



Gary Joe Laswell Sr.

April 12, 1948 - March 24, 2021

Gary Joe Laswell Sr., 72, of New Harmony, Utah, passed away on March 24, 2021. Gary was born in Henderson, NV to Ilene and Ralph Laswell on April 12, 1948. His childhood was special, having grown up at the old Cashman Field helping his dad maintain the grounds. He graduated in 1966 from Rancho High School in Las Vegas and played on the baseball team. During his young adult years, Gary competed in SNORE off road racing where he raced through the desert in his jeep. He went to Dumont Dunes Hill Climbing competitions.

Gary married his beloved wife of 38 years, Mary Brennan of Boulder City, NV. Their love of horses, rodeo and the Lord brought them together. Gary worked as a Heavy Diesel Mechanic for Clark County for 32 years.

In his later years, Gary was a member of the National Senior Pro Rodeo as a bull rider. He qualified several times for the NSPRA Finals. He competed in 1998 in Reno, Nevada where he won the fourth round.

Many would say he never met a stranger. His wit and sense of humor made many have a good chuckle everytime they ran into him. He served as a greeter in his church, and was a great person to welcome people into the house of the Lord. Gary served as a leader in the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys where he led many young cowboys to gain their own love of Jesus.

He also helped with Rodeo Bible Camps.

Because of his love of people, Gary also served as a volunteer firefighter for the Harmony Valley Fire District for for 14 years. Not only was he an excellent firefighter, but his extensive knowledge of diesel engines was a huge blessing for all. He maintained the engines and kept them running smooth.

Gary is preceded in death by his father Ralph Laswell and his mother Ilene Laswell.

Gary is survived by his loving wife Mary Laswell of New Harmony UT, and by his children Shawn Marie Laswell of Southe Carolina, Gary Laswell Jr. and wife Bridget Laswell of Las Vegas; his sister Diane Weir and husband Larry Weir of Henderson, NV; beloved grandchildren Alexandra Laswell, Chance Laswell, and Layne Laswell; and precious great-grandchildren Alayna Lovell and Colton Lovell.

Memorials may be given to the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys Donate Online

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 on Saturday, April 3, 2021 at Sunrise Christian Church at 6843 W 1800 N Cedar City, Utah. A reception with dinner served will take place at Iron Springs Resort in Cedar City, Utah.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 3 (MT)

Sonrise Christian Church
6843 W. 1800 N.
Cedar City, UT 84721

Tribute Wall

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“ I can't think of our dear Gary, with out thinking of chocolate chip cookies and milk. He was always asking me for cookies. How I wish I had made him more. Love him and love you Mary. Deanna Groke

Deanna Groke - April 04, 2021 at 12:12 PM

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“ LAZ, I will never forget about you, you were a big part of my lifetime, I will always remember all the good times we had. R.I.P. MY FRIEND. Leonard.

LEONARD - March 31, 2021 at 03:43 PM

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“ I remember playing baseball with Gary dice little league in Las Vegas. He was my catcher through CYO baseball and in Junior Varsity at Rancho.

I can remember how he and his father would let us into Cashman field to play games and have home run hitting contests.

We lost touch but I have never forgotten him.

*Robert Tisdale
Rancho High School class of 66*

Robert Tisdale - March 31, 2021 at 02:37 PM

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“ Our family offers our condolences and prayers to the Laswell family and Gary's friends and co-workers at Clark County. Gary's knowledge and expertise was amazing and his willingness to share it is a testament to the kind of person he was. He will be missed.
The Gilmers

Joe Gilmer - March 31, 2021 at 10:31 AM