



Gary G Goeken

March 26, 1942 - April 13, 2018

Gary G. Goeken Jr. (76) lifetime Toppenish resident passed away on Friday April 13, 2018 at the Cottage in the Meadow. Gary was born in Toppenish to Gerhard and Elizabeth (Tanneman) Goeken on March 26, 1942. He graduated from Toppenish High School in 1960 and married Barbara Knight in 1967. Gary and Barbara raised three children on the family homestead, where hard work and laughter were often found. Gary started working at the Toppenish Livestock Commission in 1989. What first started as a job became a place where Gary called a second home. Gary was a mentor to those new at the sales yard and enjoyed friendships with the cattlemen and ranchers throughout the Northwest. Gary will be remembered for his colorful language and expressions along with his keen sense of humor. He very much enjoyed his job as grandpa. He was a supporter of the CWJLS and the Central Washington State Fair. He was always willing to drop anything to help someone in need. Barbara passed away in 1992 and he married Althea Shelton in June 1993. Gary will be remembered as an eternal optimist. He is survived by his wife, Althea of Toppenish; Shawnie (Rick) Haas of Wapato and Shelley (Dale) Peterson of Toppenish; a son, Gary (Reinee) Goeken of Graham; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; a brother, Kenny Goeken of Yakima. Gary was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Barbara. Visitation will be on Thursday April 19, 2018 from 3-7PM at Heggie's Colonial Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Friday at 11AM at the Toppenish Livestock Commission with a horse drawn procession to

Elmwood Cemetery west of Toppenish. Friends can send condolences at www.toppenishfunerals.com. Heggie's Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Central Washington Junior Livestock Show or Cottage in the Meadow.

Cemetery Details

City of Toppenish

(509) 865-2080

Tribute Wall



“ Gary G Goeken

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ From Virginia Mason Memorial Administration. purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Gary G Goeken.



From Virginia Mason Memorial Administration. - April 16, 2018 at 02:36 PM



“ Your SignalHealth Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gary G Goeken.



Your SignalHealth Family - April 16, 2018 at 12:39 PM



“ Memorial Physicians Administration purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gary G Goeken.



Memorial Physicians Administration - April 16, 2018 at 12:29 PM

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“ Love you Gary.

Fix the directions to the cemetery you fat dumbass at colonial funeral home.

joseph - April 14, 2018 at 12:20 AM

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A very special guy, the two years we worked together at the sales yard together, we worked hard but the attitude of the old neighborhood crew made it a pleasant experience. Lots of down home name calling and then the end of the day bottle sharing.

He will be missed, one of the good ole boys!

Jim Fernandez

Jim Fernndez - April 14, 2018 at 04:12 PM