



Gabriel "Gabe" Valdez

May 15, 1951 - December 21, 2017

Gabe passed away peacefully in his home on December 21st. Born in Germany on May 15th, 1951, to Jesus and Doris Valdez, Gabe was devoted to his family. Gabe's greatest joy in life was being a father and supporting his daughters in all of their endeavors. As a young man, Gabe spent 6 years in the United States Airforce, where he developed a love for the military and his country. Gabe was preceded in death by his father, Jesus. He is survived by his wife Joanne, his precious daughters Ashley and MacKenzie, mother Doris, sisters Gloria and Patty, as well as his three beloved dogs and horses. Join us as we celebrate the life of this loving man on Friday, January 12th at 1:00 p.m. A viewing will be held on Thursday, January 11th from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Cemetery

Events

- Mountain View Memorial Park**
4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW
PO Box 99947
Lakewood, WA, 98499
- JAN 11 Visitation** 12:00PM - 08:00PM
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- Mountain View Funeral Home & Crematory
4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW PO Box 99947, Lakewood,
WA, US, 98499
- JAN 12 Funeral Service** 01:00PM
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- Aspen Chapel at Mountain View Memorial Park
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood, WA, US, 98499
- JAN 12 Reception** 02:00PM - 04:00PM
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- Willow Room - Celebration of Life Building on the
grounds of Mountain View Memorial Park
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, LAKEWOOD, WA, US,
98499

Comments



“ Gabe and I go way back to the late 60's. Met Gabe and Greg Smith in the Bowlero Lanes pool hall. Took me a week to hustle him out of a quarter. We weren't each others best friend but we were certainly the best of friends. Played golf together from 1978 to 1992 when I ran Galloping Gerties in Tillicum. That's where he learned the skins game. When he ran the restaurant at the Tacoma Dome he laid a couple of 3rd row tickets on me for Neil Diamond. I sent him roses on Valentines day to the dome as a tongue in cheek thank you for his kindness. Gabe had a wonderful sense of humor. One time we were driving back from golf and Gabe spotted a Yugo and pointed it out as they had just come on to the market. I asked him if a person could get parts for them and he replied, "you don't fix them, you just throw it away and buy another one." Gabe was sneaky smart. Often times I sought his advice on issues as I valued his insights. I will truly miss him.

david bjarke - January 12, 2018 at 11:38 AM



“ Rose Best lit a candle in memory of Gabriel "Gabe" Valdez



Rose Best - January 03, 2018 at 04:32 PM



“ I only knew Gabe for about 3 or 4 years. Our relationship was mainly on the Golf Course, and usually included Gabe, Mike Palmer and myself and various guys to make up a foursome. Whenever I was fortunate enough to ride in the same cart with Gabe I was privy to his stories about his daughters Barrel Racing endeavors, his Golf instruction to me to improve my game and his Muckleshoot stories, which it seemed like Gabe was a winner 95% of the time and I hope he was. The majority of the times we played Golf, Gabe and Mike Palmer would ride together, which was OK with me, because I was the new kid on the block. Mike and Gabe always kept track of everybody's score who got the KP's and who got the Skins. I never really questioned their accuracy but it always seemed like I had to get in my billfold after the round while he had a "sweet tea" Gabe's favorite. Please don't read anything into that observation. It will be hard to fill Gabe's Golf shoes for our foursome but I'm sure he'll have lots of time to play Golf with his cronies as long as it doesn't include me for a few years. Your Golfing Buddy, Bob Nelson

Bob Nelson - December 30, 2017 at 10:04 PM