



Gary Neil Schafer

August 20, 1937 - August 17, 2021

Gary was born in Spokane to Leslie and Anna Schafer, the youngest of 3 children. When he was six the family moved to a farm at Latah, Washington where he grew up. He attended school in Latah, graduating from high school in 1955, one of the last classes to graduate there. He then attended a year at WSU.

He was drafted into the Army in 1960 and spent most of his service in Alaska, returning to Spokane to work at Kaiser Aluminum in the drafting department.

In 1962 through a mutual friend he met Lynn Spears Schafer who was at that time working in the office at Kinman Business University. They were married on March 30, 1963. In 1966 Gary's father retired from farming, and Gary and Lynn moved to Latah to join his brother, Don, on the family farm. The family grew to two sons, Kyle and Kevin. Kevin was killed in a car accident, and after that, a third son, Craig, joined the family.

After retiring Gary's main love was taking his dog to his farm and mountain property every afternoon. He continued to do that until a reaction to the Covid vaccine caused him to lose all function of his legs and he had to be moved to Palouse Country Assisted Living where he resided until the advancing syndrome affected his lungs, causing transport to Sacred Heart Hospital where he passed into the loving arms of his Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, at 8

p.m. on August 17.

Gary is survived by his wife of 58 years, Lynn, his sons, Kyle (Carolyn) and Craig (Bethany), as well as 9 grandchildren who were very special to him. He will be buried in a Private Service at the Latah Cemetery on Wednesday, August 25. There will be a Memorial Service at Latah Country Bible Church Saturday, August 28, at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to either Latah Country Bible Church, Box 79, Latah, WA 99018, or to Palouse Country Assisted Living, 503 S Hilltop Ln, Fairfield, WA 99012.

The family is grateful to Latah Country Bible Church for their loving concern and to Palouse Country Assisted Living and the staff who faithfully cared for Gary while he was there.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 28. 1:00 PM (PT)

Latah Country Bible Church
411 N Pine St
Latah, WA 99018

Tribute Wall



“ *He was my uncle Gee, my youngest brother couldn't say Gary so he became uncle Gee...I'll miss his smile and his gruff laugh. The lord bless his family and give them peace...he was loved.*

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