



## Gary Gunderson

July 26, 1943 - March 16, 2023

Gary Gunderson, 79, passed away peacefully on March 16, 2023, in St. George, UT. He was born on July 26, 1943, in Fairview, MT to Alvin and Ruby Gunderson.

Gary was raised with his four siblings in Fairview, MT, Rawson, ND, and Spokane, WA. He joined the United States Army in 1961, where during his three-year-tour, he became a paratrooper. After serving his country, he settled in Vancouver, WA, where he married Charlotte Wieber. They had two children, Jeffery and Shannon. In early adulthood, Gary enjoyed hunting and fishing in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. After starting a family, Gary enjoyed many years as an automobile salesman in the Vancouver area. After divorcing, he married Shelley Brownell of Vancouver, WA, who was a doting step-mother to his children. His larger-than-life-personality will be missed.

Gary is survived by his children, Jeffery Gunderson of Carson City, NV, Shannon Fitzpatrick (Scott) of Hurricane, UT. Four grandchildren, Dalin Lattanzi, Shelby Bremmeyer, Evan Fitzpatrick and Jacob Hoff, four great-grandchildren, Molly Lattanzi, Julian Gunderson, Aubree Bremmeyer and Mason Bremmeyer, as well as his siblings, sister Darlene Thomas, sister Norma Jean Vennes and brother William Gunderson (Deanna).

He was preceded in death by his father Alvin Gunderson, mother Ruby

Bucklin, stepfather Leroy Bucklin, sister Cheryl LaRango, brothers-in-law James Thomas, Frank Vennes and Jack LaRango.

The family would like to thank Aline Clayton, RN at Brookdale Monument Valley Park in Colorado Springs, CO for giving Gary constant support and encouragement during his nearly three years at the assisted living home. Thank you also to Renew Hospice and The Meadows at Escalante in St. George, UT.

A committal service will be held on Friday, April 7, 2023, at 9:20am at Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1900 Veterans Memorial Dr., Boulder City, NV 89005. Military honors will be performed. Family and friends are invited to share tributes, fond memories, and stories online at [www.serenitystg.com](http://www.serenitystg.com).

# Previous Events

## Burial

APR 7. 9:20 AM (PT)

Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
1900 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Boulder City, NV

# Tribute Wall

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**Shane R. Larango** - March 28, 2023 at 08:16 PM

SL

“ *In Loving Memory of Uncle Gary,*

*So many memorable and good times growing up with my Uncle Gary. A larger-than-life person that would light up any room with such a dynamic and friendly personality. Or in one word: Charisma*

*Our hearts and prayers go out to Jeff and Shannon, his surviving sibling's Aunt Dar, Aunt Norm, Uncle Bill, along with the rest of the family.*

*Rest in Peace Uncle Gary and may the love of God be with you for all eternity.*

*Blessing and Peace,  
Nephew Shane and Melissa Larango*

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**Shane R. Larango** - March 28, 2023 at 08:10 PM

SF

*Thank you for such lovely words Shane and Missy.*

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**Shannon Fitzpatrick** - April 02, 2023 at 10:22 PM



“ Dear Gary: I am so thankful that you are my Brother. You have been there my whole life. We have done so many memorable things together and I have learned from you. You were there to help me in whatever way you could. You and your family have shared to many good time, holidays, birthdays, and life with my family and I, which we are all so grateful for. You are not the same as anyone else I know, which makes you unique. There is good in every man and it's not hard for me to find it in you. Even though I will miss you, I will think of all the good time we had together, and Yes, you will always be my Brother. I Truly Love You. Your Loving Brother, Bill

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**Deanna Gunderson** - March 28, 2023 at 01:20 PM

SF

*You have been the best brother to my dad ❤️*

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**Shannon Fitzpatrick** - April 02, 2023 at 10:33 PM

RJ

*Hi Deanna this is Bob Gary's friend. So sorry to hear of his passing. Hope you are doing well. Ruined my day. Been trying to look him up forever. Sorry to hear the bad news.  
Ppp*

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**Robert Jarsulic** - December 21, 2023 at 02:48 PM

RJ

*Gary was my Friend! I miss you! "The Don is Gone". Will always remember you my good friend, so sorry to hear of your Passing! Take care of my friend Jesus, He's one of the Good one's!*

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**Robert Jarsulic** - December 21, 2023 at 02:51 PM

NV

“ Gary was such a cute little white curly haired boy and had a wonderful personality. As a teenager and young man, he was sooo handsome and was quite busy with his social life. It was great to be in his presence since he was fun to be with. He could Bar B Que a meatloaf and many other dishes and made them to taste great! I talked to him often on the phone his last years and he would be so happy to hear from me. I will miss Gary and will continue to bless his memory.

. Sister Norma Jean

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**Norma Vennes** - March 28, 2023 at 12:29 AM

SF

*Beautiful words about my dad Aunt Norm!*

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**Shannon Fitzpatrick** - April 02, 2023 at 10:38 PM

SJ

“ Very saddened by this news. Am praying for his entire family that they would be comforted by our Heavenly Father. Gary will live on in many hearts.

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**Shelley Johnson** - March 27, 2023 at 11:32 PM

SF

*Thank you Shelley* 💕💕

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**Shannon Fitzpatrick** - April 02, 2023 at 10:39 PM

GV

“ Many great memories of uncle Gary. Praying for comfort and peace at this time for all the family.

*Nephew Greg Vennes*

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**Gregory Vennes** - March 27, 2023 at 05:42 PM

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*Thank you Greg!*

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**Shannon Fitzpatrick** - April 02, 2023 at 10:39 PM



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**Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah** - March 27, 2023 at 01:04 PM