



Gary Gene "Hyladqw" James

February 10, 1967 - July 13, 2023

Gary Gene James, Hyladqw, passed away on July 13, 2023, at the age of 56, in Blaine, Washington. Gary was born to Gerald (GI) and Linda James in Burien, Washington, on February 10, 1967. He was a proud member of the Lummi Nation.

Gary served on the Lummi Nation Police Department for 28 years. He was the Chief of the Police for 8 of those years. Later on, he went to be the Director of Security at the Silver Reef Casino and was there for the last 11 years. But the most important job of all was being a father to his two daughters Amalia and Samantha. Outside of work Gary enjoyed going for walks, thrift shopping, attending car shows and most of all Gary loved to tease and prank everyone.

On Aug. 6, 2015, Gary married his soul mate Karen. They enjoyed many things together but nothing compares to the love they had for each other and their blended family. Gary was a selfless person and would take Karen to concerts and shopping just to see her happy.

Gary is survived by his wife Karen; parents Gerald (GI) and Linda; His Ex-Wife Elisia Gaona; daughters Amalia (Nick) and Samantha (Kyle); Sharlaine (Tino and Ambrose); Jason (Chasity); Granddaughter Jayla; brother David James; God daughters Jeannette (Fred and Heaven) and Sybil (Corey); Niece Serina (Marcos); Nephew Lloyd (Julia) Numerous Aunts, Uncles, Nieces,

Nephews, and cousins and their 3 wonderful dogs.

Gary is preceded in death by grandparents Ivan (Sybil) James and Frank (Evelyn) Grosser; Aunt Ladean Lutz

Tribute Wall

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“ I’m so sorry to hear of Gary’s passing. Best wishes to his family and friends to cope with his loss and I hope they can find peace. Though I knew him at a professional level for years, I considered him a friend and I believe it was mutual.

Larry Nicholas - August 25, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Love you cousin Gary u will always b remembered the times you guys came down we went swimming an had fun it’s crazy how time flies by sending love from grosser Family in Sacramento ca

Anthony Grosser - July 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am saddened to hear of Gary’s passing. He will be missed by many. I knew him as a genuine good natured character.... kind and caring individual and will miss by many.

Darlene Olsen - July 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ I will love you forever.
Rest in Heavenly peace.



Diane I Fay - July 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM