



## Gary Smith

August 18, 1940 - December 3, 2021

Gary Smith, Age 81, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, December 3, 2021. He passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his eldest brother.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years Sandra, daughters Michele and Sabrena, son Jeffrey and their spouses, ten grandchildren, two brothers, two sisters and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gary was born in Minnesota, moved with his family to Oregon and after graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy. In 1979 he was stationed in Bellingham, Washington where he served as the Naval Recruiter until his retirement. Gary was a proud honorably discharged veteran of the United States Navy (BTCS-E8) serving from 1959 – 1981. After his naval career he remained a Bellingham resident and worked for Western Washington University's steam plant as an Assistant Chief and then Chief Engineer from 1981 – 2006.

After retirement Gary enjoyed his favorite activities, spending time with his family and golfing. Family was most important to him, and he was so proud of his children and grandchildren! Gary was an avid sports fan; he loved, played,

and watched many different sports throughout his lifetime but golf was by far his favorite. He enjoyed spending time on the golf course with family and friends.

Gary was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He was a man of integrity and character that was loved by all who knew him. He will be so dearly missed, but we find comfort and hope in knowing that he is in the loving arms of his heavenly father, and we will see him again.

Graveside service with military honors will be held at Greenacres Memorial Park on Friday, January 21st, 2022 at 2:00pm.