



## Gary Neil Smith

June 8, 1961 - June 28, 2021

Gary Neil Smith passed away in his home on June 28, 2021 in Corvallis Oregon, he was 60 years young. Gary was born in Riverside California, June 8, 1961 and moved to Oregon at age 2 with his family on Starr Creek Rd. He lived there until his 20's when he moved out on his own for a short time until buying the property from his parents in 1993. Gary's dad would take him to work with him when he was about 5 to teach him how to become a roofer and so Gary became known as the best roofer in the valley for the last 55 years. He was married and divorced at a young age and had 2 boys Kenny and Kyle whom he loved very much and they did everything together like, hunting, fishing, camping, cutting firewood, riding 4 wheelers and just being together. Gary met Sarah in 2003 and then they did everything together on the homestead including building his dream shop and green house, gardening, hunting, fishing, crabbing, working the blueberries (haha), planting flowers, and loved hosting wild parties and making memories with all his good friends and family whom he loved with all his heart. Gary and Sarah finally got married June 9,2015 in Corvallis, Oregon and got his little sidekick (Terrier) Rosco in 2017 and they became inseparable even when he was sick Rosco was by his side. Gary became a "papa" on June 26,2019 to his only granddaughter Rayleecia Smith who stole his heart the minute he held her on day one.

Even though Gary found out he had cancer in October of 2015 he went to work every day up until he had to retire in 2018 but always made sure he was

out in his garden, driving his tractor, working around his home or just doing something to stay busy because he was always determined to keep going and fight his cancer until his last breath.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents, Margaret Ann Falardeau Smith, Alexander Garfield Smith, his brothers Thomas (Tommy) Edwin Smith, and Robert (Bob) Edward Smith, his sister Dortha (Dinky) Belle Smith, and his son Kyle Taylor Smith

Gary is survived by his son Kenneth(Kenny) Dwayne Smith of Philomath, granddaughter Rayleecia Kelly Smith of Colorado, sisters Charlotte Ann Smith Powell of California, and Lottie Maurene Smith Koontz (Don) of Monroe, brothers Alvin Garfield Smith (Virginia) of California, Jerald Wayne Smith(Belita)of Eugene, Melvin Lee Smith of Corvallis, Benny Jay Smith (Lori) of Corvallis, Abraham Luke Smith (Jessica) of Eugene, Jaron Scott Smith of Missouri and his one and only, ride or die, bestfriend, lover, partner, wife Sarah Ilean Tabor Smith of Corvallis who was always by his side till his last breath.

If you would like to donate anything to help out Sarah during this difficult time you can contact her to set up arrangements.

There will be a celebration of life for Gary on August 21,2021 at 3pm at the Koontz Park located at 29122 E. Ingram Island Rd, Monroe Oregon 97456

There will be a potluck so feel free to bring a side dish of your choice, the main course will be provided. Please come and help us celebrate Gary's life and share memories.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **21**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Koontz Park  
29122 E, Ingram Island Road  
Monroe, OR 97456

# Tribute Wall

BJ

“ There’s absolutely no words to describe how wonderful this man was and how much joy he brought to others. My best memories with him was over east hunting. One time I was too little to hunt but was able to go on a pack out with him and my dad. My dad sweet talked Gary into a half an elk pack out and he agreed. I was the designated gun packer. Dad lead the way out and Gary followed with me tailing. We came up on this down tree across our path. Like a beast my dad crawled over it no problem but Gary on the other hand struggled....a lot. Haha he had one leg over this log and started heading over backwards and all he had to grab was a little seedling in front of him and screaming in a high pitched squeal “HELP ME! HELP!” And little old me seeing the funniest thing in my life was rolling on the ground laughing so hard! Haha we had SO many moments and memories like that, that will never be forgotten. There will be always a emptiness left in the world but so glad your done with your pain. Forever be missed but never forgotten. Love you Smee and give Kyle a hug for us down here

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**Bradley Johnson** - July 10, 2021 at 06:32 PM

AJ

“ I met Gary when my husband introduced me to him. Gary was such an amazing man. He instantly made me feel at home and a part of the family. We all went hunting together and I will forever cherish the memories made in eastern Oregon. He was there when my husband shot his second elk and helped us pack out. It wasn't easy but he was cracking jokes the whole time. Gary always made sure no one was hungry and he made the best food. He became like an uncle/other dad to me. I will forever miss him. Sending love to his wonderful wife and son. My heart hurts for the loss of this amazing man. I know he's watching over all of us now and keeping us safe. We all gained a guardian angel when he got his wings. Love you so much Gary and thank you for all you did for us.

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**Ashlei Johnson** - July 06, 2021 at 10:14 AM

KS

“ I'll never forget spending weekend's out at my Uncle Gary's with my dad and brother, and Gary's son's. We spent countless hours laughing, eating and playing pranks on each other. Through all of the years being brought up around him I learned to work everyday as absolutely hard as you can, but at the end of the day come home crack a cold one and be an absolute weirdo. His sense of humor will never be topped. He was such a wonderful man.

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**Kayla Smith** - July 05, 2021 at 09:38 PM

MP

The first time I met Gary he stop a friend and I at 7 11 wanting us to buy him beer we did and we took off with the beer little did we know he wasn't going to quit following us till he got his beer.....years later he showed up at my house for an interview for an estimator for Alamo he said do you remember me and I said I didn't well we laughed and so started are journey Nancy and I are so thankful in growing are roofing company,we could not have done it with out him....thank you buddy.

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**Mark pittman** - July 21, 2021 at 11:54 AM

RW

*Like all his family, Gary was a country neighbor I needed to have. A man who would be there for me or you whatever. He shared his food and drink and good conversation. He gave me rides at a moment's notice. He was stabilizing in the world. He had the great humor and wit to make things seem all right. He believed in Good. I'm really going to miss him: he's a gauge by which I'll check myself.*

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**Robert L. Winiarski** - August 21, 2021 at 08:20 PM