



Gary E. McKay

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GARY EDWARD MCKAY
March 23, 1949 to June 10, 2024

Loving Husband, Father, Papa and car enthusiast.

Gary Edward McKay was born on March 23rd, 1949, at Tacoma General Hospital in Tacoma Washington to Parents Edward and Alice McKay. Gary is preceded in death by his Mother Alice, Father Edward, sisters Jackie and Patty, and son Eddie. He is survived by his amazing wife Bernadette, Daughter Renee, son in law Jim, Daughter Erica, son in law Chris, his three grandchildren, who made his world turn and his most prized family members, Michael, Ava, and Canon, "Papa loves you". Gary is also survived by many cousins, brother and sister in laws, nieces, nephews, and some very close friends he thought of as family.

On June 10th, 2024, while in the comfort of his home and surrounded by his family, Gary was welcomed into the open arms of his Lord and savior.

A viewing will be held at Mountain View Funeral Home and Memorial Park on Thursday June 27th, 2024, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. A public Celebration of Life will be held on Friday June 28th, 2024 at The Washington State Fairgrounds Puyallup Agriplex building from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Please enter on the south side of the fairgrounds near the Agriplex.

The family asks that you bring your car to honor Gary with a final car show.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Mary Bridge Childrens Hospital or Franciscan Hospice and Palliative Care, organizations that are dear to Gary and his family's hearts.



Events


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Visitation

 **Thursday**, June 27, 2024


 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM PT

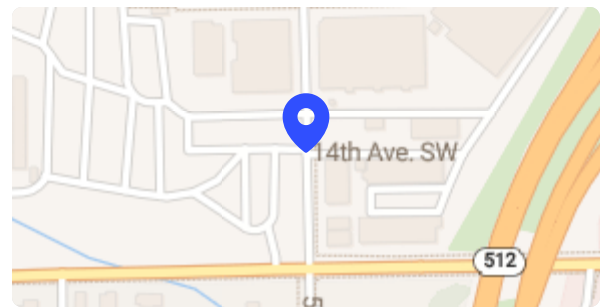
 **Mountain View Funeral Home & Memorial Park**
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood WA 98499

Celebration of Life

 **Friday**, June 28, 2024

 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM PT

 **Washington State Fairgrounds Agriplex Building**
1410 5th Street SW, Puyallup WA 98371





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Bob Swanson posted:

I only had the pleasure to meet Gary one time at an invite tour of his performance car collection. He treated us extremely well and spent a lot of time talking with my dad, who is similar in age. He created some very nice memories and was nice enough to share wit us not only the collection upstairs, but also the garage underneath. He was definitely a class act and we are very sorry for his family. We will always remember the nice time we had with him and how great he treated us.

August 23 at 5:25 AM



Richard L Swanson posted:

When Gary and I were very young we were together quite often. Trips to Mount Rainier, Sunnyside beach, The Ocean. Anywhere the family went we hung out together led by older cousin Davey Lewis. When Gary was very young he couldn't pronounce his name Gary. All that came out was GA> So from that day forward Davey called him GA. Gary adored Davey Lewis who was killed in a car wreck in 1968. Gary suffered a lot of trauma in his life with dignity and grace. He was so loved and respected in the family. My Prayers to Bernie and his immediate family. Richard Lowell Swanson (cousin)

July 10 at 2:05 PM



Renee posted:

I want to thank all of you for thinking of my dad. This website is a bit hard to manage, but I just want to say thanks all of you. Love Renee'

July 5 at 2:50 PM



The White Family... sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the McKay family.



July 1 at 5:47 PM



The White Family... planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gary.



July 1 at 5:47 PM



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Joanne lit a candle in honor of Gary.

Condolences to the McKay family. Frank and Joanne, rest in peace Gary.

July 1 at 3:22 AM



Renee Mckay Senecal posted:

June 28 at 3:28 AM



Daniel Koval posted:

I have never had such a great friend like Gary. Helped me find many a car. Once I asked him to look at a car online and he called the guy, drove over to Spokane, bought the car and called me once he had it in his shop. He said if I didn't want it he would keep it in his collection. I got the car. What a guy !!! I will forever miss him. All the best to Bernie Dan Koval

June 26 at 7:16 AM



Renee July 7 at 5:07 AM

My dad was amazing. God bless you for sharing. Renee'



Dennis Lumsden posted:

I was a salesman for an electrical company since 1981. One of my first Accounts was Ault electric. I called on Ault Electric every Monday. It was in 1989 Gary came into Ault and i got to meet Him. We hit it off almost immediately. it became a friendship of 35 years. We had lunch together almost every monday. When i met Gary, He had three or four cars. I was so fortunate to watch He and Bernie accumulate the Best of the Best cars in the country. In 1989, i asked Gary to look at a 1955 chevy and give his opinion. We went for a ride and afterwards he said "You can't get hurt on this one" I still have it. Gary and Bernie Took a three man business and turned it into the largest electrical company in Tacoma. A lot of people had great jobs at Ault and quite a few retired from there. My Bride and I were so fortunate to be able to vacation with Gary and Bernie , great times. One of Gary's quote's on a car that actually kicked ass when you ran it was" That car hauls the mail".For me, He and i talked almost every day. Still hard to wrap my mind around, He is gone . He is of course in Gods loving hands and we will see everybody again. Rest in Peace My Dear Friend .Denny and Debbie Lumsden

June 25 at 11:58 AM



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Renee Mckay Senecal & Jim Senecal planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gary.



June 25 at 5:59 AM



Renee Mckay Senecal & Jim Senecal sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the McKay family.



June 25 at 5:59 AM



Cindy Hagen shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Rich and Perry Hagen thought the world of Gary! They had the privilege of working alongside of Gary for many years, pouring concrete at all his houses. Throughout the years, they shared countless conversations about their mutual love for cars. Gary's presence and friendship meant a great deal to them, and he will be dearly missed. Our deepest condolences go out to his family and friends during this difficult time. Rich and Cindy Hagen and Perry Hagen.



June 25 at 5:10 AM



Jacquelyne Senecal posted:

To the family, we are sorry for your loss and want you to know, you are all in our thoughts and prayers. We wish there had been a way for all of us to have met before now, I know Renee would have loved that. Sincerely, James and Jacquelyne Senecal, Jim Senecal's parents

June 24 at 4:18 PM

RJ Renee And Jim June 29 at 1:07 PM
Amen



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RE

Renee lit a candle in honor of Gary.

You will always forever be in my heart and one day, I will see you again in the heavenly home with our father, Jesus Christ, family, and friends and you will have a sweet ride and you'll be able to drive on streets of Gold Dad. I love you very much always and forever! Dad, thank you for everything. Life is messy, but we made it through it! See you in the best of all places with Jesus. Hugs and more hugs! Tell the family I said hi. Eddie missed you so happy you reunited.

June 24 at 11:37 AM



RE

Renee sent a virtual gift in honor of Gary.

Renee sent a virtual gift in memory of Gary McKay

June 23 at 10:59 AM



CA

Charlie Silva, Denny Lumsden & All Tes sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the McKay family.

June 22 at 11:55 AM



DD

Debbie And Denny planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gary.

June 22 at 11:31 AM



Anonymous icon

Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the McKay family.

June 22 at 11:31 AM



PO

Pouissant lit a candle in honor of Gary.

May God give you His Grace which surpasses all understanding. My thoughts and prayers are with you & your family.

June 21 at 6:39 AM





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Anonymous sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the McKay family.

June 21 at 5:30 AM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the McKay family.

June 21 at 2:52 AM



Greg & Carolyn Greer planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gary.

June 21 at 2:52 AM



John Swanson shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Some of the cousins spent a great day visiting at Gary's place in March , listening to Gary's great stories and his vast and maticulus!! Knowledge. Gary will be missed by all

June 20 at 5:52 PM



RE **Renee** June 26 at 9:28 AM

to be absent from the body is to be present with the our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Blessed daddy

RE **Renee** June 23 at 2:46 PM

My dad will forever remember his guy, friends and family. Thank you so much love his daughter Renee.

RE **Renee** June 23 at 10:39 AM

Surrounded by all his guy friends. Thank you, love Renee.



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JS

John Swanson shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

In March some of the cousins got together to visit and see Gary's impressive collection of muscle cars and to listen to Gary's great stories and his maticulus!! Knowledge of his collection. Gary was one of kind , will be missed by all



June 20 at 5:34 PM

RP

Rick And Margi Popp posted:

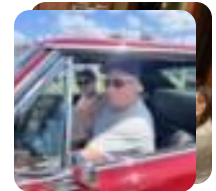
Rick and Margi Popp send their condolences to Gary's Family and many friends. He was one of the good fellas...RIP

June 20 at 12:38 PM

CH

Chris shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My father in law, mentor and one of my very best friends.

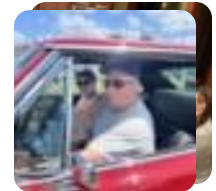


June 19 at 10:48 PM

CH

Chris shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I have typed and deleted several times so I will just say this, Words cannot begin to describe this man. He was my father in law first but we became best of friends over the years. I learned a lot over these past 20 years. I love and miss ya like crazy.



June 19 at 4:31 PM

WR

With Love From Debbie And Christy Robers planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gary.



June 17 at 2:23 PM

WR

With Love From Debbie And Christy Robers sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the McKay family.



June 17 at 2:23 PM



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DR

Debbie Roberson posted:

Thank you Gary for sharing your magnificent fountain rock with me at the lake I call it my rock. I'll always remember when you told me my macaroni salad was made the way you liked it. You will be missed by so many. Love from Debbie Roberson

June 17 at 2:15 PM

TB

Tom Breske shared 2 photos to the **Gary & Cars** album.



June 15 at 12:51 PM

GG

Greg Greer posted:

Met Gary over 20 years ago was one of my best friends ever since. We had a lot of good times working on the cars and times at Goodguys. He will be missed greatly , his integrity and kindness second to none. I sure miss him . Love Greg Greer

June 14 at 11:46 AM

DL

Dennis Lumsden posted:

Gary will missed by so many. He Helped so many people all of his lifetime. We had a great time together.

June 14 at 10:37 AM



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Stan Johnson sent a virtual gift in honor of Gary.



Oh Gary. You have left us all in disbelief! We are shocked to know that we now live in a world without you. Perhaps it's the reality that we see our own mortality more clearly now. I will speak from the observation of another Ford fan when I say that the collection you amassed over the years could only compliment your own ability of reaching for perfection and your personal efforts to preserve an era in automotive time. I'm sure you could have done other things with your time and resources but you didn't. Your personal stories that you shared with many only served to show your passion. I was just days from contacting you to see what your latest project could be when I heard you were in trouble. 🙏 I can only hope to know that your final rest in heaven is a reflection of what you created here . Short as it was, your time was significant and worthy. I send all the love to your Wife and family as the admiration of a friend.Stan and Carol Johnson Ford Powertrain Applications Puyallup Wa.

June 13 at 5:44 PM

TM **Terry Mason** June 28 at 8:33 AM

I thought I knew a lot about Ford Muscle until I met Gary 26 years ago. I learned so much from him. He was my mentor, not to mention a truly great and generous friend.We will miss you.Terry Mason

TK **Tom Kelly** June 27 at 3:22 PM

Gary, was not only my boss for 17 plus years, he was also a personal friend and mentor. We shared many stories about cars, family, work and life in general, many nights after work we would sit around and talk about our love for cars and about a vison he had for a museum upstairs and he full filled that dream, and I was blessed to be a part of that dream and his life. I will miss you my friend. Tom Kelly

CH **Chevelle** June 26 at 9:36 AM

Sending love and hugs to you all from an online acquaintance of Gary's daughter...who many consider to be family Chevelle

RV **Rick Vickery** June 20 at 10:16 AM

Gary, you were a great customer at PNAP, and even a better friend. Rick Vickery



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Hot August Nights 2018 award



2021 interview w/Chris Jacob's "Dream Collections" S1 Ep 8



Renee June 23 at 2:42 PM

I love you, Dad and Not. Very proud of you. Love, Renee.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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