



## Gary Allyn Parks

May 20, 1944 - April 16, 2018

Gary was born on May 20, 1944 in Portland, Oregon. He graduated from Grant High School, and received his M.S. in Engineering from Oregon State University. Gary was a Brother in Chi Phi Fraternity. Gary was a registered Professional Engineer and worked for Bonneville Power Administration for 41 years, retiring as the Redmond Regional Manager in 2007. "The best part of my job is the people." After retiring, Gary was employed by Western Electricity Coordinating Council as a Compliance Consultant. He was respected and admired for his technical expertise throughout the engineering community, serving as an Officer or as a contributing member for organizations such as ASCE (of which he was awarded Fellow membership). Gary felt strongly about community, volunteering his time with, to name a few, the Portland Jaycees, Portland Industrial Rotary Club, Albertina Kerr Golf Tournament, and the Redmond Parks Committee. Gary was a professional and had a quiet, humble way about him. He always tried to find the good in people. He had a quick wit and an amazing sense of humor, leaving us thinking "how does he do that?!" He was a gentle man who loved his family and his home. He enjoyed people, his career, golfing, sailing, sketching, travel, biking, hiking, reading, and dancing (when Bette Lou could get him on the dance floor!). Gary will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 34 years, Bette Lou, and their daughter Kelsey (Ryan), and their son Logan; his son Eli; his sisters Judy (Russ) and Nancy (Mike); his sister-in-law Zoe; nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Gary was predeceased by his son Cameron, his Mom Enid and

Dad Don. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 PM on June 16, 2018 at the River Run Event Center at Eagle Crest. xoxoxo "When a person becomes only memories, those memories become treasures." xoxoxo Memorial contributions can be made to Partners in Care, 2075 NE Wyatt Ct, Bend, OR 97701, <http://www.partnersbend.org/get-involved/donate-to-bend-hospice/> ~OR~ The City of Redmond Parks Department, 243 E Antler Ave., Redmond, OR 97756, 541-504-2000, [www.redmondbikepumptrack.com](http://www.redmondbikepumptrack.com) ~OR~ Albertina Kerr at <http://www.albertinakerr.org/GetInvolved/WaystoDonate>

Funeral Home:

Redmond Memorial Chapel

717 SW 6th Street

Redmond, OR

US 97756

# Tribute Wall



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Redmond Memorial Chapel - July 12, 2023 at 02:19 PM

FO

“ Gary Allyn Parks

Funeral Home Owner - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Gary will be a huge loss to family, friends and colleagues. He was a wonderful boss and I'm proud to have called him a friend. Memories of Gary for me will be of a manager who cared for his employees and always had their backs. We will miss him

Larry and Diana West - June 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ I'll miss our weekend chats at the mailbox.. RIP Gary

Erwin & Diane Swetnam - June 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Happy trails Gary, you had a way about you that made everyone around you better. You'll always be in our hearts.

Jim Marino - June 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Betty Lou, really sorry to hear about Gary. My son lives just south of Eagle Crest and every time I pass Redmond Substation I think of Gary. He was a great friend, always helpful and happy. There were few like him. Sounds like you guys enjoyed the Redmond area. Good. Take care. My wife passed away a year ago and its tough. Be strong. Dean

Dean Perry - May 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HO

“ I met Gary at OSU and worked with him at BPA during my years there. I also spent time with him in Jaycees. He was one of the best and is certainly missed.

Herb Oetken - May 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

YN

“ Happy Birthday, Gary. I love you and miss you so much.

Your sister, N - May 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Gary was a true gentleman. His ability to bring joy to the work place was a talent that few have. We had a great time working together and he will be remembered for the calm approach he had. Our trip to South Dakota will always stand out as one of the top excursions I've been a part of. Our payers and thoughts are with his family.

Jim Terpening - May 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I also had the pleasure and honor to work for Gary. He was a stellar person and manager! He will truly be missed by all! God Bless, you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Kelly Bell - May 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. What a great man, great boss and quick witt. I worked for Gary at BPA for many years and I will always treasure and remember those times. I pray for strength and comfort for you Bette Lou, Kelsey, Logan and extended family. Your in my thoughts and prayers. He will be missed greatly by all. So Sad.

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**Kelly Vaughan** - May 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ So sorry, it was always a pleasure to work with Gary. Phil Havens and Judy Montgomery

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**Phil Havens** - April 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I was so sorry to see the notice in the Portland paper. I hope you are doing ok. So very sad.

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**Barb Brandon** - April 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Gary had such an infectious smile and sense of humor. I worked with him on several auditing engagements and he was a pleasure to be around.

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**Mark Christensen** - April 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ This is truly a sad moment. We shared a lot of good times and memories. Bette Lou, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Bob and Arlene Eddy** - April 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ So sad you departed so early. Hope your new journey is peaceful.

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**David Rubin** - April 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Sorry to see this, I know it was a long struggle. Hope you are all doing well. he was a great guy!!!

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**Bob and Janet Fouse** - April 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I was so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Hope your are all doing OK. He will be missed.

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**Mark Borquist** - April 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM