best interests of his department in mind and did whatever he could to bring about the best outcomes in spite of budget and other difficult challenges. I am grateful that I was able to exchange a few emails with Gary last fall and touch bases. Unfortunately, I didn’t know at that time that he was ill. Lisa, I won’t be able to attend the memorial service because I am currently on a cruise that we had scheduled more than a year ago and it won’t finish in time for us to be home by the date of the service. But please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Judy McNamee - February 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM